

Business growth in Weld County has continued at a brisk pace, with first quarter '06 job growth measured at 4%, compared to the national average of 2.2%--measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The following companies made news locally for projects in 2006:

- **Arbor Valley Nursery**—Lochbuie
Wholesale nursery providing landscaping materials. Relocation from Adams County—30 new jobs
- **BAE Systems**—Berthoud/Weld County
Manufacturer of metal containers for defense industry. Adding production line of welders. 100 existing jobs, 20 new jobs
- **Crabtree Brewery**—Greeley
Specialty beer brewing and wholesale distribution. Start up—3 new jobs
- **Colorado Premium Foods**—Greeley
Value added boxed beef and pork processing. Relocated from Denver. 105 new jobs
- **Design Steel Systems**—Nunn
Distribution of steel building packages. Expanding to 24,000 sq. ft. building in Nunn. 4 existing jobs, 10 new jobs
- **Destiny Dairy**—Eaton
Goat dairy producing ice cream and yogurt products. Expanded facilities with Weld/Larimer Revolving Loan Fund support. 2 existing jobs, 10 new jobs
- **Empire Warehouse**—Frederick
Warehouse/distribution company expanded facility by 10,000 sq. ft. 55 existing jobs, 2 new jobs
- **Excelsior Software**—Greeley
Software developer purchased ground to construct 26,000 sq. ft. building. 60 existing jobs, 75 new jobs over two-year period
- **Front Range Roofing**—Greeley
Regional roofing company purchased 28,695 sq. ft. building, representing an expansion. 57 existing jobs
- **Greeley Hat Works**—Garden City
Hat manufacturer expanded from Greeley building to 5,000 sq. ft. building in Garden City. 4 existing jobs, 1 new job
- **Greenlight Energy**—Weld County

New 300 mega-watt wind farm that will include 150-225 turbines on 31,000 acres. Construction to begin in 2007, with 200 construction jobs. 30 new jobs associated with the facility

- **Old School Industries**—Dacono
Manufacturer of fixtures and stands for microscopes—Expansion from Erie home to 4,500 sq. ft. building in Dacono—4 existing jobs, 1 new job
- **Harsh Industries**—Eaton
Hydraulic hoist equipment manufacturer. Equipment expansion of \$1.5
- **Kendall Printing**—Greeley
Commercial printing company added new 10-color printing press and related equipment. 52 existing jobs, 40 new jobs
- **Medical Systems of Denver**—Frederick
Medical waste sterilization company purchased 20,000 sq. ft. building and expanded equipment with Weld/Larimer Revolving Loan Fund support. 5 existing jobs, 25 new jobs
- **Production Control Systems**—Frederick
Oil/gas equipment manufacturer and service provider expanding to larger building. 60 existing jobs, 16 new jobs
- **StarTec**—Greeley
Technical support call center. Expansion—900 existing jobs, 130 new jobs
- **The Bread Board**—Greeley
Bakery and restaurant. Opened new restaurant with Greeley Community Development Fund support. 5 existing jobs, 3 new jobs
- **Wood Creek Custom Cabinetry**—Frederick
Home-based cabinet and millwork shop expanded to 3,800 sq. ft. industrial building. 1 existing job, 2 new jobs