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Fatman's Beef Jerky Announces Creation of 14 New Jobs and Grand Opening of New Facility

Rural Hagerman gets new business, adds jobs to local economy

SANTA FE – Today the New Mexico Economic Development Department joined Fatman's Beef Jerky to announce its expansion and grand opening of its new facility in Hagerman, NM. The Roswell-based beef jerky producer recently expanded from nine to 17 full-time employees and has plans to hire an additional 10 employees over the next year to meet growing customer demand.

“The Economic Development Department is committed to seeing rural New Mexico communities like Hagerman attract and grow successful businesses that will create jobs for the workers in the area,” said Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela. “Value-added food production is also an important part of the state's economic vitality, New Mexico has a long and rich agriculture heritage and it's wonderful to see it continue through the work of Fatman's Beef Jerky.”

Fatman's Beef Jerky was established in Roswell in 2005. Since then, the company has seen a large increase in customer demand for their product. Currently the company exports approximately 75 percent of its product out of state sending jerky to all 50 states.

“I am very excited to be expanding into such a great community and continue to produce a quality product,” said Rick Robey, Owner of Fatman's Beef Jerky. “The funding and aid we received along the way were a great help in making this expansion possible.”

The New Mexico Economic Development Department invested a total of \$285,820 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Capital Outlay funding to assist with the construction of its new facility. The Village of Hagerman, USDA and South Eastern New Mexico Council of Governments (SENMCOG) also worked together to pool resources and make the new facility a reality.

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