

An executive perspective:

CEOs — 10 good reasons to call St. Clair County home



1. "The business climate in St. Clair County is extremely pro business and one of cooperation. We have found that by working together with the leadership and citizens of this area, the company can benefit the area, and in turn, the area benefits the company."

— **Spencer Weitman, president, National Cement Co. in Ragland**



4. "We wanted to locate in an area where there will be future growth in the form of more homes, schools and other businesses, so that we would be assured of having a large pool of qualified people to interview for jobs in the future. ... We have been in St. Clair County for over five years, and we are completely happy with our decision to locate in this wonderful county."

— **Jeff Johnston, president, J.M. Exotic Foods Inc., in Moody**



2. "We moved our food brokerage office (in 1992) and put it together from there. It has been a success story. Together, we made a pretty good team."

— **Curtis Capps, president and CEO, Royal Foods and Royal Sausage in Pell City**



5. "Our business has grown substantially over the past few years and we are continuing to reinvest in St. Clair County in both assets and personnel, as we have increased both significantly in each of the past three years and look forward to continued growth."

— **Heath Buckner, president, Buckner Barrels in Springville**



3. "It was a good startup from the first day. The support has been ongoing."

— **Jost Bierbaum, president, Eissmann Automotive North America in Pell City**



6. "Having lived in Jefferson County, which is large and bureaucratic, it was quite a surprise to realize you get to know these leaders, city officials and county officials, on a first-name basis. It has its advantages when you need to accomplish something. It really does."

— **Joe Kelly, president TCI-Sales in Moody**



7. "We are glad we are in St. Clair for a reliable, stable workforce. Our people have a strong work ethic, and the average employee has over 20 years of service. Location to the main major interstate highway helps us get our products quickly to our marketplace. There is a strong sense of community and civic responsibility and a great recreational area to draw more people to our company and the area."

— **John Morris, president, Riverside Refractories in Pell City**



8. "Vision: It's not today or tomorrow; it's 10 years from today and tomorrow. We've got some real good leadership."

— **Jason Goodgame, vice president, Goodgame Company in Pell City**



9. "We chose St. Clair County to expand the operation because of the vitality of the business climate here. It is fresh and energetic and poised for long-term growth, uniquely situated along the corridor between business centers to the east and west. Access is simple to business centers to the north and south. With a commitment from the county to help develop the plentiful workforce with education and skills training for our industry, we have a partner with continuous improvement as a goal. The beauty of the mountains, the lakes and proximity to world-class sports facilities means there's no other place we would want to be than in St. Clair County, Alabama."

— **John Garrison, president, Garrison Steel Fabricators and Erectors in Pell City**



10. "The biggest asset in St. Clair County is the people. They all get along and work together. They're united. It's a team concept. I'm honored to be a part of it."

— **Phil Webb, owner and president, Webb Concrete in Pell City, Heflin, Oxford, Roanoke, Centre**