

SELECTED CATAWBA COUNTY ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS FROM CY 2006

JANUARY, 2006

Hickory Printing opens new mailing and fulfillment center in former Volex building.
Idealtalia purchases former Conover Hickory Chair Plant and begins operations.

FEBRUARY

Pallet One plans to build facility, launching Catawba County's plans for "Eco-Complex" at landfill.
Catawba announces plans for River Oaks Village, a mixed-use/residential development.

MARCH

Abernethy Laurels announces \$15 million expansion for continuing care community.
EDC Kicks off Committee of 100, increasing opportunities for marketing and project development.

APRIL

Carolina Glove buys Carolina Mills plant reinvigorating production and saving 80 jobs.
Carpenter Company announces plan to add new equipment with a \$10 million investment.
Rock Tenn purchases assets of Gulf States paper in Conover and Claremont.

MAY

Idealtalia announces plans for 50,000 square foot expansion.
Ameritex Technologies buys former J. Royale building and adds new production line.

JUNE

Baker Furniture announces plans to locate corporate headquarters in former Corning plant.
Sarstedt begins construction of 11,000 square foot office expansion.
Charlotte Metro Foreign Trade Zone approves boundary modification for Hickory Foreign Trade Zone.

JULY

Fiber Line Inc. announces 60,000 square foot expansion creating 25 new jobs.
Future Foam expands into the former Spectrum Dyed Yarns building in Hickory.
Quiktron announces intention to add 15-20 jobs within the next 12 months in Hickory.
Target announces plans to build 1.5 million sq. ft. distribution ctr & create 580 new jobs in Newton.

AUGUST

Technibilt Ltd. adds warehousing space in the Mohican Mills building in Maiden.
Moretz Inc. merges with Gold Toe Investment Corp. creating the largest U. S. sockmaker.
Conover company Jackson Lea announces the acquisition of Lippert-Unipol, GmbH.

SEPTEMBER

Renovations begin on new NC Center for Engineering Technologies in former Corning facility off Tate Blvd.
Prime Choice Packaging purchases the Building Systems facility in Conover.
Weyerhaeuser closes Matthews, NC plant and brings 35-40 jobs to Newton.

OCTOBER

ZF Lemforder makes one-millionth control arm for General Motors' full size SUVs and pick-ups.
Von Drehle Corporation announces plans for 60,000 square foot expansion in Newton.

NOVEMBER

Normtex Inc. purchases the Delta Mills building in Maiden.
Twin City Knitting lands contract to supply all socks and belts for all Major League Baseball players.
Blue Ridge Energies opens new customer service office in Conover.

DECEMBER

BioTech Industries opens new facility in Newton expanding its product line to include BioFuels.
Aqua Plastics Inc. announces plans to open facility in the former Gilbert Hose Building in Hickory.
Zenith Freight leases the former Joan Fabrics building in Newton.

CY 2006:

Announced Investment: \$674 million

New Jobs: 1430