

# Finding Success with T&S:

## Feed & Seed - Greenville, South Carolina



Mary Hipp, board chair for the Feed & Seed nonprofit, wants to make fresh food affordable to South Carolinians. To achieve her goal, Hipp created a local and regional food hub that helps shorten the time it takes for fresh produce to come from farmers' ground into the hands of consumers.

When Hipp found a home for her project at Judson Mill in Greenville, South Carolina, T&S Brass was her first choice for plumbing products.

### Inside the Feed & Seed

The 18,000 square-foot facility that houses the Feed & Seed has multiple aspects.

At the front is a marketplace where anyone from the community can buy fresh produce, quick, healthy meals, and other items. Directly behind the market is a commercial kitchen and café, where chefs prepare food for the market with fresh ingredients.

A second commercial kitchen is focused on research and development. In conjunction with local farmers, the Feed & Seed utilizes scientific practices to search for new and better ways to preserve food for long-term storage and transport.

And the back of the warehouse houses 5,200 square feet of USDA-certified space where large pallets of food arrive to be processed and stored. Some of the storage space contains a community room for farmer technical support, community nutritional classes and food safety courses.

### Collaborating with T&S

When the project was first conceived in 2016, Hipp and her team reached out to T&S Brass to ask for their assistance with plumbing fixtures. The initial location for the Feed & Seed fell through, and Hipp had little hope that the folks at T&S would still be interested four years later when she found the Judson Mill location. But they "jumped right back in," Hipp said.

Hipp had always been impressed with the quality of T&S products and had heard of T&S' reputation for generosity within the Greenville community.



The T&S experts “walked through the facility and collaborated with us, recommending products that would work best for the task at hand,” said Hipp. She was impressed that, despite the years passing, the T&S team was still invested in the project. “You feel like you’re talking to your next-door neighbors, not a big corporation,” she mentioned.

“One product we didn’t even consider was hose reels,” Hipp said. In the USDA part of the facility, Hipp’s team needed to be able to wash all the floors and walls to prevent foodborne illnesses, and T&S included five new hose reel systems to help simplify those efforts.



## Choosing low-flow faucets

Sustainability is a serious focus for Hipp and her team at the Feed & Seed, and T&S’ conservation efforts was another reason that led to her reaching out.

*“Low-flow and sensor faucets not only make us more environmentally friendly, but they also help us keep our costs down — an important factor for a non-profit organization. Every faucet that’s in here is T&S.”*

— Mary Hipp  
Board Chair for the Feed & Seed nonprofit

## T&S donated products

The full list of T&S products in the Feed & Seed includes:

- Gas hoses
- Handwash stations – sensor faucets
- Hose reel systems
- Pantry faucets
- Portable handwash station
- Pot fillers
- Pre-rinse units
- Restroom sensor faucets



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