

Building the NC State Feed Mill Education Unit

a planning and construction timeline

Requests made annually to the NC State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for the State Change Budget to develop a replacement facility for the NC State poultry science feed mill.

\$2.6 million received from the N.C. Legislature to construct a research and teaching feed mill. Planning was begun. A joint planning committee formed with representatives from Animal Science and Poultry Science to plan a mill to produce feeds for all of the college's animal teaching and research units. The mill would be used to develop strong teaching and extension programs in feed mill management.

Wagester and Lease hired as the feed mill design firm to work with the committee.

Funding for the NC State Feed Mill was restored and increased to \$3.1 million in early 2001.

Construction of the building was started in late 2001.

Since the total estimated cost of constructing and equipping the mill was over \$5 million, fund raising efforts for equipping the mill began in late 2001.

Industry personnel were brought in to lead the fund raising effort. Dr. John Brake led the on-campus fund raising efforts.

Fund raising was underway in 2003. Multiple large pieces of mill equipment were put out on bid.

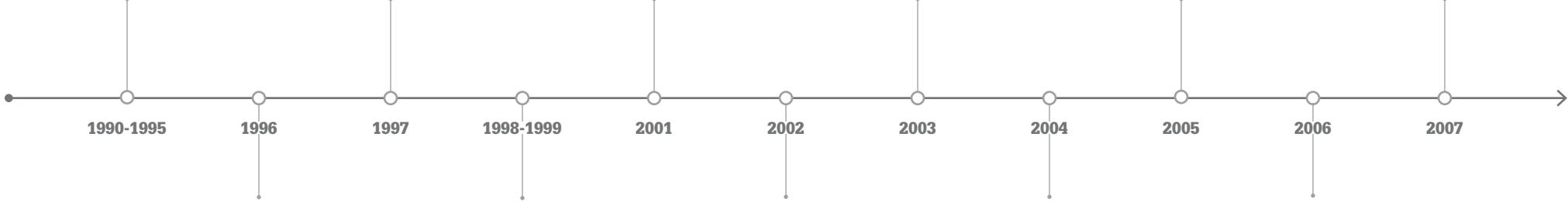
Construction of the feed mill building was completed in late 2003.

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 a new hire by the Department of Poultry Science: Feed Mill Management Specialist.



The NC State Feed Mill Education Unit was dedicated October 31, 2007.



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 teaching and research for the Departments of Animal Science and Poultry Science, and Biological & Agricultural Engineering (BAE).

The design of the mill was completed by mid-1999, and bid documents were prepared.

Shortly after Hurricane Floyd, all state facility construction funds were frozen.

Fund raising efforts for equipping the mill were in place by the fall of 2002.

A new Feed Mill Management Minor was established by the Departments of Animal Science, Poultry Science and Biological & Agricultural Engineering (BAE).

Most of the major pieces of mill equipment were purchased during 2004.

Fund raising was nearing completion.

A mill rite was hired and installation of the interior and exterior equipment for the mill began.

Dr. Charles Stark was hired by the Department of Poultry Science as the Feed Mill Management Specialist in October.