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Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program								
GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Andrew Clyde (09)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Yonah Valley Farms LLC	\$10,730,000		Yonah Valley Farms, LLC is working with Stone Bank to secure financing to purchase an inoperable processing plant and install automated deboning and portioning equipment, vastly increasing the amount of chicken processed annually.	3,137,418
GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Rick Allen (12)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	FPL Food LLC	\$24,187,066		This Rural Development investment will be used to help FPL Food, LLC purchase equipment which will produce prepared food products with an extended shelf life by using a high pressure processing (HPP). The HPP will sterilize the final product and allow the final product to extend the freshness greatly reducing possible food waste. These prepared meals are distributed to schools, daycare facilities and senior citizens.	3,031,356
IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Pure Prairie Farms Inc.	\$38,720,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Pure Prairie Farms, Inc. with a chicken processing facility start-up in Charles City, Iowa. Funds cover construction, renovations to the processing facility, equipment, working capital and fee.	3,132,081
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Andy Barr (06)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Lorenz & Hammond Limited Liability Company	\$2,076,000		Lorenz & Hammond Limited Liability Company, a proposed meat processor, located in Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Kentucky proposes to use funds for the construction of a new meat processing facility.	3,137,419
Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program								
GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Rick Allen (12)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	CSRA Rural Lending Authority Inc.		\$7,500,000	CSRA Business Lending through its CSRA Rural Lending Authority, Inc. (CSRA RLA or Intermediary) will establish the "Georgia Meat and Poultry Revolving Loan Fund" to facilitate financing for the start-up, expansion, and operation of entities engaged in primary processing (slaughter) or further processing of meat and poultry. This program will facilitate access to affordable capital to address the ongoing need for meat and poultry processing enterprises in Georgia's rural and urban communities.	3,118,818
IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Region XII Council of Governments Inc.		\$15,000,000	COG hopes to see increases in the number of meat processing facilities in Iowa, diversification of ownership in Iowa's meat processing infrastructure, an increase in the number of producers across the state, greater resiliency to industry shocks, greater employment in the meat processing sector, increased capital investment, and increased wealth among Iowa's residents. Small processors who expand or new projects located in the state means producers will have closer markets for their animals, and decreased transportation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	3,123,749
MN	Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith	Betty McCollum (04)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Minnesota Department of Agriculture		\$15,000,000	The Minnesota Meat & Poultry Revolving Loan Program will be managed by the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (RFA), the agricultural lending arm of the State of Minnesota. A revolving loan fund that focuses on meat and poultry processing will complement and enhance a number of existing state-funded grant programs.	3,134,033
MT	Jon Tester, Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Great Falls Development Authority Inc.		\$2,000,000	The organization's mission is to help fund existing and startup meat and poultry processing operations in the Great Falls Montana region, increase and diversify production, process a higher percentage of livestock raised in the region, and grow the industry in such a way as to lower operating costs for processors. GFDA also creates high-wage career opportunities that improve quality of life and the environment.	3,132,082
NC	Richard Burr, Thom Tillis	Deborah Ross (02)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority		\$15,000,000	NCAFA plans to facilitate economic recovery from the pandemic for businesses engaged in meat and poultry processing by assisting businesses that may close if the funds needed to purchase the business are not available. The ultimate goal of the NCAFA MPILP is to facilitate the start-up and expansion of small and medium sized processing plants including mobile processing units, thereby providing processing opportunities for smaller farm to table meat and poultry producers as well as larger mid-sized meat and poultry producers.	3,121,071

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ND	John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council		\$10,000,000	Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council's mission is to develop North Dakota's economy and communities through flexible financing for the start-up, expansion, and operation of entities engaged in primary processing (slaughter) or further processing of meat and poultry, to strengthen the capacity for independent processors, and to help create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.	3,122,455
SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	GROW South Dakota		\$8,125,000	GROW South Dakota will assist approximately 16 meat and/or poultry processors at an average loan of \$500,000 per business and will inject needed capital into the processing industry and advance economic opportunities. The funds will improve the livelihoods of community residents through job creation and access to fresher meat and poultry products while meeting pollution mitigation by reducing food miles for transportation from local growers initially and ultimately to local markets.	3,128,693
SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Planning and Development District III		\$2,375,000	District III will establish a financial resource that builds District III's lending capacity while focusing on a chronic economic challenge, namely creating value added agricultural alternatives. The fund will give local processing facilities a tool to improve access to markets; enhance operational efficiencies; retain and attract employees; and remain competitive in a challenging business environment.	3,128,692
Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program								
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Jerry McNerney (09)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Luus Family Corp dba New Stockton Poultry		\$1,678,458	Luus Family Corp, DBS New Stockton Poultry (NSP), is a first generation Vietnamese-American family owned and operated business that sources poultry breeds and processing styles popular in many immigrant communities, including for use in certain Buddhist practices that require the head and feet to remain on the processed bird. The company is using MPPEP funds to expand processing operations through the purchase of an existing structure to support expansion. This project has the support of local and state government, poultry farmers, food service distributors and community stakeholders.	3,155,115
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Jerry McNerney (09)	Meat and Poultry Processing	Yosemite Foods Inc.		\$6,885,400	Yosemite Foods Inc. has a state-of-the-art, environmentally conscious, pork harvest facility in CA with existing additional harvest capacity that has, up to this point, not been utilized. The company is in a prime position to quickly expand production by utilizing this untapped capacity, and can expand production without having to expand harvest capacity or build a new harvest facility. The objectives of this project are: 1) Utilize existing capacity to harvest additional hogs daily, 2) Provide ethnic consumers with value-added pork products (consumers not normally targeted and served by major Midwestern meat processors) and 3) Provide additional jobs to the local community (a community that suffers from both high levels of unemployment and high levels of poverty).	3,157,237
IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Cherokee Locker Investment Inc.		\$542,425	Cherokee Locker Investment, Inc. is an existing meat processor located in Cherokee, IA located in a facility that is outdated. The company intends to build a new mixed species processing facility to significantly increase capacity and allow local producers to have their meat Federally inspected and sold in a local retail market and online. In addition to these Federal funds, part of this expansion effort is being financed, in part, through investments made by local livestock producers and community members.	3,155,117
IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Pure Prairie Farms Inc.		\$6,963,725	Pure Prairie recently purchased a shuttered poultry plant in Charles City, Iowa, with the goal of returning hundreds of jobs to the small rural community and increasing poultry processing in the upper Midwest. The project sources directly from growers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, who are also shareholders and part owners in the company.	3,155,116

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IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Ashley Hinson (01)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Upper Iowa Beef LLC		\$8,871,440	Upper Iowa Beef, an independently owned beef harvest and processing facility in Lime Springs, Iowa, opened in 2017. The growth in demand for our products nationwide and globally since we began operations has necessitated an aggressive, multi-phase expansion of our facility to keep up. Our USDA-MPPEP proposal is to support core projects that directly target our current bottlenecks, allowing us to expand our capacity by over 50% and create dozens of new jobs and millions of dollars in premium revenue for independent livestock producers.	3,158,243
IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Saline River Farms LLC		\$6,884,976	Saline River Farms is a beef and pork processing facility project in the mid to late stages of planning and development. This beef and pork processing plant will be able to accommodate hundreds of either species per day and provide an important outlet for producers in the region. The plant will be federally inspected and plans are in place to request Grading Services. The plant will also include a small retail store for local purchases of both Saline River Farms products and other local products as well as shipping of online orders.	3,158,242
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Brett Guthrie (02)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Marksbury Farm Foods LLC		\$779,080	Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC is planning an expansion to their slaughter and grind production areas. This will include a building addition, new slaughter and grinding machinery, as well as an additional carcass cooler and all the included refrigeration and rail systems. The project will double slaughter capacity and more than double processing capacity over the next 3-5 years, allowing the company to offer more local farms and small businesses a better choice in processing options beyond the traditional players. The workforce will increase by 25 as the new capacity comes online bringing stable, living wage jobs to the Lancaster, KY area.	3,161,782
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Kennedy	Clay Higgins (03)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Processors LLC		\$7,058,234	Processor's Inc. is one of the earliest pioneers in the U.S. catfish industry, incorporated in 1976. The company currently operates at maximum processing capacity for farm-raised catfish. The project would allow Processor's Inc to increase processing capacity by 30% over the next four years by adding a new facility, modernizing processing equipment with more cost-effective, sanitary, and environmentally neutral equipment, and allow for market expansion through the development of new value-added catfish products.	
MO	Roy Blunt, Josh Hawley	Jason Smith (08)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Zimmerman Meats LLC		\$730,000	Zimmerman Meats LLC, operates a meat harvest and processing plant in rural southern Missouri, employing 20 people and serving local producers, wholesale clients, and retail consumers across the region. The business is in the midst of a long-range expansion project, including shifting from state to federal inspection. In addition to increasing the slaughter capacity, Zimmerman Meats is preparing to increase its ability to package and further process meat products by ten-fold to better access value-added opportunities.	3,155,118
MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Steven Palazzo (04)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Cutting Edge Meat Company LLC		\$905,273	Cutting Edge Meat Company is establishing a new USDA inspected slaughter and fabrication plant in Leaksville, MS. The company processes its own farm-raised beef, plus beef and pork from a variety of independent producers across MS, AL, LA, and FL. The company currently has a six-month backlog for additional processing. The goal of the project is to increase weekly processing capacity and expand services offered to farmer-producers and small meat companies in the region. Specifically, separate coolers will be added for fully cooked and raw product, new rooms will be added for packaging and cooking product, additional equipment to increase product throughput and improve worker safety will be added in the slaughter and processing room, and hire more employees.	3,158,245

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MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie Thompson (02)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Home Place Pastures LLC		\$508,784	Home Place Pastures currently owns and operates an USDA inspected slaughter and processing facility in the middle of its farming operation, which produces grass-fed beef and pastured pork. Home Place Pastures runs an established weekly distribution chain to restaurants, schools, hospitals, and retail accounts in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The company also sells direct to consumers through their website, monthly box subscribers, on-farm restaurant and butcher shop, and farmers markets. With this award, Home Place will substantially increase cold storage and processing, allowing them to significantly expand their business while also adding value to small family farms by providing a premium reliable market for pasture raised hogs.	3,158,244
MT	Jon Tester, Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Montana Premium Processing Cooperative		\$291,900	Montana Premium Processing Cooperative (MPPC), a start-up cooperative, created in partnership with the Montana Farmers Union and Farmers Union Industries, will use MPPEP funds to provide independent producers in Montana with an option for a local USDA inspected meat processing facility in an area that is currently without Federally inspected processing.	3,159,755
ND	John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	South 40 Beef LLC		\$471,525	South 40 Beef LLC is a USDA-inspected beef processing plant in Mott, North Dakota. Grant funds will be used to increase cooler and fabrication space to increase capacity, and the expansion will result in more than doubling the amount of cattle processed per month and a 50% increase in workforce. This investment will add local capacity and reduce the time and distance cattle producers currently have to travel.	3,159,757
NE	Deb Fischer, Ben Sasse	Don Bacon (02)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Greater Omaha Packing Company Inc.		\$19,982,400	Greater Omaha Packing is a 3rd generation, privately owned company located in Omaha, Nebraska, that procures cattle primarily from independent producers in IA and NE. Greater Omaha Packing processes 2,400 head of cattle daily for customers across the country and to 70 nations worldwide. The company is taking a phased approach to increase slaughter and processing throughput from 2,400 cattle per day to 3,100 head per day, which equates to an additional annual production of 195,000 cattle per year, involving equipment purchases, automation systems, and facility improvements. The expansion will create 275 jobs.	3,159,756
NE	Deb Fischer, Ben Sasse	Mike Flood (01)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Lot 279 LLC		\$688,011	Lot 279, LLC has been selling beef products in direct to consumer retail since 2016. In an effort to capitalize on the expanding interest in family farms building their own beef brands, Lot 279 intends to build a federally inspection portion cutting and further processing facility for use by at least three family-owned cattle producers who are seeking to create their own brands of value added beef products. The company will provide fee based processing and other services; portioning and grinding services, processing and manufacturing of meats for sale to wholesale or retail customers. The facility will help ensure that small and mid sized kill facilities that are operational or being built in the region will be utilized fully.	3,156,219
NJ	Robert Menendez, Cory Booker	Josh Gottheimer (05)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Goffle Road Poultry Farm LLC		\$4,203,646	New Goffle Road Poultry is located in Wyckoff, NJ with the closest plant of similar processing located in central Jersey. There are no facilities in New York or Connecticut that provide the kind of servicing and processing that Goffle Road Poultry provides. Goffle Road Poultry seeks to expand the existing USDA inspected processing facility and retail operation to be six times the size of the current facility with a separate retail store. The company will also create a satellite pickup and drop-off area for other farms within and tangential to New Jersey, which is currently unavailable and highly desired by producers. Expansion will allow the company to expand further into the organic marketplace by allowing for efficient separation of organic vs. non-organic product. Halal market reach, a growing need in the area, will also be expanded including cut-up products and parts associated with halal markets.	

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OH	Sherrad Brown, Rob Portman	Bill Johnson (06)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	R&C Packing Inc.		\$1,058,928	R&C Packing Inc. has been serving the needs of its community in Bidwell, OH since 2004 operating a custom livestock harvest and butcher processing facility. While this facility has served the company well for many years, increased demand from current customers, potential new customers, and increasing industry standards are driving the need for a newly constructed facility. The new facility will include processing plant; barn and cold storage space, and retail space. The company projects to increase processing by 50% by May 2026.	□ 3,161,784
SD	John Thune, Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	North Prairie Butchery LLC		\$2,209,643	North Prairie Butchery, LLC (NPB) is a proposed brand new small beef and pork combination plant with the capacity to process more than 100 animals per week. They currently ranch near Faulkton, South Dakota. This modern, federally inspected facility will offer livestock producers the ability for custom harvest, packaging, and labeling. In addition, the business will offer to purchase locally raised, market-ready cattle and hogs to supply retail and wholesale business. The plant is expected to be fully operational by late 2023.	3,157,238
TX	John Cornyn, Ted Cruz	Louie Gohmert (01)	Meat and Poultry Process Expansion Program	BRK Meats LLC		\$512,265	BRK Meats is a family-owned beef processor in East Texas. BRK Meats will add an in-house slaughter facility and a distribution center to increase volume of shipping and expand processing options for more than 200 independent cattle producers. This expansion project includes both improvements to an existing facility as well as a new location, substantially increasing the overall processing capacity of the operation as well as building out capacities for processing value-added products. These improvements will more than double BKR's employee base and will support economic development in two rural Texas communities.	
VT	Patrick Leahy, Bernard Sanders	Peter Welch (At Large)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	VT Livestock Slaughter and Processing		\$1,096,655	Vermont Livestock Slaughter & Processing connects hundreds of farmers in Vermont and the Northeast with the individuals, families, schools, and businesses they supply. Meat processing is currently a bottleneck in the region with many producers having to wait significant periods for the service. With their MPPEP investment, they are now prepared to revitalize and modernize their multi-species facility, tripling their throughput, and positioning the company for succession planning to an employee-owned model.	3,155,119
WA	Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell,	Rick Larsen (02)	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Island Grown Farmers Cooperative		\$815,891	Island Grown Farmers Cooperative is a small farmer owned co-op based Skagit County WA. It has operated a Mobile Processing Unit (MPU) under USDA inspection for 20 years and recently began work on a permanent plan. With the help of the MPPEP funding, IGFC would expand the number of animals processed and finally expand their cooperative membership to other producers. Completing the construction will greatly expand processing capacity, allow the producer owners to reach more consumers via farmers markets, food co-ops, restaurants, and direct to consumer sales from all across Washington State.	3,160,582