

**On the cover:** AccelPak Model AP2600 open-mouth bag filling system is shown during a factory acceptance test for a grain-based foods company in North Carolina. System provides fully-automated bottom-up filling for high-speed packaging of compressible powders, including hard wheat flour, soft wheat flour, and whole wheat fine flour. System fills 21- to 50-pound bags. System achieves consistent filling rates of up to 12 bags per minute depending on bag size and material characteristics. Courtesy of Chantland MHS, Humboldt, IA, 515-332-4045 ([www.chantland.com](http://www.chantland.com)).

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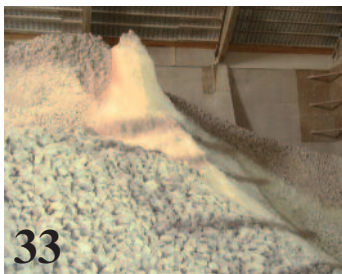
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