



# A Call For Local, De-Centralized Meat Processing

The last couple of weeks have seen the closure of several very large meat processing plants around the country due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, there have even been some deaths reported of folks that worked in these meat plants. The meat that was being processed in these plants is now in our grocery stores. Think about that...

Can we finally make a call for more local, small scale food industry?

The header picture above was taken yesterday. It's the entrance to our "meat plant". Three people work here, Farmer Nate, Josh and Zach. Ellie is our official farm greeter and her favorite place to spend the day is "guarding" the entrance to the butcher shop. This picture isn't glamorous, nor is the work that goes on inside this building. The building is old, but functional and lately it's been bursting at the seams. This week we will process just over 1,000 pounds of ground meats and sausages and for us that is a feat. In comparison, these meat plants that are being shut down

around the country are processing literally tons of meat per shift. At one time I calculated that it would take us 120 years to produce the same amount of product one plant produces in a week! In our shop we have room to practice social distancing. We would know instantly if someone was feeling ill. We've continually talked about how to handle things if one of us contracts the virus. We are professionals, we are working vigorously to serve you and we take your food safety extremely seriously.

I want you to have confidence in the meals that you serve to your family. I want them to be safe and I want us all to come out of this crisis stronger than ever. The silver lining in this pandemic is that families have returned to the dinner table. They are cooking meals together and spending time around the table. Our mission at Breakaway Farms is to help you gather your family and friends together at the dinner table so that you can build strong relationships. To the hundreds of new customers we have recently served, we say THANK YOU! To the thousands of customers that have supported us for years, we say THANK YOU! And to my team of professionals that have stepped it up to "meat" the increased demand, I again say THANK YOU! We truly are in this together and your safest source of food for your family comes from small, locally owned and operated food manufacturers. Please continue to support them and tell your friends how they too can secure safe food for their families.

Stay Home. Stay Safe. Stay Healthy!  
-Farmer Nate & Team Breakaway