

Centralized Blending Transfers

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Agvance Blending for Centralized Blending can be used when one company with a blend facility is blending for another company that does not have a blend facility.

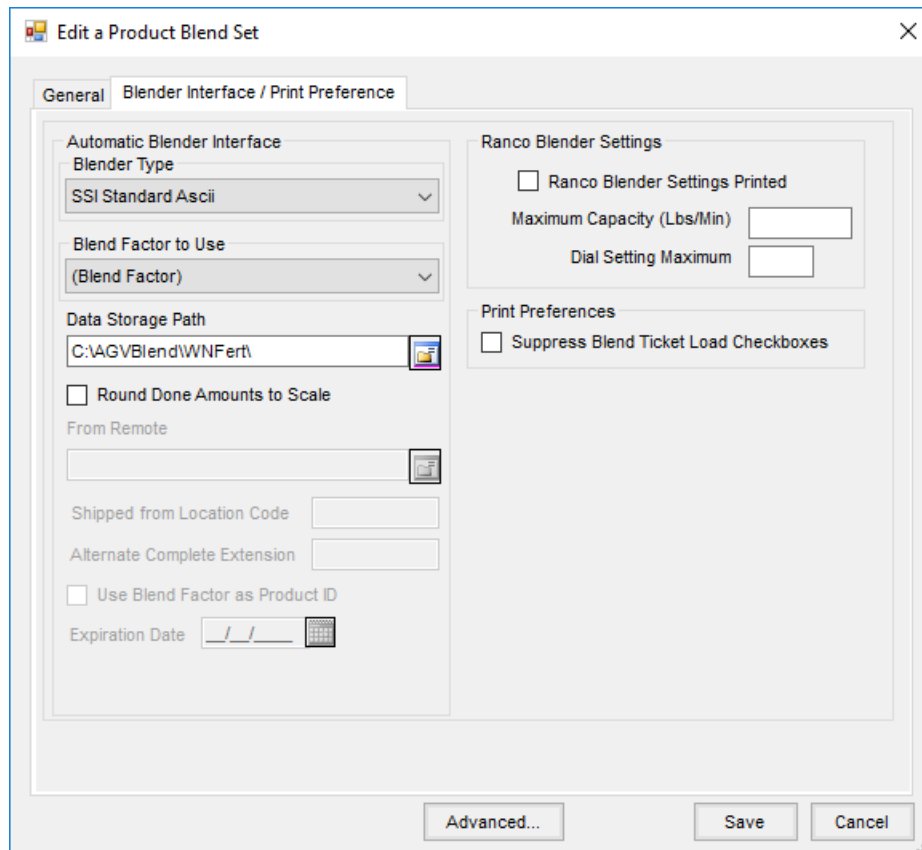
There are several steps to properly set up Agvance to utilize the Centralized Blending Transfers functionality.

Company Ordering Blend (Non-Blend Facility)

The cross referencing of Products can be accomplished using Blend Factors or Product Attributes between the two Agvance databases.

After the method to use for the cross referencing of Products is determined, the Product Set must also indicate the preferred method using the *Blend Factor To Use* drop-down menu on the *Blender Interface / Print Preference* tab when adding or editing a Product Blend Set at *Blending / Setup / Product Sets*. If an automated blender interface is being used by the blending facility, these values should match the proper value in the Product setup of the non-blend facility.

Additionally, set the *Blender Type* to *SSI Standard Ascii*.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit a Product Blend Set' dialog box with the 'Blender Interface / Print Preference' tab selected. The dialog is divided into two main sections: 'Automatic Blender Interface' and 'Ranco Blender Settings'.

Automatic Blender Interface:

- Blender Type:** A dropdown menu set to 'SSI Standard Ascii'.
- Blend Factor to Use:** A dropdown menu set to '(Blend Factor)'.
- Data Storage Path:** A text field containing 'C:\AGVBlend\WNFert\'. To the right is a folder icon.
- Round Done Amounts to Scale:** An unchecked checkbox.
- From Remote:** A text field with a folder icon to its right.
- Shipped from Location Code:** A text field.
- Alternate Complete Extension:** A text field.
- Use Blend Factor as Product ID:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Expiration Date:** A date picker showing '___/___/___'.

Ranco Blender Settings:

- Ranco Blender Settings Printed:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Maximum Capacity (Lbs/Min):** A text field.
- Dial Setting Maximum:** A text field.

Print Preferences:

- Suppress Blend Ticket Load Checkboxes:** An unchecked checkbox.

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'Advanced...', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

Create a Blend Ticket using the Product Set with the proper blender interface setup. After saving the Blend Ticket, verify the *Create Automated Blender File* option is selected.

Print Blend Documents Ticket (529)

Blend Ticket Options

☐ Print Blend Ticket ADOBE PDF 1

☐ Print Multi Field Recap ADOBE PDF 1

☒ Create Automated Blender File

State Fertilizer Tag Options

☐ Print State Fertilizer Tag ADOBE PDF 1

☒ Print Blend Ticket Number

Consolidated Page Options

☐ Print Consolidated Page ADOBE PDF 1

☒ Print \$/Acre ☐ Print Fert \$/Billing Unit ☒ Print Analysis Recap

Custom App. Options

☒ Print Custom App. ADOBE PDF 1

☐ Print Full Page Map

Format Individual

Combo Custom App. Options

Simple Combined

Click the Refresh button to show Map

Farm (All Farms)

Field BA-01

Crop Year 2024

Refresh

Individual Custom App. Options

| | Grow ID | Field ID | Field # | Description | Layer | Layer Attribute | Farm ID | F |
|---|---------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------------|---------|---|
| 1 | 236191 | All | 391 | All | | | (None) | |

Print Aerial Image ☐ **Zoom Level** 19

☐ **Print Signature** **Lat/Lon Format** None

☐ **Print Haz Mat Sheet** 1 ☐ **Print One Hazmat per Batch**

☐ **Print SDS** 1

☐ **Print WPS** 1

OK Cancel

The file will be saved to the folder set up on the Product Set for that Blend Ticket. The file can now be picked up by the blend facility with access to the shared folder. If the blend facility does not have access, the files may need to be moved to FTP, Google Drive, or email.

Company Processing the Blend (Company with Blend Facility)

Set up a Customer for the non-blend facility. It is recommended to set up the folder using the Customer ID established in Agvance. This allows the Customer ID to be associated with the import path selected.

Note: If the Customer ID does not match the folder name, Agvance will not automatically fill out the Grower ID in the *Import Other Company Blend Files* window.

After the Agvance Customer and folder are set up, the files received from the non-blend facility are now ready to be imported to create a Blend Ticket for the blend facility.

Navigate to *Blending / Utilities / Ascii Transfers / Blend Plant Transfers / Import*. Use the **Ellipsis** to browse to the necessary folder. Select **Apply** to see the files in the folder.

Note: Once one file has been imported from a location, the folder path will be remembered in the *Import Directory* drop-down.

Import Other Company Blend Files

Import Directory: C:\AGVBlend\WNFert

<Grower ID>: WNFert Winsor Coop

Ticket Location: 00MAIN

Ticket Price By: Products

Default Product Set: 00-BasicDry

☒ Include Active Add On Fee Items

Apply

| | Import | <Field ID> | Product Set ID | Imp Ticket # | Imp Grower Name | Imp Quant | Imp Quant Units |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NonBlend | Basic Dry | 529 | Winsor Coop | 100.00 | Acres |

☐ Copy New Blend Comments To Billing Notes

☒ Apply 1st Print Settings to All

Import Cancel

Select the file(s) to import, and then select the **Import** button. The *Print* window displays to optionally print the new Blend Ticket documents. By selecting the *Apply 1st Print Settings to All* option, if multiple Blend Tickets were imported, additional tickets that were imported will print the same blend documents as selected on the first ticket.

Note: The *Control Number* on the new Blend Ticket will be populated with the non-blend facility's Blend Ticket number. Additionally, the *Blend Comments* will be populated with the Blend Ticket number, Customer, and Acres from the non-blend facility.

When the Blend Ticket is completed and marked as loaded by the blend facility, navigate to *Blending / Utilities / Ascii Transfers / Blend Plant Transfers / Export*. On the *Export Other Company Blend Files* window, use the **Ellipsis** button to browse to the folder, and then select **OK**.

If the Customer ID does not match the folder name, Agvance will not automatically fill out the *Grower ID* in this window.

Note: Once one file has been imported from a location, the folder path will be remembered in the *Import Directory* drop down.

Export Other Company Blend Files

Export Directory: C:\AGVBlend\WNFert

<Grower ID>: WNFert Winsor Coop

Export Cancel

Select **Export** and the file(s) will be sent to the folder with an extension of .ACT. The file needs to be moved to the shared folder for the non-blend facility (unless the non-blend facility shares the same folder).

The non-blend facility is now ready to read the file(s), which can be read as an automated blender file, updating the Blend Ticket quantities and loading the blend.

Below are non-blend facility options to import automated blender done files.

- At *Blending / Edit / Import Automated Blender Done Files*, select the file(s) to import, optionally review, and select **OK**.

| Ticket | Location | Date | Grower | Field |
|--------|----------|------------|--------|----------|
| 529 | 00MAIN | 08/02/2024 | WNFert | NonBlend |

Select the ticket(s) that you wish to import the Automated Blend file for. All of the tickets in the list are currently not loaded.

☒ Review Single Ticket
☒ Review Quantities

OK Cancel Apply

Filter
Location Filter: 00MAIN
Select Customers: All Select
Select Product Sets: All Select

- On the *Select A Blend Ticket* window, highlight the Blend Ticket and select the **Edit** button or double-click the Blend Ticket to edit. In the *Edit Blend* window, select **Capture Blender**.
- On the *Select A Blend Ticket* window, highlight the Blend Ticket, and choose **Read Blender**.

Using one of these three options marks the Blend Ticket as Loaded in the non-blend facility's database.