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**MEDIA ADVISORY – TOMORROW IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY –
Shapiro Administration Announces Funding to Support Small Meat
Processors and Boost Local Food Supply Chain**

Mechanicsburg, PA - Tomorrow, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will announce the opening of the Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program at Route 174 Roadside Market — a small business and meat processor in Cumberland County that received a \$100,000 grant in 2022 from the Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program to support their business expansion by adding a butchering room to their farm market to process their pasture-raised beef and poultry, expand cold storage and adding equipment that allows them to sell directly to consumers, and better meet growing demand for locally produced meat.

[The Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program](#) reimburses costs associated with opening or expanding operations, or meeting USDA food safety requirements. Since 2019, 54 small meat and poultry processing businesses have received funding through the grant program.

WHO: Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding

WHEN: Thursday, March 19, 2026, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Route 174 Roadside Market, 849 Boiling Springs Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

RSVP: Press attending should RSVP with the names of their news outlet, photographer, and reporter to aginfo@pa.gov.