Grain train

Starting in the early 1960’s Pulman Standard started building the 4427 Cubic foot grain hopper. Most roads with any grain trqafic bought some.

Car counts for a single owner ran from less than 10 to over 10,000.

Owners included railroads, grain shippers, and leasing companies who leased cars as needed,

Hoppers quickly replaced boxcars in grain service.

# These cars

These grain cars are Proto 2000 kits, with about 50 parts per kit.

Most owners produced as kits be Proto are represented. The F3 AB and caboose complete a typical grain local as could be seen all across the Midwest during post-harvest season each year.

The lower Mississippi river from Baton Rouge to New Orleans was and is a major grain shipping area with many grain silos storing grain for loading on ships. These silos are fed by rail and barges from all over the Midwest.