

History

- 1990 – 1995** Requests made annually to the NCSU College of Agriculture for the State Change Budget to develop a replacement Facility for the NCSU Poultry Science Feed Mill
- 1996** Request developed jointly with the Departments of Poultry Science and Animal Science for the development of a new Feed Mill Educational Unit that would enhance both teaching and research for the Departments of Animal Science, Poultry Science, and Biological & Agricultural Engineering
- 1997** \$2.6 million received from the NC Legislature for the construction of a Research and Teaching Feed Mill. Planning was begun. A Joint Planning Committee was put into place which was primarily made up of representatives from the Departments of Animal Science and the Poultry Science. The charge was to plan a mill that would eventually produce feeds for all of the College's animal teaching and research units which would improve the faculty's animal nutrition research capabilities. It was also foreseen that the mill would be used to develop strong teaching and extension programs in feed mill management. Wagester and Lease was hired as the Feed Mill Design firm to work with the Committee.
- 1998-1999** The design of the Mill was completed by mid-1999, and bid documents were prepared. Unfortunately, Hurricane Floyd devastated eastern North Carolina just about the time that the bids were ready to go out. Shortly after the hurricane, all state facility construction funds were frozen
- 2001** Funding for the NCSU Feed Mill was restored and increased to \$3,1 million in early 2001. The bids were let for the construction of the Mill building in mid-2001. Construction of the building was started in late 2001. Since it had been estimated that the total package for construction and equipping of the mill would require over \$5 million, fund raising efforts for equipping the mill were also begun in late 2001. Industry personnel were brought in to lead the fund raising effort. Dr. John Brake was asked to lead the on-campus fund-raising efforts.
- 2002** Construction of the building was started in late 2001. Fund raising efforts for equipping the mill were in place by the fall of 2002. A new Feed Mill Management Minor was instituted by the Departments of Animal Science, Poultry Science and Biological & Agricultural Engineering.
- 2003** Fund raising was well underway in 2003, and a number of large pieces of mill equipment were put out on bid. Construction of the Feed Mill building was completed in late 2003.
- 2004** Most of the major pieces of mill equipment were purchased during 2004. Fund raising was nearing completion.
- 2005** Mr. Frank Bradley, a retired industry Mill Manager, was hired on March 1, 2006, to oversee the completion of the mill.. The College administration also approved the Poultry Science Department's moving forward with the hiring of a Feed Mill Management Specialist. That position was advertised.
- 2006** A mill rite was hired and installation of the interior and exterior equipment for the mill was begun. Dr. Charles Stark was hired in the Department of Poultry Science as the feed mill management Specialist in October. Prior to joining us, Dr. Stark was Director of Feed Manufacturing for Murphy-Brown LLC.
- 2007** The Feed Mill construction was completed, and the NCSU Feed Mill was dedicated on October 31, 2007