

Centralized Blending Transfers

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Q. How do I set up Agvance Blending for Centralized Blending when one company with a blend facility is blending for another company that does not have a blend facility?

A. 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 'Automatic Blender Interface' section includes a 'Blender Type' dropdown set to 'SSI Standard Ascii', a 'Blend Factor to Use' dropdown set to '(Blend Factor)', and a 'Data Storage Path' text box containing 'C:\AGVBlend\WNFert'. There are also checkboxes for 'Round Done Amounts to Scale' and 'Use Blend Factor as Product ID', and an 'Expiration Date' field. The 'Ranco Blender Settings' section has a checkbox for 'Ranco Blender Settings Printed', a 'Maximum Capacity (Lbs/Min)' text box, and a 'Dial Setting Maximum' text box with the value '999'. The 'Print Preferences' section has a checkbox for 'Suppress Blend Ticket Load Checkboxes'. At the bottom, there are 'Advanced...', 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons.

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)

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Blend Ticket Options

Print Blend Ticket [1]

Print Multi Field Recap [1]

Create Automated Blender File Suppress Customer Name In Export File

State Fertilizer Tag Options

Print State Fertilizer Tag [1] Print Preview

Print Blend Ticket Number

Consolidated Page Options

Print Consolidated Page [1]

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

Custom App. Options

Print Custom App. ADOBE PDF [1] Format: Individual

Print Full Page Map

Combo Custom App. Options

Simple Combined

Click the Refresh button to show Map

Farm (All Farms) Field Crop Year (NONE) 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 14 Print Signature Lat/Lon Format None

Print Haz Mat Sheet [1] Print One Hazmat per Batch

Print SDS [1]

Print WPS ADOBE PDF [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)

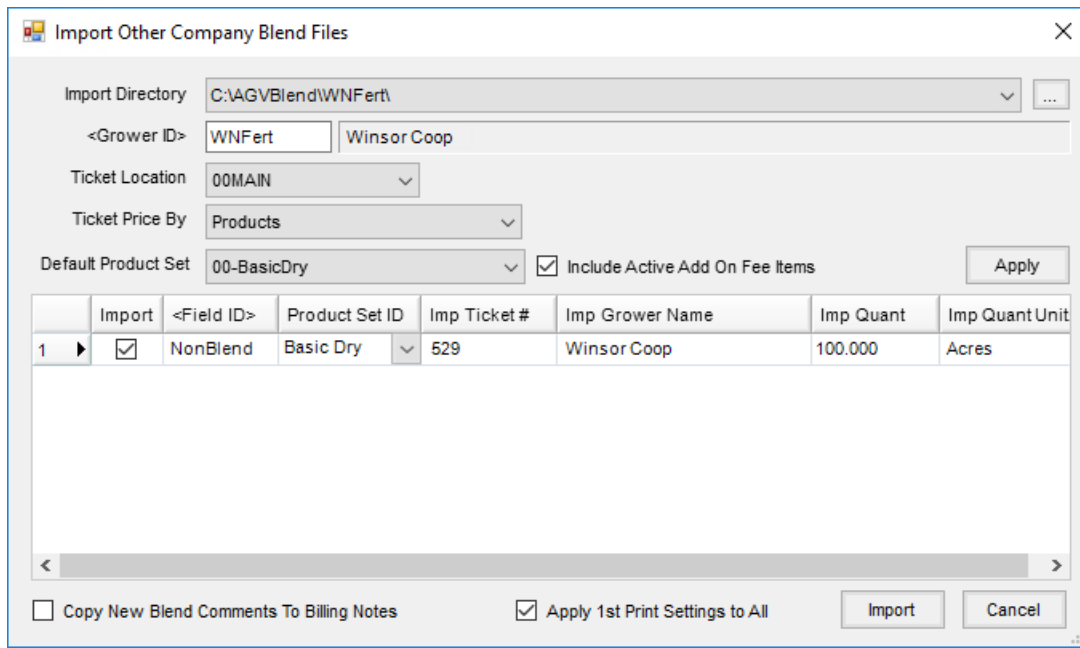
Set up a customer for the non-blend facility. It is recommended to set up the folder using the Customer ID established in Agvance. This allows the Customer ID to be associated with the import path selected.

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 folder.

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



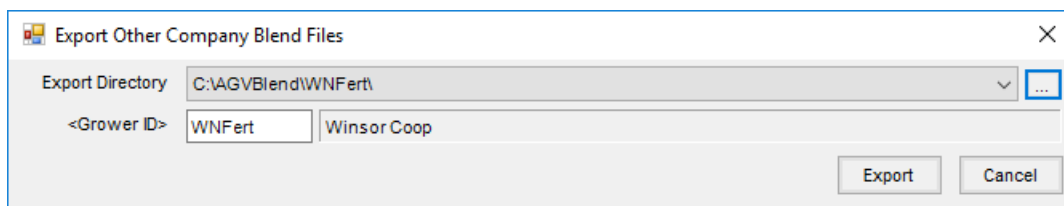
Select the file(s) to import, and then select the **Import** button. The *Print* window displays to optionally print the new Blend Ticket documents. By selecting the *Apply 1st Print Settings to All* option, if multiple Blend Tickets were imported, additional tickets that were imported will print the 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 ellipses button to browse to the folder, and then press the **OK** button.

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.

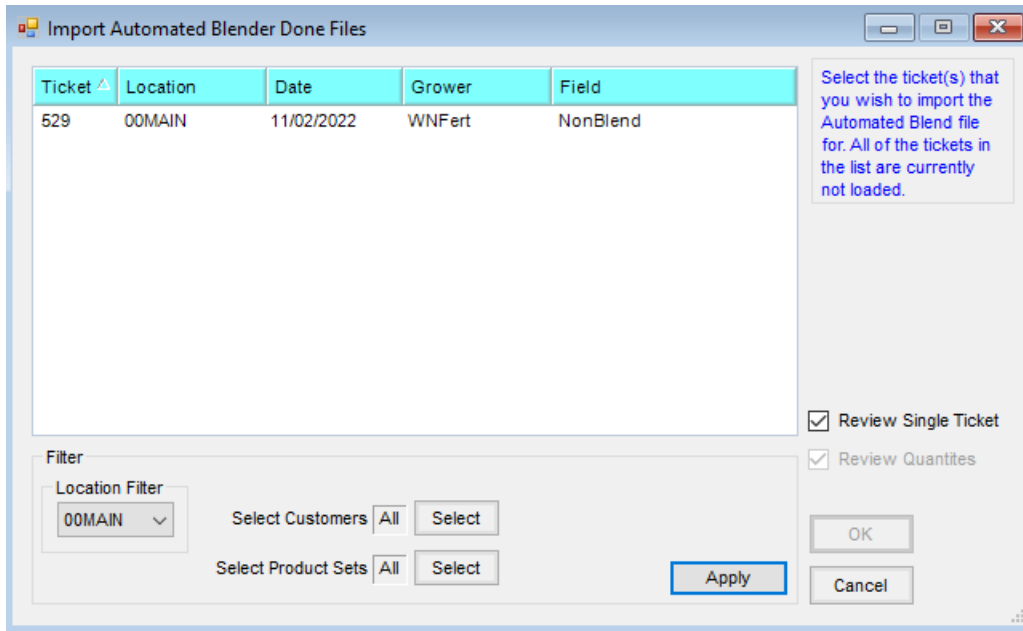


Select **Export** and the file(s) will be sent to the folder with an extension of .ACT. The file needs to be moved to the shared folder for the non-blend facility (unless the non-blend facility shares the same folder).

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.

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



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

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