

All American Foods expanding

MANKATO — A 23-year-old Mankato plant that manufactures a wide variety of food ingredients is in the midst of a major expansion.

“ We’re building a R&D center, hiring additional food scientists, R&D people and technical people,” said Rod Mitchell, president of All American Foods.

The company has five buildings on Mohr Drive, just off Third Avenue, including three production buildings. It also has a production plant in Waseca.

The company employs 45 people.

The company makes primarily dry dairy and soy blends but is expanding product lines steadily, Mitchell said. He said the company also does kosher work, organic, vegan and more recently halal, which prepares food in adherence to Islamic law.

Mitchell said the company has weathered the recession fairly well.

“People still have to eat.

Our business doesn’t have a lot of peaks and valleys. It’s relatively steady.”

CEO Jeff Thom is majority owner of All American with Mitchell and Vice President Tom Roessler holding minority interests.

— *Tim Krohn*