



Hmong Meat Processing Facility

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Sector: Working Lands and Blue Economy

Project Description

Regional livestock producers continue to struggle with a lack of local processing options. The Hmong Association of Crescent City is responding by seeking to develop a USDA-approved meat processing plant in Del Norte County to process cattle, pigs, sheep, and poultry. Designed to handle roughly 160 animals per month, the community-owned facility would feature retail and grocery components, create five full-time jobs, and meet the culturally specific food needs of the region's 500-member Hmong community. The facility would lower logistical costs for small and mid-sized farmers, strengthen regional food security, and generate revenue for ongoing community programming.

Intended Outcomes

- Construct a USDA-approved multi-species processing facility handling approximately 160 animals monthly for regional livestock producers.
- Eliminate 160+ mile transportation burdens for small and mid-sized Del Norte County farmers to improve agricultural economic viability.
- Create five direct full-time jobs alongside integrated retail and grocery space to support marginalized local communities.
- Reinvest facility revenues into long-term community development, cultural programming, and regional food security initiatives.

Progress Update: Challenges & Achievements to Date

The project has completed a 10-year financial feasibility study confirming long-term commercial viability and advanced early business planning in coordination with local ranchers, Tribal partners, and county agencies. Over 10 potential build sites were evaluated, and initial engineering assessments were finished. Remaining pre-development funds are allocated toward finalizing site control and completing land-use permitting. A primary ongoing focus is securing formal site control and navigating complex USDA and municipal permitting requirements to move the facility toward construction.

Ways to Engage and Support the Project

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