## Planning Key to New Feed Mill Construction Project

The new \$6 million M-G Feed Mill is a landmark for both the

company and the city of Weimar. Its tower, which stands more than 10 stories high, is now showing the name M-G and Weimar to thousands of travelers a day on Interstate 10.

But projects such as the new feed mill don't happen overnight.

They take months, and literally years of planning.

M-G President Mark Kloesel recalled that the project had been in the planning stage for two years before ground was broken on the project in July

Once started the actual construction was completed in

slightly over a year. Using a continuous pourmethod, the concrete tower was poured in a week.

He noted that the company had looked at the possibility of expanding at its existing location, but soon realized there was not enough room at that location.

As plans continued, a 20-acre lot was selected east of Weimar

that will allow room for

expansion for years to come. One of the key individuals involved in the planning was Kelly Janak, who is in charge of engineering and maintenance at

the plant and has worked for M-G since 1993. "Without Kelly, this project may never have gotten off the ground," Kloesel said.

Kloesel said Janak's expertise and input were invaluable as the company made numerous major decisions for the massive expansion project.



Ground was broken on the new M-G plant in July 2000





