

## **Cargill Builds \$29-million Feed Mill in Iowa**

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**US - Cargill's pork business broke ground last week in the construction of a new, \$29-million, state-of-the-art, pig feed mill in Hedrick, Iowa.**

The new feed mill, capable of producing 350,000 tons of pelleted hog feed annually, is strategically located in proximity to feedstock raw material supplies; hog finishing operations in southeast Iowa and northern Missouri; as well as to the company's pork processing plants at Ottumwa, Iowa, and Beardstown, Illinois.

The feed mill also will be located near key transportation corridors serving the region. Sioux City, Iowa, firm Younglove Construction, L.L.C., will build the feed mill, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2014.

"As our pork business grows due to customer and consumer demand, this feed mill will help us improve our efficiency, reduce costs and provide hog farms with feed that is formulated by our nutritionists," said Dirk Jones, president of Wichita, Kansas-based Cargill Pork.

"Additionally, it will improve our feed ingredient sourcing, food safety and feed quality management.

This feed mill is a strategic fit for our pork business throughout the region. The benefits are significant and will help us remain cost competitive in our ongoing efforts to always provide superior fresh pork products and services to our domestic and international customers."

In 2011, Cargill purchased a 21,500-acre site near Dalhart, Texas, for \$33 million, to increase its pork production capabilities. That facility, which will reach full production capacity in late 2015, is continuously increasing the number of hogs being sent to farms in the region that will benefit from the new Iowa feed mill.

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