



Impact Statement

ProjectTitle:

Farm to School Poultry in Mississippi

Issue: Create a partnership between Mississippi poultry producers and the Farm to School lunch program to supply wholesome poultry meat products to local schools.

What has been done: Initial conversations with North Mississippi Research and Extension Center and with the MS Farm to School Network. A meeting to clarify initial concerns about commercial poultry will be held Nov. 6

Impacts/New Partnerships: It is envisioned that a new partnership will enhance the Mississippi poultry industry's brand as a source of local products for school lunches and introduce wholesome locally produced poultry for school lunches.

Outcome of Project (societal impact/ measure of increased quality of life)

If we can make this work, it will be beneficial to the poultry industry and to the school lunch program in Mississippi, and serve as a model for other locally grown food programs in a new and different way.

How has your project been aided by your FSLI experience?

I believe the skills we learned during the FSLI will be invaluable in bringing about agreement between two unlikely partners. It will require tact, skill in listening, and defusing conflicting points of view. I am hopeful that it will succeed.

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