

New Meat Processing Plants

A Guide for Planning

Phase I

A meat processing plant is a business offering a service that takes a food animal and converts it into a retail product providing convenience for the consumer. Meat processors are critical to the agricultural industry, especially the food supply. Intentions to jump into this business is more complicated than what appears. Before investing time and money into the process, below are a series of questions that should be answered before pulling the trigger.

Business structure:

- Corporation
- Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)
- Cooperative (CoOp)

Which specie is more profitable in your area?

Beef, dairy, pork, lamb, goat, poultry and/or game

Species of interest:

Beef, dairy, pork, lamb, goat, poultry and/or game

Type of Inspection:

- Federal: products can enter inter-commerce
- State: products enter intra-commerce
- Custom: product cannot be sold, shall remain with family

Number of head annually

Who's your audience?

Service(s) offered:

- Slaughter (only)
- Processing (only)
- Slaughter and Processing
- Retail Sales
- Slaughter, Processing, and Retail Sales
- Smoked Products

Are you interested in selling "commodity" or niche?

Is labor available within 60 mi radius?

Do you have land secured?

Do you have an existing building to use?

Approved Water Source?

Approved Sewage?

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Business structure / Type of Enterprise	Corporation	Partnership		Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)		Cooperative (CoOp)	
Which specie is more profitable in your area?	Beef	Dairy	Pork	Lamb	Goat	Poultry	Game
Species of interest:	Beef	Dairy	Pork	Lamb	Goat	Poultry	Game
Type of Inspection:	Federal			State		Custom	
Service(s) offered	Slaughter	Processing		Slaughter and Processing	Retail Sales	Slaughter, Processing, and Retail Sales	Smoked Products
Estimated Number of head annually to process							
Is labor available within:	30 mi radius			60 mi radius		75 mi radius	
Selling Interest	"Commodity"			Niche			
Who is your audience?							
Do you have land secured?							
Do you have an existing building to use?							
Approved Water Source?	Well water			Public			
Approved Sewage System?	Handled by Public System			Wastewater Treatment System			