

## #27 Plumrose USA

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### History:

- DJ and Plumrose USA partnered on five significant projects in over a seven year period. In 2006, DJ constructed a new 18,000 sq. ft. roof structure over a portion of Plumrose's existing facility. DJ then demolished the old roof/ceiling structures from within and installed a new walkable ceiling system and insulated wall panels. The renovated space featured a cooler area, production area, and restrooms.
- In 2009, DJ upgraded the raw goods freezer space, finish packaging area, and materials distribution hallway, all totaling 3,700 sq. ft. of remodeled space. Most of the demolition was done by hand due to restrictions of the work environment. All areas affected by the renovation are refrigerated and required installation of new cooler panel construction and washable floor tile throughout.
- In 2012, DJ completed a two-phase project, the first involving the expansion of the existing belly cooler area. The second phase included renovations to the blast freezer area which had been one of the older sections of the facility. Similar to the first project, the old wooden roof structure was replaced with a new, higher steel structure. Again, walkable ceiling panels, stainless steel insulated wall panels and doors were installed along with new flooring, refrigeration equipment, fire protection, and lighting.
- Plumrose USA is one of the nation's top suppliers of premium quality meat products to both the retail and food service industries. The plant, located at 24402 CR 45 in Elkhart, specializes in bacon and has produced as much as 1,000,000 pounds of bacon in a single week.

**"The work that DJ has done for Plumrose has been both challenging and satisfying. The overbuild projects required a significant effort of precision design and engineering to make everything fit into the geometry of the existing facility. Many areas have a basement which meant footings for new columns were constructed in places difficult to access. Our field employees safely performed thousands of hours of hand demolition in extremely dirty and physically tiring situations, while maintaining USDA clean production lines in adjacent areas. They were real soldiers on many of these projects!"**

JC Schrock, Vice-President  
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