

Press Release

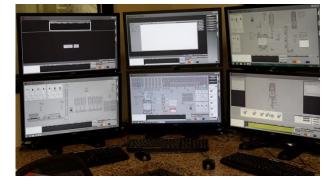
Automated Feedmill Control System

Sterling, IL: Sterling Systems & Controls, Inc. custom designs and manufactures the highest quality automation control systems for virtually any process or a complete facility. Sterling Systems & Controls has designed and provided equipment and software for a customized Automated Feedmill Control System using an Allen-Bradley PLC and desktop PC's running Sterling Systems' customized Windows-based Automation Software. Sterling's fifty (50) years of Feedmill process and automation experience ensures quality and efficiency in both hardware and software.

Included in this Feedmill Automation System is the control and automation of Batching, Grinding, Material Receiving, Truck Scale and Loadout processes. Two (2) desktop PC's are provided. One runs the Batching and Grinding systems, the other runs the Truck Scale and Receiving systems. The overall Feedmill automation incorporates ingredient and formula destination checks to ensure ingredients and formulas are not cross contaminated while grinding and transferring occurs. Standard batching features are included, such as the multi-tasking capability that allows the system to batch while editing or checking formulas, formula

production/inventory, ingredients, ingredient inventory/usage and other main menu functions. The system automates bin feeders, scales, mixing and discharge from the mixer. Finished feed bin levels are also monitored by the system in order to automatically control the finished feed elevator and distributor.

To make the Feedmill Automation System even more complete and comprehensive Sterling Systems & Controls, Inc. includes its WebCentral remote supervisory application



software. This allows the automation system to be accessed remotely through a web browser for any corporate computers that are connected to the same local area network as the automation system computers. The capability is provided to edit formulations, bin tables, and view and print historical data in the database without interrupting production and without requiring additional software to be installed on the corporate computers.

Sterling Systems & Controls, Inc. has 50 years of experience providing efficient solutions for process equipment, batching, micro, minor and bulk weighing, bag unloading systems, as well as plant automation. Sterling's designs utilize the latest technology to provide specialized data management, raw material management, along with production data tracking. For more information contact Sterling Systems & Controls at 1-815-625-0852 sci@sterlingcontrols.com, and at www.sterlingcontrols.com.