

Zeeland Farm Services, Inc.

Zeeland Farm Services, Inc.'s (ZFS) soybean processing plant is the largest meal and oil producing facility in the State of Michigan. Located in Zeeland, the state-of-the-art technology is utilized to process approximately 25,000 bushels of soybeans per day and is predicted to strengthen Michigan's agricultural climate. The soybean meal is primarily used in animal feed as a source of protein; the soybean oil is used as a food product for human consumption or as an input into bio-diesel, a renewable diesel fuel alternative.

Business Consultant, Ken Rizzio from the MI-SBTDC Ottawa County Economic Development Office (OCEDO) assisted ZFS in obtaining the designation of its 14-acre site for the construction of a new \$4 million soybean oil refinery and bleaching plant as an Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone (APRZ) by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The MI-SBTDC also assisted ZFS in obtaining two P.A. 198 tax abatements from Zeeland Charter Township for its \$5 million investment in the construction of a six-mile long gas pipeline and improvements to its processing plant to utilize this new energy source.



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