

## FPL Food LLC Announces New Location in Lexington County

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FPL Food LLC today announced plans to invest approximately \$4.29 million and create more than 100 new jobs in Lexington County, along with transferring a portion of its Augusta workforce to the area. The company has leased the former OSI facility located at 1964 Old Dunbar Road in Lexington County. The company is going to further process beef through a grinding process for use in both the retail and restaurant sectors. The company will operate from the existing 75,000 sq. ft. facility. FPL Food is headquartered at 1301 New Savannah Road, Augusta, Georgia 30901

“Food safety and workplace diversity are two core values of FPL’s business. Through these attributes, we foster innovative product development allowing consumers to be provided with healthy dining experiences through value added brands, such as our newly developed brand Châtel Farms. We are excited to expand into Lexington County to foster new economic opportunities for the community as well as increase our fully cooked and value added production. This expansion will also allow us to enhance both internal and external logistics.” said FPL Food President and CEO Francois Leger.

“FPL Food is committed to the highest standards of food safety and is a company with an excellent reputation as being a strong corporate citizen in the communities in which it operates. FPL’s decision to locate here is a testament that our state’s business-friendly climate is working to attract investment that will positively impact the state and local economy with new jobs. We welcome FPL Food to the state’s business community and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship in the years ahead,” said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

“Lexington County Council members and staff are committed to working with companies, like FPL Food, that will provide employment opportunities for our citizens. We have a long track record of providing the support necessary for companies to locate and expand in our county. Further, we especially appreciate the ability to put a facility back on line that was previously not operational,” said Lexington County Council Chairman Billy Derrick.

Central S.C. Alliance Chairman George Bullwinkel, Jr. said, “Today’s announcement further demonstrates that our region has the key components necessary to support industrial development. FPL Food LLC is a leader in the food industry when it comes to developing new technologies and creating value and high-end products for their customers. These corporate values match up with the types of companies that we want to attract to our region.”

FPL Food LLC is the largest privately owned, fully integrated beef processing facility in the Southeast. FPL Food, headquartered in Augusta, Georgia, wholesales traditional and specialty products to national retailers and is noted for their quality products and meticulous standards. Their dedication to customer satisfaction, employee development, advanced food safety systems, and environmental management combined with a commitment to new technologies has earned them the reputation for having superior products of exceptional value.

Along with strong business practices, FPL Food supports community building within the Augusta region. FPL currently supports the Augusta community through charitable giving and volunteer endeavors from civic sponsorships and donations to educational and sports programs. It is FPL’s mission to contribute equally to the Lexington County communities. FPL Food looks forward to providing an overall positive influence in Lexington County. For more information about FPL Food, LLC and its opportunities, please visit [www.fplfood.com](http://www.fplfood.com).

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