

Heim Milling – St. Cloud, MN – Established 1900

Heim Milling Company is a family owned business that has been in continuous operation since 1900. Originally known as LeSauk Milling Company, its early business dealt largely with the manufacture of Snowbird Flour. It is the third mill known to have been built on the site, prized for milling because of the adjacent Sauk River allowing for water power to operate the equipment. Water power was actually used at the current location up until the early 1960's, when the dam was damaged by ice flows in the spring.

Over the years, human grade products have been dropped and the product line has evolved to include feeds for dairy, beef, swine, poultry, deer, horses, pets, and specialty feeds, as well as custom manufacturing and private labeling for other companies. Currently, the third, fourth and fifth generations of Heims manufacture and distribute feed throughout much of Minnesota, and also into the surrounding five state area.



Over the years, expansion of the facility has included going from a 35 hp coal fired boiler to a 125 hp gas fired boiler, utilizing the steam for pelleting, which has gone from a 30 hp to a 125 hp pellet mill, as well as building heating. A scale house with a 120,000 lb capacity scale with overhead loadout bins was added to increase storage and cut down on the time required to load trucks. One ton upright mixers have been replaced with 2 ton horizontal mixers. Single axle trucks have been replaced with semis and quad axle bulk unit trucks. Five different warehouses have been added on in the past 40 years, providing more storage and flexibility in loading of customers orders.

The most recent project at Heim Milling included installation of an automatic packer and robotic stacker to more than quadruple the amount of packaged product they are able to produce per man hour. Where it once took 4 employees to turn out up to ten bags per minute, 1 employee can turn out up to 15 bags per minute. All labeling for products, once printed at a local printer, is now done in-house, allowing for instantaneous changing of labels to suit customer requirements.

Congratulations to the Heim family on 113 years of continuous service to your customers and your community!

