

Bulk solids solutions through education, research, and innovation

The Kansas State University Bulk Solids Innovation Center offers innovative solutions to enhance productivity through ground-breaking research, product testing, and global education related to bulk solids storage, flow, and conveying.

ABOUT THE CENTER

The Bulk Solids Innovation Center is a collaborative partnership of government, industry, and education entities. This university-level research center is the only one of its kind in North America.

The facility is comprised of:

- Two-story 13,000 ft² (1,208 m²) building
- Six laboratories for university and industry sponsored research
- Training and conference rooms
- Material properties testing laboratory with full range of instruments
- Full scale bulk solids test bay see details on reverse

The Center provides a wide range of value-added solutions and services to enhance efficiency and productivity to variety of industries - food, chemical, pharmaceutical, and plastics. Bulk solids account for 80% of items produced and transported around the world, but formal education and research are rare.







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The Center provides research and consulting services to industry and the university. Testing services range from scale sample material characterization to full-scale material handling and storage.

Full Scale Pneumatic Conveying Systems

Dense and Dilute Phase Pneumatic Conveying

- Vacuum
- Pressure
- Vacuum sequencing
- Problems in Conveying
 - Attrition
 - Segregation
 - Sizing
 - Wear
 - Energy consumption

Bulk Solids Processing Systems

- Feeding, weighing, scaling
- Silo blending and segregation
- Particulate air filtration
- Gravity flow and flow aids

Material Properties Testing

- Particle size and distribution
- Particle shape
- · Loose and compacted bulk density
- Particle density
- Angle of slide, repose
- Moisture content
- Flow function and wall friction angle

CFD, FEM, and DEM Modeling

- Flow patterns
- Stress distribution
- Velocity profile
- Segregation patterns

- Cohesive strength
- Time consolidation
- Cohesion
- Internal friction
- Compressibility
- Aeration
- Permability









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