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Multiple feeders (and multiple flavors) can be purchased to feed a single tumbling drum. This compact finishing accessory takes up minimal space and, at the same time, reduces overall capital investment.

The new SugarKing offers the best of both worlds: faster, more efficient production at an economical price.

For more information on the SugarKing, please call Moline’s service department at 800-767-5734 or email to sales@moline.com.

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Moline Develops NEW Turbulence System for Fryers

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Turbulence Systems can be added to existing Moline Fryers or purchased as an option on new Fryers. Contact Moline Machinery at 800-767-5734 for details.
Bob runs an extruder in the Moline test bakery. 

Laminating, make-up, proofing, frying and finishing processes are included in the lines. Support equipment includes horizontal, vertical and spiral mixers, rack and revolving tray ovens, and blast and holding freezers. The set-up, with space for multiple complete lines, allows Moline to change configurations depending on the equipment and product being run.

“The test bakery allows us to provide a variety of valuable services for our customers,” says Bob, “including helping develop new product samples for test marketing.”

As Bob points out, it’s expensive and time-consuming for any large industrial baker to shut down regular production and reconfigure its line just to output a small run of sample product. Instead, customers can save time and money by producing a short quantity of samples right at Moline’s site and ship samples out from there for market evaluation.

Moline also commonly uses its test bakery for customer demonstrations of Moline equipment about to be purchased. Often, that involves running the customer’s own ingredients and formulas on the line. A customer group visits the test bakery to review performance and note any final adjustments that may be needed. With two large conference rooms in addition to the test bakery, Moline is well equipped to host customers.

Moline’s sizable test bakery, and Bob Raunio and staff’s expert guidance offer the perfect solution for product development, equipment and process development, and test market sample preparation.

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