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## ***Newly appointed advisory member spends day at the FAPC***

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***(Stillwater, Okla. – July 21, 2010)*** The newest advisory member to Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center spent the day at the FAPC learning about the day-to-day activities of the center.

Appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to FAPC's Industry Advisory Committee in June, Allen Mills is the president and chief strategy officer of Reasor's Inc.

During his visit on July 20, Mills took a tour of the FAPC facility and met with FAPC Director Roy Escoubas and Vice President, Dean and Director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Bob Whitson.

In addition, Mills had the opportunity to meet with several faculty and professional staff members of the FAPC to discuss the areas of expertise within the center.

"The tour was a very educational experience," Mills said. "Oklahoma should be very proud to have such an excellent program to help Oklahoma businesses."

As president and chief strategy officer of Reasor's, Mills oversees the financial well being of this Oklahoma-owned company. Mills is responsible for the corporate and operational responsibilities, including marketing, information technology, cellular service, security and construction, for all Reasor's facilities.

Founded 47 years ago in Tahlequah, Okla., by Larry Reasor, Reasor's was a family-owned company until 2007, when Reasor's became an employee-owned company. Today, Reasor's has 15 supermarkets and two convenience stores, and employees more than 3,000 people in Northeastern Oklahoma.

"We were very fortunate to have Mr. Mills visit the FAPC and learn more about our capabilities of helping the food industry," Escoubas said. "We are looking forward to Mr. Mills contributing to our Industry Advisory Committee, especially with his knowledge of the retail grocery industry."

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