



Alachua County Farm Bureau
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Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners,

The Alachua County Farm Bureau strongly supports Alachua County in developing a Meat Processing Center for our region. Our local ranchers need more outlets for processing cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs. This center will also open new market channels for our producers, continuing to expand the economic impact of agriculture in our county.

Our members seek to assist the County in its goal to create better access to locally-grown food and to make our own local food system more robust. In addition to protecting our farms, a big part of this work is to ensure we have the infrastructure we need to aggregate, process, and distribute our food locally and regionally. This investment in a meat processing center is an important step toward building this infrastructure.

This center will also provide a much-needed space to develop training so we can meet the workforce needs for local jobs and provide a place to do research and work with our ranchers to develop new products that increase sustainability for our meat industry.

We are pleased to support this critical local food infrastructure for Alachua County.

Sincerely,
Richard Feagle
President
Alachua County Farm