

# Lazy Magnolia Brewery

Kiln, Mississippi



Lazy Magnolia is dedicated to providing the best possible products through tireless efforts, superior motivation and Southern Heritage. With solid and sound business decisions the company has expanded into 14 states with more to come in the near future. HDG steel played a major role in the recent expansion of the brewery required to meet the increase in demand. This kind of ingenuity helped the owners realize it was the right time, right place and right product for a growing business in the south. ■



The Lazy Magnolia Brewery is Mississippi's oldest packaging brewery, and the first one since prohibition was enacted in 1907. The brewery has been offering locally brewed beer to Mississippians since it was founded in 2003 when the owners bought a home brew kit. The first batches were produced by 2005 but progress was interrupted by hurricane Katrina, losing 80% of their business. The brewery received a grant from the US Department of Agriculture and began an expansion occurring over a four year period.

The owners specified hot-dip galvanized (HDG) steel for the building expansion because of its cost-effectiveness and durability in the harsh conditions of the brewery. Steam and changing pH levels required a degree of protection only HDG could provide. The owners are engineers so they used ingenuity in design making the building tall enough for the brew

house and large enough for additional equipment when needed for any future expansion. Planning for low maintenance included HDG trusses that could be inaccessible due to process equipment placement, and any down time would be costly.

The brewery was in operation while the construction was in progress so on time delivery was critical to avoid delays. The fabricator and the galvanizer worked together to expedite the job and provide progressive dipping on the trusses where required.

Craft beer is catching on in Mississippi. The Magnolia State has recently changed beer laws allowing alcohol by volume at 10.2 percent. This will mean more expansion of craft breweries where hot-dip galvanized steel will be needed for corrosion protection.

## Galvanizers

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## Fabricators

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