



Introducing Europe's largest oat mill

A partnership of three companies is currently building Europe's largest oat mill for in Great Britain. The development is the initiative of Navara Oat Milling and upon its completion in 2023, it will be poised to meet and accelerate the already growing demand for oat ingredients in the food and drink industry.

The Navara project is based on a merger between Camgrain, Frontier and Anglia Maltings. All three bring to the party different - and complementary - fields of expertise, as well as longstanding relationships in their respective supply chains and markets.

With these three companies, decades of experience in agriculture, grain handling and malt and plant cultivation come together. Another key to success is the location of the oat mill, as Navara is located in the middle of the so-called "Golden Triangle" between Birmingham, Cambridge and Oxford.

Within a few hours' drive, the UK's largest logistics centres of the best-known retailers can be reached, which supply 90 per cent of the population with food.

The site of the new mill, alongside Camgrain's Advanced Processing Centre in a key arable region between Corby and Kettering, ensures the minimising of food miles. Excellent transport links provide good access not only to oat growers but also to key food and drink manufacturers who use cereal-based ingredients.

Frontier Agriculture will supply all oats processed at the plant via growers in the surrounding region, Camgrain farmer members and its network of farm traders.

Increasing demand for oat ingredients

"There's increasing demand for oat ingredients in healthy food products and non-dairy drinks. The investment by the three strategic partners will help meet that demand," says Mark Aitchison, Managing Director of Frontier and Chairman of the new joint venture.

"Our collective vision is to build and grow a dedicated oat supply chain, bringing farmer and food manufacturer closer together, and delivering improvements that benefit each sector, and the environment.

"We will work together on realising the huge potential of oats, embracing all that they can deliver in provenance, traceability and sustainability.

"Navara will create supply chain efficiency and the food and drink industries will benefit from the investments we'll make not just in processing, but also in growing, oats," he adds.

"Collaboration with farmers supplying the new mill will see value added in areas such as agronomy advice, seed variety choice and development, quality and sustainability."

The largest state-of-the-art oat mill in Europe

This turnkey project includes the supply of separate processing lines for cleaning, sorting, hulling, kilning, groat cutting, flaking and oatmeal production as well as the mechanical and electrical installation of the plant.

In addition, a pelleting line supplied by the sister company Amandus Kahl will be used for compacting by-products, which will then be further processed.

"We are very happy that Navara has chosen us as a partner for the construction of the largest state-of-the-art oat mill in Europe," says Uwe Wehrmann, CEO of the Kahl Group. "From the design, diagramming, automation and technology to the variety of different end products, the project is unique and another milestone for our company.

"Last year, we successfully commissioned one of the most modern mills for the production of organic and gluten-free oats in Europe, among other things. Now, with Navara, we have another strategic partner at our side.

"This makes us proud and shows us that we meet the highest demands of modern milling with our technology and know-how," concludes Mr Wehrmann.

The site which is discreetly located and hidden by existing topography and vegetation will be further enhanced by the additional planting of 6500 new trees and shrubs.

Full planning permission has been approved and significant preparatory work has already taken place. Construction of the plant will provide an additional 120 jobs; 60 during construction and 60 to operate the plant once complete.

