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IA	Charles Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Jordan's Meat Market LLC	\$800,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a meat locker in Marcus, Iowa. The funding will cover construction of the facility and working capital. This project is expected to create seven jobs.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Ronny Jackson (13)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Bottomland Prime LLC	\$4,950,000		This Rural Development investment will primarily be used to refinance interim financing utilized for the acquisition of a custom meat processing facility in Amarillo, Texas known as Edes Custom Meats. Bottomland Prime LLC projects its business will continue to include custom USDA-inspected slaughter for local producers, custom slaughter for specialty markets, local retail sales of beef cuts, sausage, jerky, pork and lamb. In addition, it will include wholesale markets through different convenience stores and cold storage services. The Rural Development investment which includes funding for working capital/closing costs, along with the contribution from Bottomland Prime LLC will assist in the creation of 12 jobs and the retention of 30 jobs.
CA	Dianne Feinstein Alex Padilla	Doug LaMalfa (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Five Marys Farms LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Five Marys Farms with processing and supplies. Located in Siskiyou County, Five Marys Farms is an independent meat producer of beef, pork, and lamb. An anticipated expansion of customer base in the amount of 60,784 is expected as a result of the project. The fund will help create one job and save one rural job.
IA	Charles Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Waubonsie Ridge Beef LLC		\$210,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Waubonsie Ridge Beef LLC, a cattle farm operation in Tabor, expand production. This project will support the processing and marketing of retail beef cuts. The expansion will create more value-added meat products for sale to the public and will promote economic development in Fremont County.



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IL	Richard Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Darin LaHood (16) Lauren Underwood (14)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Hufendick Farm Inc.		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital funds to Hufendick Farm Inc. to assist them in expanding the markets for their various processed meat products. Hufendick Farm Inc. raises beef, pork, lamb, goat, and poultry for direct sales to consumers. This project will assist them in their expansion to a retail butcher shop located in Plainfield, Illinois, where they will process the harvested animals themselves into numerous products including various cuts of meat and other processed meat products (sausage, bacon, jerky, etc.). The meat products sold all come from animals raised at Hufendick Farm.
KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Jake LaTurner (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Welch Market LLC		\$49,068	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Welch Market LLC of Humboldt, supplement the amount of beef being processed and sold through their grocery store. The project will result in three jobs saved.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Brett Guthrie (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Dennis Spencer Guinn		\$161,914	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand Dennis Spencer Guinn's beef operation by processing, packaging, and marketing custom retail beef cuts. The project will serve Boyle, Fayette, Jessamine and Woodford counties and result in the creation of one job.
ME	Susan Collins Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Apple Creek Farm LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist agricultural producers seeking to establish or expand markets for their value-added agricultural products. Apple Creek Farm LLC will use the working capital grant funds to expand processing, marketing, and sales of their certified organic eggs, beef, chicken, sheep, goats, and sheepskins. This project will allow for an increase in customer base and revenue and will add two employees.



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MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matthew Rosendale (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Lane Unltd Inc. dba Lane Legacy Beef		\$49,900	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and enhance profitability of Lane Unlimited Inc. dba Lane Legacy Beef. This is a woman-owned operation located near Ismay, Montana, a rural community of less than 20 people. Lane Legacy is a family operated farm/ranch producing locally raised Black Angus cattle for high-quality, premium grass-fed beef. The operation targets sales to the local community, region, and neighboring states. The funding will assist with processing and marketing costs as it relates to the entry into the market. The operation is projected to grow to 100+ customers and increase \$54,000 in sales during the grant period.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Ryan Zinke (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Belcrest LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and increase profitability of Belcrest Farms, located just 15 miles from the heart of downtown Bozeman, Montana. Belcrest Farms is a small, family-owned operation. The business prides themselves on all-natural, dry-aged, ranch raised beef. Grant funds will be used for the value-added production of finished beef to packaged meat in the areas of product distribution, marketing, advertising, operations, and payroll.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matthew Rosendale (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	North of Nowhere Farm LLC		\$49,900	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and enhance profitability of North of Nowhere Farm LLC, a majority-woman owned business near Opheim, Montana. This is a rural farming community in Northeastern Montana with a population of 75 people. The owners possess a shared belief that good health is dependent on good nutrition and healthy soil to produce a high-quality food commodity. The family operated farm utilizes regenerative agriculture practices when raising their grass-fed beef to produce high protein, nutritional beef sticks. The grant will provide funding assistance toward the processing costs with the intent to feature products in state-wide convenience stores. North of Nowhere is expected to increase sales by \$50,000 and build customer base by 300 during the grant period.



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MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Ryan Zinke (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Eric Casazza dba E&S Ranch		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and increase profitability of E&S Ranch of Eureka, Montana. E&S Ranch operates as a direct-to-consumer beef business for grass-fed and grass-finished steers. The business intends to use Value-Added Producer Grant funds to assist in processing costs in their efforts to increase produce and support growing demand for the Flathead Valley.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Ryan Zinke (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Moonshine Gulch dba Pintler Mtn Beef		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and increase profitability of Pintler Mountain Beef in Phillipsburg, Montana. Pintler Mountain Beef is a direct-to-the-consumer business that sells antibiotic and hormone free, humanely raised, sustainable, wildlife-friendly premium grass-fed and grass-finished beef and other meat products. The operation will utilize funds to support efforts in processing and marketing expenses.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matthew Rosendale (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Cody Math dba Math Farms Beef		\$211,436	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Math Farms Beef in Whitewater, Montana expand its customer market and revenue share. Math Farms beef sells 100 percent pure Angus beef that has been pasture-raised and grain finished. The grant will be used for processing, packaging, and marketing the beef as well as overhead expenses for the operation. The project is expected to create one job and save two.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matthew Rosendale (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Gary Todd dba Todd Family Meats		\$48,173	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the customer base and increase profitability of Todd Family Meats in Big Timber, Montana. Todd Family Meats is a family-owned operation producing packaged beef and lamb. The business plans to use funds for marketing, packaging, and processing to help assist their effort to meet growing demand.



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NE	Deb Fischer Ben Sasse	Michael Flood (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Oak Barn Beef LLC		\$249,965	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital for the processing of direct-to-consumer beef cuts, specifically the costs for processing, marketing materials, and distribution of the value-added product. The project is expected to increase revenue for the producer by \$87,500, increase their customer base by 750 customers, and create or save two jobs.
NE	Deb Fischer Ben Sasse	Adrian Smith (03)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Classen Land & Cattle LLC		\$49,688	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital for the processing of direct-to-consumer beef cattle. Specifically, funds will be used for direct processing, marketing materials, website, and distribution of the value-added product. The project is expected to increase revenue for the producer by \$178,027, increase their customer base by 160 customers, and create or save two jobs.
NY	Charles Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Nicolas LaLota (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Acabonac Farms LLC		\$49,999	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital for Acabonac Farms LLC, a beef farm located in Suffolk County in the town of Amagansett, New York. Acabonac Farms is adding grass-fed beef jerky and summer sausage to its product line to expand its customer base.
OH	Sherrod Brown J.D. Vance	Brad Wenstrup (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Ayers Valley Farm LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital. Ayers Valley Farm, an independent producer, is receiving a Local Agricultural Market Resource Program (LAMP) VAPG. They offer freezer meats raised from their farm in Russellville, Ohio. Two jobs will be created and two jobs will be saved.



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OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Frank Lucas (03)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Dry Creek Meats LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital funds to Dry Creek Meats LLC to process, cut, wrap, and market its grass-fed retail beef cuts to consumers. Funds will also be used to hire a marketing consultant to design and build a website, new logo, and message for its products and business. The borrower will provide local beef to the Dry Creek Steakhouse in Leedey, Oklahoma.
VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Abigail Spanberger (07)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Gillispie's County Line Farm LLC		\$44,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to support the processing of pasture-raised chickens, beef cattle, and hogs into individually cut and processed poultry, beef, and pork products for sale directly to retail consumers through farm sales and online. The Gillispie's County Line Farm LLC in Kents Store, Virginia, intends to offset costs for processing and packaging supplies for its products, hire new employees to assist with processing and sales labor, and professionalize marketing activities to reach a larger customer base.
VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Bob Good (05)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Double M Dairy LLC		\$150,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to offset processing, packaging and supply costs, streamline employment opportunities, and increase marketing activities to promote the products sold directly to its customers. Double M Dairy looks to expand its customer base and market for high-quality beef, pork, and eggs to local individual consumers. This business serves an area spanning from Roanoke to Rocky Mount in the Southern Region of Virginia.
VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Robert Wittman (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Studley Farms Of VA LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to process beef, pork, and lamb into individually cut and processed meat products for sale to retail customers through area farmers markets, direct farm sales as well as wholesale accounts. The Studley Farms of VA LLC located in Mechanicsville, Virginia, intends to fund marketing efforts, processing, packaging, supplies and to hire labor.



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WA	Patty Murray Maria Cantwell	Suzan DelBene (01)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Widnor Farms LLC		\$249,521	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital for processing, supplies, and marketing expenses associated with processing and selling processed beef, pork, lamb, and chicken meat cuts. Widnor Farms LLC is an independent beginner farmer rancher in Whatcom County, Washington.
WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Value-Added Producer Grants	Champlin's Sugar Creek Farm LLC		\$49,999	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide working capital to Champlin's Sugar Creek Farm LLC, an independent rancher, to process cattle into packaged beef. Funds will also be used for marketing and distribution. This project will increase customer base by 72 customers, increase revenue by almost \$200,000 and create one new job.
						\$5,750,000	\$3,873,563
						Grand Total	\$9,623,563