

## Manure in the Innovation Center



### PROCESS

Various types of manure are frequently tested in the FEECO Innovation Center. Because each source of manure varies considerably, testing is critical to the success of a process, no matter what the end goal is.

Depending on where the customer is in their process, and what they are looking to achieve, testing is generally carried out in four stages:

**1. Feasibility/Proof of Concept** - An initial non-witnessed batch testing phase in which the possibility of creating a product is explored.

**2. Proof of Product** - A more in-depth batch testing in which more time is spent determining whether a product can be made to desired specifications.

**3. Proof of Process** - A continuous testing phase that aims to establish the equipment setup and parameters required for continuous production of your specific material.

**4. Process/Product Optimization** - An in-depth study to optimize your specific material's characteristics and/or production parameters in an industrial setting.

#### Processes Commonly Tested:

- Granulation
- Nutrient Fortification
- Drying

#### Equipment Commonly Tested:

- Disc Pelletizer
- Pin Mixer
- Pug Mill/Paddle Mixer
- Granulation Drum
- Rotary Dryer
- Rotary Cooler
- Hammer Mill
- Pumping System (to pump binder into a disc pelletizer and pin mixer)

#### Commonly Tested Manure Materials:

- Chicken Manure
- Chicken Litter
- Hog Manure
- Dairy Manure

## THE INNOVATION CENTER ADVANTAGE

Testing in the FEECO Innovation Center provides an invaluable opportunity to test in a controlled environment, allowing you to gain a familiarity with your material, while reducing the chance for unforeseen problems after process scale-up. Some of the many advantages to testing in the FEECO Innovation Center include:

### **Material Experience:**

FEECO has been a pioneer in material processing since the 1950s, and has extensive knowledge around hundreds of materials and processing methods.

Customers gain a valuable familiarity with their material and its unique characteristics through testing in the Innovation Center.

### **Complete Process Knowledge:**

FEECO is familiar with each aspect of a process, from agglomeration and kiln processing, to drying and cooling, allowing us to look at how the process will function as a whole, instead of each individual portion.

### **Process Scale-up:**

Once the process configuration has been defined, FEECO can aid in process scale-up, as well as manufacturing the equipment needed to get the job done.

### **Automation & Data Collection:**

FEECO is a Rockwell Automation partner, providing integrated process control solutions for our customers, both as a service in the Innovation Center, and as part of a system purchase. This provides customers with state-of-the-art data collection and reporting capabilities.

A variety of data points can be monitored, trended, and adjusted in real time, all from a single interface or mobile device.

Historical data is also available for returning customers, allowing you to pick up exactly where you left off.

### **Commonly Targeted Material Characteristics:**

- Crush Strength/Hardness
- Abrasion/Attrition
- Material Composition
- Bulk Density
- Flowability
- Moisture Content
- Green/Wet Strength
- Sieve Analysis
- Solubility

## **SCHEDULE A TEST**

To discuss your testing needs with one of our process engineers and schedule a test, contact us today at:  
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