How critical is this project?

• The feed science and management program at K-State has produced many of your employees in the past, and will continue to produce many of your employees in the future. A new initiative will establish a college minor in grain operations.

• Our program has provided you and your employees with continuing education in partnership with the Kansas Grain and Feed Association for decades.

• The feed science and management program was established at K-State at the request and with the support of the U.S. and Kansas feed industry more than 50 years ago, making us a leader in industry education.

• K-State is a key partner in the now well-known K.C. Animal Health Corridor, and provides the grain and feed industry with world-class research in animal nutrition, feed technology, food and feed safety, and grain operations.

• This facility will be part of the new Grain Science and Industry complex, and will be jointly operated by the departments of Grain Science and Industry and Animal Sciences and Industry.

• The Department of Grain Science and Industry has established a successful distance education program targeted at grain handling and operations professionals in partnership with the Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS).
An exciting time at K-State

For the past two years, the Department of Grain Science and Industry at K-State has been buzzing with plans for the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center. In 2010, K-State President Kirk Schulz declared the facility a priority project. As a result, our careful plans are now becoming a reality.

With the help of many, we will reach our goal

Our new reality would not be possible without the help of many corporate partners and generous private donors. Substantial funding and equipment commitments have come to us, both from the state of Kansas, and from many of you. We simply could not be the best at what we do without your help.

The state of Kansas has committed $5.2 million for the replacement of the current Animal Sciences and Industry feed mill, which is situated on the designated site for the Department of Homeland Security’s National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility. A $1.5 million matching grant from the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA) has been received.

More than $2.5 million in cash has already been donated in support of this project, from both private and corporate sources. Substantial equipment donation commitments have been made by Bunting Magnetics, Kice Industries, Salina Vortex, Tramco, JEM International/Express Scale Parts, Integris USA and Frisbie Construction Company, Inc.

Most recently SCAFCO Grain Systems (Spokane, Wash.) has committed to donate the two 20,000 bu, four 2,500 bu and four 1,000 bu hopper bins to the project including associated aeration ducts and fans at a value of more than $250,000.

We are seeking support from KGFA members in the amount of $500,000 for the construction of the grain handling and storage facility, which is a key element of the project. This is the estimated amount needed to install the SCAFCO bins, support tower, catwalks and conveying equipment, and associated electrical power, and automatic monitoring and control equipment.

Join the KGFA/KSU partnership

This is indeed an exciting time at Kansas State University. New leadership at the university, college and department levels is providing a unique window of opportunity. We have the chance to move the grain and feed science program forward and prepare for future growth, which will in turn benefit the Kansas, and global, grain and feed industries.

Now is the time to step up and join us in our efforts to make the grain handling and storage facility of this project happen!

For more information on the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center, visit our website at www.feedtechnology.org. You can also contact Dirk Maier, department head, at 785-532-6161 or dmaier@k-state.edu, or Kim Schirer, senior director of development, at 785-532-7517 or kims@found.ksu.edu.