Iowa Industries: Farm-oriented

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Grain elevators, feed warehouse, and soybean processing plant are part of a growing Cargill business in Des Moines.
CARGILL, INCORPORATED:
Minneapolis, Minn.

Founded in the northeast Iowa community of Conover in 1865, the business established by Will Cargill still has many ties with the state. Some 550 employees carry on operations — chiefly the processing of soybean meal, soybean oil, livestock and poultry feeds, and hybrid seed corn. Plants and branch offices are located at Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Grinnell, Mount Pleasant, Redfield, Sioux City, Washington; country elevators at Algona, Cumming, George, Rembrandt, Sibley, and Storm Lake. The company’s Nutrena Feeds Division operates a feed mill in Sioux City and 32 grain and farm supply outlets in Iowa.

Cargill facilities in Cedar Rapids include a vegetable oil plant (pictured below), feed mill, grain division branch office, and a Nutrena branch office.

Cargill salt terminal on Missouri River at Sioux City serves meat packers and other salt users in a 150-mile radius. Rock salt from Louisiana is barged up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to this Sioux City warehouse.
One of 65 Walnut Grove Greentowns in Iowa is in Milford. They are distribution points for livestock feeds and supplements, Slurry Mix and dry fertilizers, and agricultural chemicals and pesticides.

This is the '4x4' Livestock Feeds and Supplements manufacturing and distribution facility at Cherokee.

A Slurry Mix Fertilizer manufacturing plant is located near Exira.
W. R. GRACE & CO.: New York

Among the many and diversified operations of Grace is the manufacture of flexible plastic packaging and rigid plastic containers by one of its divisions, the Cryovac Division of Cedar Rapids (above) which began operations in 1951. The Cryovac plant started with 100 employees. It now has 400 workers who receive annual wages in excess of $1.5 million.

Another division, Walnut Grove Products, processes feeds and supplements for livestock, fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, and pesticides. Walnut Grove's 825 employees work in Atlantic, Independence, West Liberty, Cherokee, Webster, Exira, Fonda, Ames, Shell Rock, and Perry. The annual payroll for this division alone surpasses the $5 million mark.
The Denison plant is a new, modern pork processing unit.

FARMBEST, INC.: Denison

Farmbest, Inc., has facilities for killing, chilling, and cutting hogs at its Denison and Iowa Falls plants. Pork is also processed at Denison. Farmbest's identity dates back to January 1, 1962, when it became a pork marketing cooperative after two and a half years of operation as a subsidiary of Consumers Cooperative Association (CCA), Kansas City, Missouri. As a cooperative, Farmbest is owned by Iowa farmers, Iowa cooperatives, and CCA. The two plants have more than 600 employees who receive annual wages in excess of $3,750,000. These two Iowa plants ship their branded product from coast to coast and border to border.

The Iowa Falls plant went into production in December of 1963.