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## **STATE-OF-THE-ART FEED MANUFACTURING FACILITY COMPLETE**

SHAWANO, WIS. – As consumers demand more knowledge about food origination, agricultural producers demand traceability and high-quality feed products in bulk quantities for their growing operations. For feed manufacturers like United Cooperative it means the need for facilities that can meet those demands. In 2016 United Cooperative, a member-owned cooperative headquartered at Beaver Dam, Wis., completed construction on a state-of-the-art feed manufacturing facility in Shawano. The new facility replaces an outdated mill in the same location.

“New Safe Food, Safe Feed regulations require feed manufacturers to comply with quality control measures that are not possible with outdated feed mills,” said John Scheuers, United Cooperative Feed Division Vice President. “As a result, United Cooperative invested in two new feed manufacturing facilities in 2016 – the Shawano Mill, and a similar mill at Wilton, Wis.

United Cooperative’s Shawano feed manufacturing facility has capabilities that include high-speed loading and unloading of ingredients, high-speed roller-grinders, micro-systems, both bagged and bulk texturized calf feed, mineral manufacturing and operations by a computerized-controlled system for quality control. The mill can process corn at a rate of 26 tons per hour at a 450- to 500-micron particle size. The mill has a 6-ton open-bottom drop mixer, with 3-minute mix times. “Our goal is to be able to manufacture 24 tons of feed every 20 to 25 minutes, depending the number of items in the mix,” Scheuers added. “The new micro systems will allow us to handle a lot less hand-adds and be able to use higher concentrations of micro minerals than what we have been able to do previously.”

In addition to Shawano and Wilton, United Cooperative has five other locations where it manufactures and sells feed products and services.

### **ABOUT US:**

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to Wisconsin farmers and consumers. United Cooperative has locations in Auroraville, Baraboo, Beaver Dam, Coleman, Deerfield, Denmark, Gresham, Hartford, Hillsboro, Horicon, Hustisford, Johnson Creek, Kendall, Mayville, Oconto Falls, Ontario, Oshkosh, Pickett, Poynette, Prairie du Sac, Pulaski, Reedsburg, Ripon, Rock Springs, Sauk City, Shawano, South Beaver Dam, Westfield, Wilton, Wonewoc and Wyocena. For more information, visit [www.unitedcooperative.com](http://www.unitedcooperative.com).