

# HOG FUEL DAY BIN STORAGE AND FEED RETROFIT (2004)

Bogalusa, Louisiana, USA



# SUMMARY

**KAMENGO FEEDERS:** (1) Kamengo Feeder

## SIMILAR PROJECTS

**Hog Fuel and Turkey Waste Boiler Storage and Feed (2007)**  
Benson, Minnesota, USA

**Hog Fuel Boiler Storage and Feed Retrofit (1994)**  
Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

**Hog Fuel Boiler Storage and Feed Retrofit (1993)**  
Peace River, British Columbia, Canada

**Hog Fuel Storage and Feed Day Bin Retrofit (2007)**  
Port Townsend, Washington, USA

**Hog Fuel Pile Reclaim (2003)**  
Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

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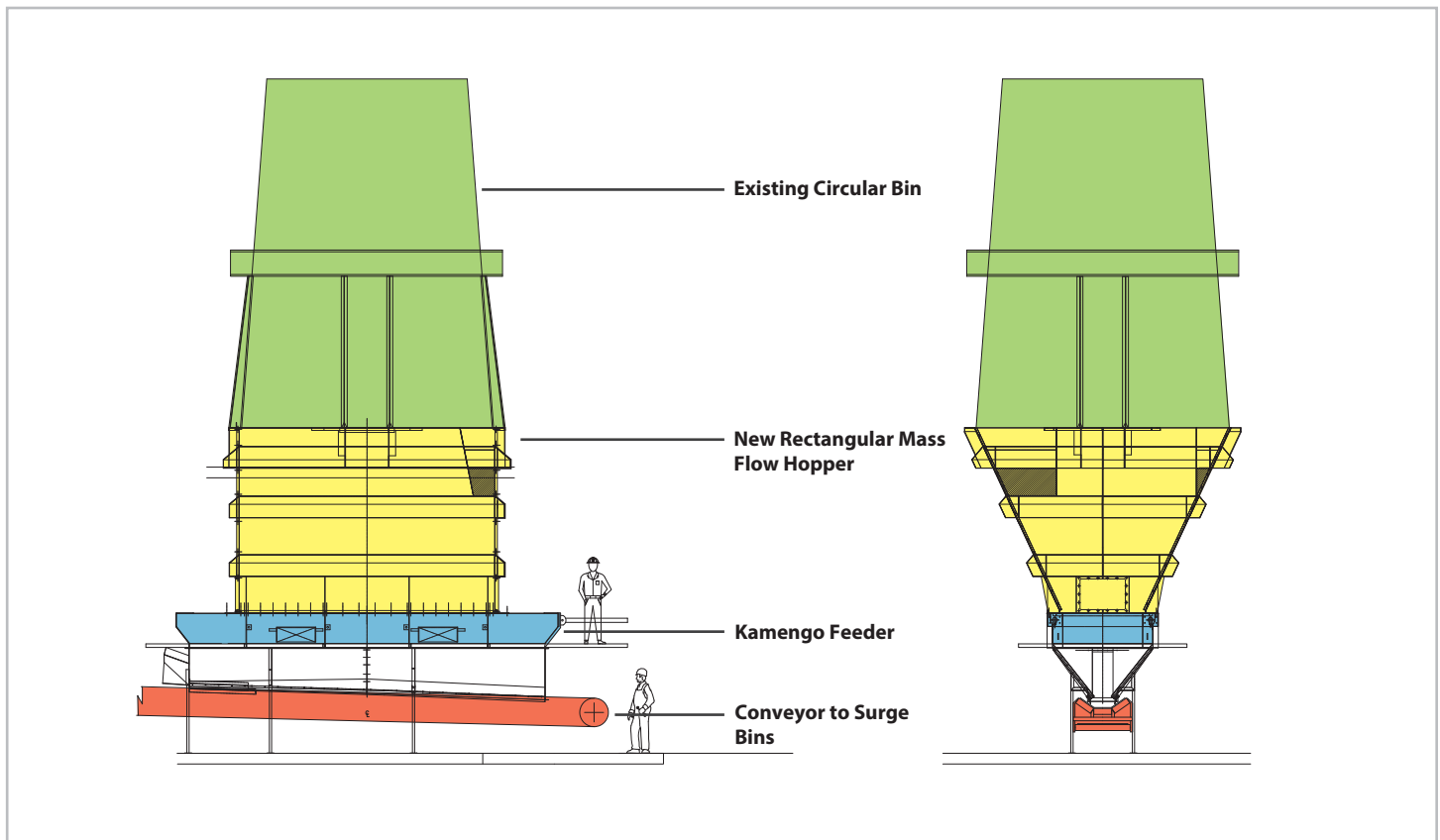
# SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The Bogalusa, Louisiana installation is a retrofit of a circular hog fuel day bin that used a vibrating cone discharger. The 37-foot high bin is located just outside the boiler building and is intended to hold up to four hours of storage. The hog fuel at the Bogalusa mill is particularly challenging because it contains hickory bark and can be very stringy.

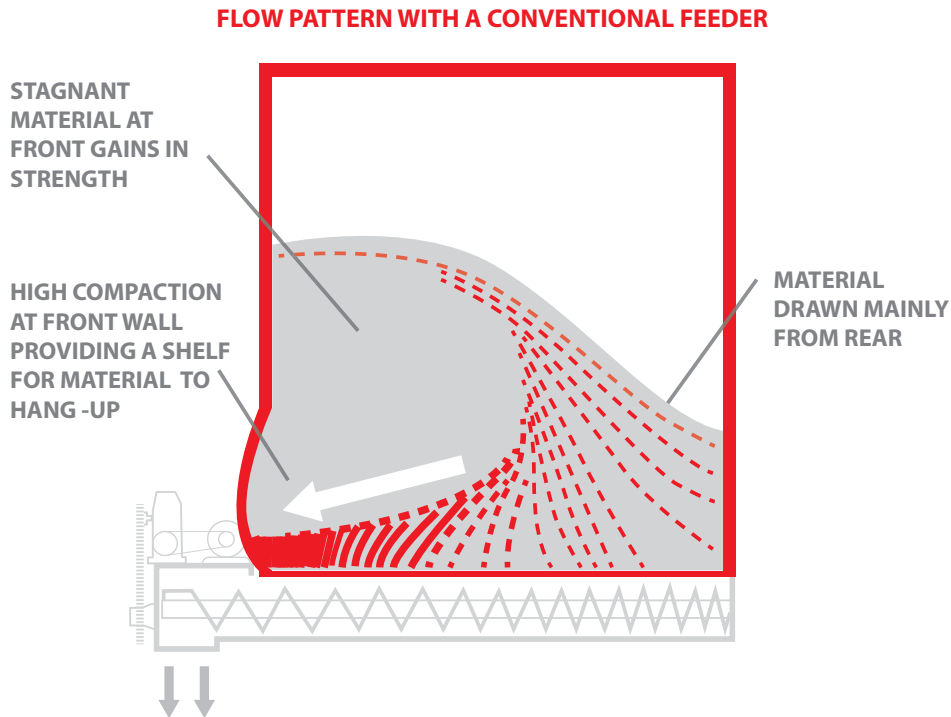
When Kamengo first met the mill, the plant engineers were exploring options to replace the entire hog fuel feeding system. However, upon learning of a retrofit to a similar size day bin that Kamengo had done for a mill in Port Townsend (Washington, USA), the mill found that it could solve its feed issues by retrofitting its existing bin.

Kamengo replaced the lower half of the bin with a rectangular mass flow hopper and Kamengo Feeder. The Kamengo Feeder is ahead of a live bottom bin with screw feeders feeding the biomass into the boiler. Since the screw feeders cannot maintain a significant head of material above them, the Kamengo Feeder is used to reliably meter just enough material that the screw feeders can handle to ensure good, steady material discharge into the boiler.

# SYSTEM LAYOUT



# WHY DO CONVENTIONAL FEEDERS PLUG?



## WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE THE BIN?

Most feeders draw material primarily from the rear of the bin, with little material drawn from the front. This problem is particularly severe when handling low bulk density fibrous materials. With fibrous materials, the pulling action of the feeder is felt well above in the bin, resulting in severe compaction, and in extreme cases, distortion of the front bin wall.

## POOR FLOW PATTERN RESULTS IN HANG-UPS

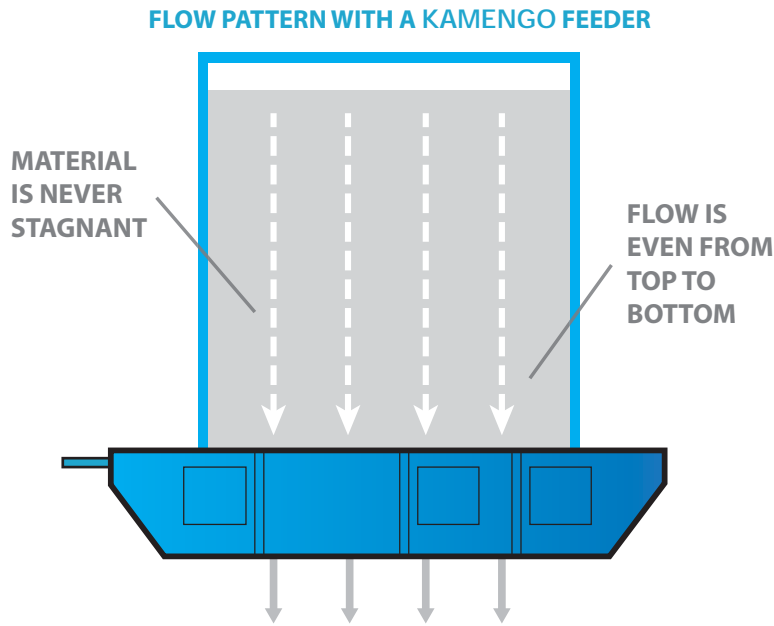
The compacted and stagnant material at the front of the bin is a major cause of bridging and hang-ups. Also, with material drawn mainly from a small section at the rear of the bin, live storage is greatly reduced, and stable rat-holes are permitted to form, resulting in dangerous bin hang-ups.

## PUTTING ENERGY TOWARDS THE WRONG PURPOSES

Most feeders withdraw material by developing a shear line at the hopper/feeder interface. This shearing action not only contributes to compaction of the stored material, but also results in excessive wear of mechanical parts.

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# HOW IS THE KAMENGO FEEDER DIFFERENT?

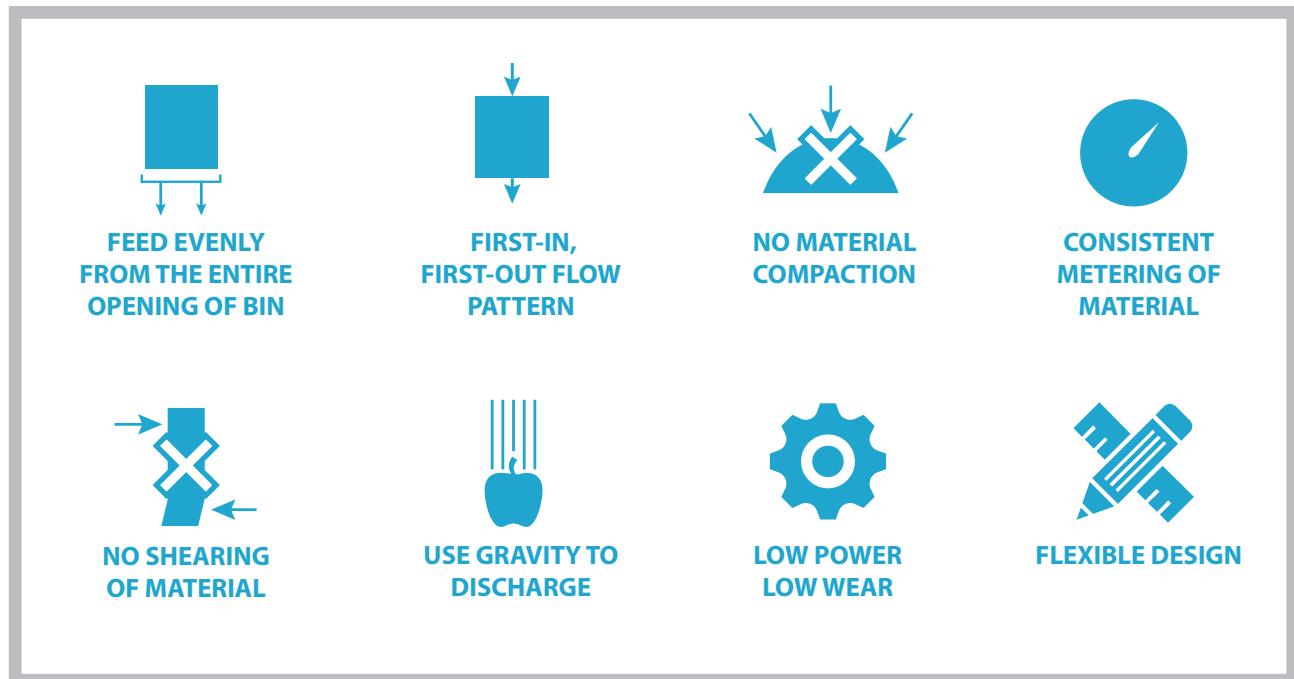


The Kamengo Feeder is different because it meters material evenly from the entire hopper outlet. With no stagnant pockets, the stored material is not afforded an opportunity to hang up.

Also, the Kamengo Feeder does not use brute force to extract material out of storage. Instead the Feeder relies on gravity and good bin geometry to reliably discharge the stored material. As such, the Feeder does not compact material, and thus allow it to gain strength and hang up. Also, because the Feeder does not put energy into shearing the material out of the bin, it requires far less power than a conventional feeder, saving energy and minimizing wear.

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## KEY FEATURES OF THE KAMENGO FEEDER



# KAMENGO SPECIALIZES IN THE STORAGE AND FEED OF DIFFICULT FLOWING BULK MATERIALS



What makes Kamengo different is the tool kit we use to solve complex materials handling challenges:



**Equipment To Characterize The Flow Properties Of Fibrous And Cohesive Materials**

In the 1980's Kamengo developed new testing equipment capable of characterizing the flow properties of stringy, fibrous and cohesive materials.



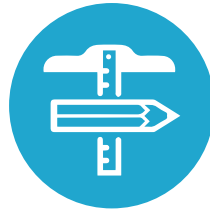
**Design Protocols To Determine Correct Bin, Feeder And Chute Geometry**

Kamengo has developed design protocols that use a material's flow properties to determine the bin, feeder and chute geometry required to promote reliable material flow. Correct equipment geometry will deny a stored material the conditions it needs to gain in strength and hang-up.



**The Kamengo Feeder: Proven Solution For Handling Difficult Flowing Materials**

The Kamengo Feeder resolves many of the shortcomings of conventional feeders. The Feeder withdraws material evenly from the full discharge opening of the hopper *and* does not compact stored material, resulting in a fully live bin. With installations running 24/7 for more than 20 years, the Kamengo Feeder has proven that it is a reliable solution for handling difficult flowing materials.



**The Kamengo Feeder: A Design Advantage**

The flow properties of difficult flowing materials often demand a fully live bin. A fully live bin is very difficult to achieve with a conventional feeder, but is easily achieved with a Kamengo Feeder.



**Skilled Design Practice**

Over the past 25 years, Kamengo has developed a design practice capable of tackling complex projects, including retrofits of storage and feed arrangements that suffer from plugging. Kamengo has the engineering capability to deliver complete packages of materials handling equipment including storage bins, feeders, chutes, structural work, and conveyors. We have delivered solutions for biomass, ore concentrates, fly and wet bottom ash, wood chips, pellets, and FGD gypsum.

► **We invite you to explore how Kamengo can apply its specialized tool kit to solve your materials handling challenges.**

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