



Newberry Meat Processing & Job Training Facility

LOCAL ECONOMY



- Provides new and expanded markets for small ranchers raising cattle, goats, sheep, and hogs within 100 miles of Alachua County
- Creates 12 direct jobs and up to 70 jobs due to overall influence on local economy
- Brings \$10-15 Million in economic impact to our region and supports agriculture as a key industry
- Workforce training in all areas of meat industry from butchering to inspection

LOCAL AGRICULTURE



- Preserves rural lands and thus protects important wildlife habitat and aquifer recharge areas
- Less energy for transport from farm to plate
- More local, pasture-raised meat options in stores and restaurants
- Endorsed by Alachua County, City of Newberry, UF IFAS, Santa Fe College, Florida Farm Bureau, local food community organizations, and regional farmers and ranchers



LOCAL RESILIENCE

- Enhances food security by maintaining local control, de-consolidating the meat industry, and addressing current bottlenecks in processing
- Focuses on animal welfare and humane treatment
- Niche facility with custom processing will provide high-quality, safe jobs
- Waste product recycling and research partnerships to develop new products, reduce impacts of industry, and serve as regional model



COSTS AND DETAILS

- \$5.25 million in state and federal funds to construct
- Processing of approximately 15 animals per day
- Located in Newberry FL, in partnership with the City of Newberry
- USDA inspectors on site allow for wholesale and retail market access