

Regional Food System – Processing Subgroup Meeting Notes April 17, 2015

- Criteria for new slaughter facilities:
 - Pay attention to zoning/codes for area facility will be in
 - Need sewer and water connections
 - DHEC rules and regulations
 - Transportation – facility should be as close to the interstate as possible
 - Need at least two acres of land for staging the animals
 - Facility should focus on processing more than just beef, swine, and deer
 - Also process poultry and rabbit
 - Need grants for processing poultry; poultry has low margins and the business can be difficult to operate in the beginning
 - Mickey Hall, Clemson Livestock & Poultry, helps lay out processing plants
- Mobile processing units
 - Are they allowed through different zoning rules?
 - Clemson University has pilot project for mobile processing
 - Reduces stress on animals
 - Certifications: HAACP and GAP
 - Need an estimate of the number of farmers that would use a mobile processing until and a list of chicken growers in the Upstate
- Process on short term goals:
 - Policies and code review for processing allowance: Scott reviewed this and found that LiveWell Greenville did this two years ago, but more information will be uncovered through the process of identifying a slaughter location. Scott will have map by next meeting- radius around Twin Chimneys Landfill.
 - Resources for information on GAP and HAACP: Poultry & Livestock Group; SCDA \$500 fee
 - Asset mapping: Tim Green – finalizing survey instrument at the university; necessary distance for processing depends on the animal being processed. Students will compile a list of processors using the state list as a starting point.

Next Steps:

- Scott will have a map within a certain radius of Twin Chimneys Landfill by the next meeting date.
- Bill Welch will coordinate to have Boyd Parr, with Clemson University's Vet Science, at the next meeting or on a conference call to discuss a mobile processing facility. Looking at mid to late May dates for the next meeting. Need to have a list of questions ready before the meeting.