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AR	John Boozman Tom Cotton	French Hill (02)	Natural State Processing	\$3,777,116	Natural State Processing is one of the very few independent, fee-for-service USDA-inspected poultry processors in the country. Established in 2016 to support pastured poultry production in Arkansas, Natural State Processing serves producers across eight states with chicken, turkey, and duck processing. They will deploy MPPEP - Phase 2 funds to purchase land and construct and equip a new facility 2.5 miles from their current location. This will allow them to nearly double their processing capacity while serving 17 new producers and hiring 28 new full-time positions.
CO	Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper	Vacant (04)	Stan's Specialty Meats	\$1,270,589	Stan's Specialty meats is a family run small-scale meat processor in northern Colorado. With support from MPPEP - Phase 2, they will construct a new USDA-inspected facility designed to increase the region's processing capacity and fill the gap in the lack of available USDA-inspected services. Stan's expects to serve 50 new producers and will be hiring 20 new full-time positions.
HI	Brian Schatz Mazie Hirono	Jill Tokuda (02)	Molokai Wildlife Management dba Kamuela Meat Co.	\$1,607,551	Kamuela Meat Co. is a new processor planning to build a single species cattle slaughtering and meat processing facility on the Big Island. Aligned with Hawaii's state goals and Food Self Sufficiency Strategy, Kamuela meat Co. will increase the availability of locally raised, USDA-inspected cattle, many of which are currently shipped to the continental U.S. for processing. Kamuela Meat Co. has already received reservations from 13 producers totaling more than 6500 head of cattle and expects to create 17 new jobs because of this project.
ID	Mike Crapo James Risch	Russ Fulcher (01)	Sustainable Meats	\$255,000	Sustainable Meats is a new small-scale processor offering USDA-inspected and certified organic services for beef, lamb, goat, and ostrich. Support from MPPEP - Phase 2 will allow Sustainable Meats to expand their processing capacity and will diversify the value-added products they create including jerkies, sausages, and ready-to-eat items. They anticipate doubling both their staff and number of producers they serve to 18 and 88, respectively, because of this project.



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ID	Mike Crapo James Risch	Mike Simpson (02)	Walker Investments dba Rocky Mountain Prime (RMP)	\$5,240,958	Rocky Mountain Prime, LLC is a start-up enterprise designed to purchase value-added, source-verified livestock for slaughter, processing, and sale into high-value and e-commerce markets. The southeast Idaho facility will provide both USDA-inspected and organic processing services and will focus on both beef and sheep. Support from MPPEP - Phase 2 will facilitate the construction and equipping of the new facility and is expected to create 80 new full-time jobs. The facility will process 100 head of beef and 500 head of sheep per day.
IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Jim Banks (03)	Fisher Packing Company	\$923,864	Fisher Packing Company has been in business since 1945 and offers both fee-for-service processing and wholesale purchasing of cattle, hogs, and lamb. With support from MPPEP - Phase 2, they will expand their slaughter and value-added processing capacity at two locations: in Pennville, they will obtain inspection under the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program, and in Redkey they will expand their further processing capacity under USDA inspection. It will also help them meet the consumer request for value-added products of
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Debbie Dingell (06)	Damian's Craft Meats	\$4,174,935	Damian's Craft Meats is a Latinx-owned processor building a new 23,250 sq ft facility in southeastern Michigan intended to serve local livestock producers. Damian's will offer fee-for-service processing and will also purchase animals from local producers through competitive and transparent pricing. MPPEP - Phase 2 funds will help support a range of start-up costs, including land acquisition, facility construction, equipment purchasing, and initial operations. Currently, there are no federally inspected processing facilities within a 60-mile radius of Washtenaw County. This project will create 12 new jobs.



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MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Lakes Community Cooperative	\$533,471	Based in west central Minnesota, Lakes Community Cooperative is a processing facility that provides its member-owners with multi-species livestock processing services. Support from MPPEP - Phase 2 will be used to help the cooperative double their processing capacity through an addition to their current facility and new equipment purchases, resulting in the creation of 6 new full-time jobs and an estimated 100 new producers served.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Ann Wagner (02)	America's Heartland Packing	\$10,000,000	America's Heartland Packing, a subsidiary of American Foods Group, will be constructing a processing plant outside of Saint Louis, Missouri. With support from USDA funding, this plant will process 624,000 head of cattle per year. The plant will be LEED certified and will supply beef to both domestic and international wholesalers, retailers, pet food companies, and food manufacturers. The operation of the new facility is expected to create 1,363 full-time jobs with annual salary ranges significantly higher than the county average.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Sam Graves (06)	Palindromes	\$3,000,000	Palindromes, a majority farmer-owned company, is a start-up poultry processor based in rural Missouri. Support from MPPEP - Phase 2 will allow Palindromes to increase processing volume in the region promoting competition in the poultry processing sector, provide for more diverse options in the market and create a more resilient food supply chain, create 32 new jobs in an underserved community, and construct an climate-smart processing facility that will assist their community in economic recovery. They anticipate serving 24 independent poultry producers through this project and will process over 570,000 birds annually.



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MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matthew Rosendale (02)	Old Salt Meat Company	\$1,399,985	Old Salt Meat Company is a cooperatively owned livestock processor focused on driving value and return to producers while helping consumers access to locally raised beef. In addition to their processing facility, they operate a retail market and restaurant to reach more consumers with support from MPPEP - Phase 2, they will establish USDA-inspected slaughter facility, scale up their fabrication space under USDA inspection, and expand their cold storage capacity. As a result, Old Salt Meat Company anticipates serving 6 new producers and creating 29 new full-time jobs.
NE	Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts	Adrian Smith (03)	Borchard Custom Cut and Processing dba Dundy County Processors	\$1,160,368	Dundy County Processors is a family-owned beef and pork processing business in rural Benkelman, Nebraska. Utilizing MPPEP - Phase 2 funding, they will construct a new facility to double processing capacity, begin operating under federal inspection, and significantly increase their production of value-added products. With this new increased capacity, they will be able to work with an additional 100 local producers. These improvements will also allow Dundy County Processors to access new wholesale and value-added markets and create
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Michael Lawler (17)	DeMaria's Hemlock Hill Farm	\$705,000	DeMaria's Hemlock Hill Farm is a multi-generation producer and processor of livestock and poultry. Based in the Hudson River valley just 40 miles north of Manhattan, they process their own animals as well as those of nearby producers. They specialize in selling their products direct to consumers through their own retail outlet, as well as working with local restaurants and stores. With support from USDA, DeMaria's Hemlock Hill Farm will construct a new, automated poultry processing facility, creating six new jobs and doubling the number of poultry producers they serve.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Marcus Molinaro (19)	Tiberio Custom Meats	\$698,488	Tiberio Custom Meats was established to provide slaughter, processing, and value-added services to local producers of cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats that direct market their meat products. Currently, they work with over 300 livestock producers within a 300-mile radius of their New York facility. To provide these services, Tiberio Custom Meats will invest MPPEP - Phase 2 funds to construct and equip a USDA-inspected facility. They anticipate creating 9.5 full-time jobs and serving 75 new producers through this project.



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PA	Bob Casey John Fetterman	Glenn Thompson (15)	Mark's Custom Meats	\$750,000	Mark's Custom is in central Pennsylvania, offering USDA processing for pork and lamb as well as custom livestock processing services. With support from MPPEP - Phase 2, Mark's Custom Meats will double the size of their current facility, increasing the square footage of the kill floor, coolers, and cutting rooms while improving the overall layout and process flow within the 80-year-old building and adding a retail counter. This project is expected to serve an additional 15 new producers, some of which are currently scheduled for over two years out and create four new full-time jobs.
			Total	\$35,497,325	