AMMONIA PLANT BEGINS OUTPUT
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Louisiana's First Makes
1,000 Tons a Day
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Louisiana's first 1,000-ton-a-day single chain ammonia plant has passed all start-up tests and was placed on full production this month, the contractors, M. W. Kellogg Co., reported.

This is the First Nitrogen Corporation's plant about 50 miles upriver from New Orleans, and south of Donaldsonville.

R. R. Baxter, general manager of First Nitrogen, said the plant is now operating at 1,000 tons a day and, if called on, could probably up that figure by about 100 tons daily.

First Nitrogen is a stock corporation, whose equity is owned by First Mississippi Corporation, headquartered at Jackson, Miss., and F. S. Services Incorporated of Bloomington, Ind.

The ammonia being produced in the Donaldsonville plant is shipped by refrigerated barges to Central Farmers Fertilizer Co. of Chicago. This is a cooperative held by 10 farmers' organizations.

The ammonia is barged to several points in the northwest farm belt, and put out for use as fertilizer in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

The plant was visited by a group of chemical manufacturers from 16 foreign countries two weeks ago, when the first start-up tests were being conducted.

NOW ON FULL PRODUCTION is this thousand-ton-a-day single chain ammonia plant of the First Nitrogen Corp., located south of Donaldsonville. General manager R. R. Baxter said this capacity could be increased by another 100 tons if necessary.

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