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Previous grants seem by what I've read in testimony is grant money is too limited to reach all small ranch processing service upgrades for meat inspection. Moreover, duplicating USDA through the Department of Agriculture own meat processing inspection unit is just government waste. All counties with the exception of Marion (state fair grounds) have county fair grounds. Coupled with OSU Extension Services could form county processing facilities cooperative of ranchers. Each county would therefore create economies of scale within their own jurisdiction. Additionally, these cooperatives would promote small scale ranching that tend to be more humane, use less antibiotics and specialized herd and breeding management.