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“Piedmont Custom Meats Announces Expansion in Stanly County”

Piedmont Custom Meats today announced plans to expand its operations in North Carolina with the addition of a 30,000s.f. meat processing and packaging facility outside of Richfield, NC.

The company plans to add additional jobs at its current slaughter facility in Gibsonville, NC and invest close to \$2.5M to move some processing operations to expand processing operations and capacity in Stanly County, leading to the creation of 40 new jobs. The new location will house the company’s niche processing and packaging services they provide to a wide variety of local natural meat producers of all sizes.

Governor McCrory’s office announced the North Carolina Department of Commerce’s Rural Economic Development Division will fund Stanly County’s application on behalf of Piedmont Custom Meats for a \$500,000 Building Reuse grant to support their expansion. This grant will help offset some of the renovation costs associated with modifying the building and putting it back into productive use. Renovations and initial operations are expected to start in early 2016.

In a statement, company president Donna Moore said: “We believe our new location in Stanly County not only offers a strategic location in North Carolina that will allow us to serve customers throughout the Southeast US, but provide the workforce, resources and support we need to continue our success and build our business. We are grateful to the State of North Carolina for their commitment to support the new jobs and investment our expansion will generate in Stanly County.”

The Stanly County EDC would like to thank the N.C. Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Community College System, Stanly County and Stanly Community College for their support on the project. “We welcome Piedmont Custom Meats to Stanly County’s growing agribusiness community and welcome the addition of these new food processing jobs as the growth of locally sourced food products continues to provide new opportunities and transform the marketplace.” said County Commissioner Jann Lowder, Chair of the Stanly County Economic Development Commission. “From our low-cost real estate options to our skilled workforce to our abundant water resources, more and more businesses are discovering the elements they need for successful business growth are right here in Stanly County.”