

FEED MILL

MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Mark Rule: Plant manager

Doug Smith: Plant superintendent

David Snoderly: Maintenance superintendent

Kris Otis: Day shift foreman

Justin Rose: Night shift foreman

Jimmy Stinnett: Quality control



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**Tenco
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HISTORY

The Tenco Feed Mill was the second built by Tennessee Farmers Cooperative.

Construction began in May 1961, and the feed mill became operational the following year.

The facility handled bulk- and bagged-feed loading and ingredient receiving to supply the needs of Co-ops in East Tennessee until the early 1970s.

In 1972, construction was completed on Mill 2 to supply bulk feed to the surrounding area.

The mill underwent a massive renovation from 1996 to 2000, but never shut down production. During those four years, there were updates on computer automation systems, pellet mills, conveyors, distributors, and elevators.

Both facilities at Tenco ran continually until the new bagging annex was completed in 2008 and Mill 1 was closed. The facility is supplied by Mill 2 and is a fully automated bagging system that occupies what was previously used for hardware warehousing.

A new, state-of-the-art mineral line was also set up, complete with its own micro system. The bagging annex ensures Tenco will be able to operate more efficiently and have the warehouse space it needs to meet the requirements of the East Tennessee farming community in the coming years.



COMPUTERIZATION

All production systems are operated through our WEM system using computer assistance for routing and operating mill equipment.

In addition, all of the mill's production computers are combined through one common server.

The system has multiple alarms programmed into the software that limit cross-contamination of products due to operator error or conveying-system malfunction.



EMPLOYEES AND AUTOMATION

The Tenco Feed Mill is staffed with many experienced and long-term employees as are TFC's two other feed mills located in Middle Tennessee at LaVergne and in West Tennessee at Jackson.



Although the latest renovations streamlined the Tenco Feed Mill's workforce from 46 to (currently) 38, the efficiencies of the automated palletizer installed in 2008 has boosted the plant's capacity

such that required bagged-feed tonnage is fulfilled in only one shift, with a seasonal, second shift during the winter.

Additionally, the automated palletizing system produces a tightly stacked pallet of feed. This allows products to be safely stacked three pallets high, increasing warehouse capacity while dramatically reducing the number of bags damaged during loading.



Quick FACTS

Bulk production: 65%

Bagged feed & block production: 35%

Percentage of total production:

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| Beef | 55% |
| Dairy | 10% |
| Horse | 13% |
| Poultry | 8% |
| Calf, swine | 7% |
| Rabbit, sheep, goat | 4% |
| Mineral | 3% |

Number of production shifts:

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| Bagging: 1 shift |
| Bag loading: 1 shift |
| Batching: 2 shifts |
| Pelleting: 2 shifts |
| Bulk L.O.: 2 shifts |

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