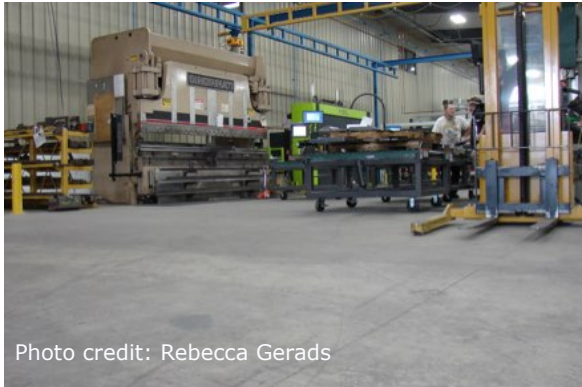


## Felling Trailers gets biggest bang for the dollar with concrete parking lots, indoor slab



### Project description

Felling Trailers is a family-owned and -operated Full Line Trailer Manufacturer located in Central Minnesota. It was started in 1974 by Merle J. and Kathy Felling and now, Felling's daughters Brenda Jennissen and Bonnie Radjenovich own and operate the company with their spouses Patrick Jennissen and Paul Radjenovich.

Felling Trailers has grown from a small shop to a factory and office complex that today covers over 260,000 square feet. Felling Trailers currently manufactures over 5,000 trailers a year ranging from a 3,000 lb utility trailer to a 120,000 lb hydraulic gooseneck trailer, and its standard trailer line includes over 240 models.

"We'd typically put down 5 to 6 inches of blacktop and each year, we'd lift some of that off," said Felling. "We've got excellent base but with the frost and different winters and heavy loads of up to 250,000 pounds, it just wasn't holding up."

Felling also had been placing concrete as the company grew, tapping into Worms Ready Mix, based in New Munich, Minn. The oldest concrete at the Sauk Centre location was placed in 1985, and he added more concrete in 1989, 1990, 1998, and 1999. That concrete, indoors and out, has lasted with minor repairs near the doors where forklifts go in and out.

Most recently, Felling called on Worms for concrete for an outdoor parking lot and production area, as well as assistance with a new production facility. Worms was both the general contractor for the new facility and the ready mix supplier.

"We poured the concrete and put up the building ourselves," said Brian Worms.

Most of the outdoor concrete is 6" thick with 8" near the doors. The indoor concrete slab is 8" thick with reinforced steel.

"You try to get longevity and the biggest bang for your dollar," Felling said. "And of course, over 40-some years, you can see what holds up and what doesn't."

### **Recent Worms Ready Mix projects at Felling Trailers**

2013 - Exterior parking lot/production area, 57.5 cubic yards (CY) of concrete

2014 - Exterior parking lot, 356.25 CY

2015 - Exterior parking lot/production area, 290.5 CY

2016/2017 - Footings, walls, indoor floor for new product facility, 524.25 CY

2017 - Exterior parking lot/production area, 534.75 CY parking lot outside new building

2017 - Footings, walls, floor for existing warehouse that was moved, 141.75 CY

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