



Supporting Farms and the Future of Agriculture



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Topics

- ▶ Update on Regional Agricultural Center (RAC)
- ▶ Update on Westham Slaughterhouse (Amish Facility)
- ▶ Update on Southern Maryland Meats Program (SMM)
- ▶ How it ties together: RAC, Westham, & SMM



SMADC Announces Winning Bid for Regional Agriculture Center (RAC) St. Mary's County Government Awarded Grant of \$1 Million Dollars

Facility will benefit the entire SoMD Region and will include:
Meat cut & wrap services, refrigerated & freezer storage, value added & finer meats processing, a commercial kitchen for making value-added goods, space for educational & apprenticeship programs, and a retail storefront.

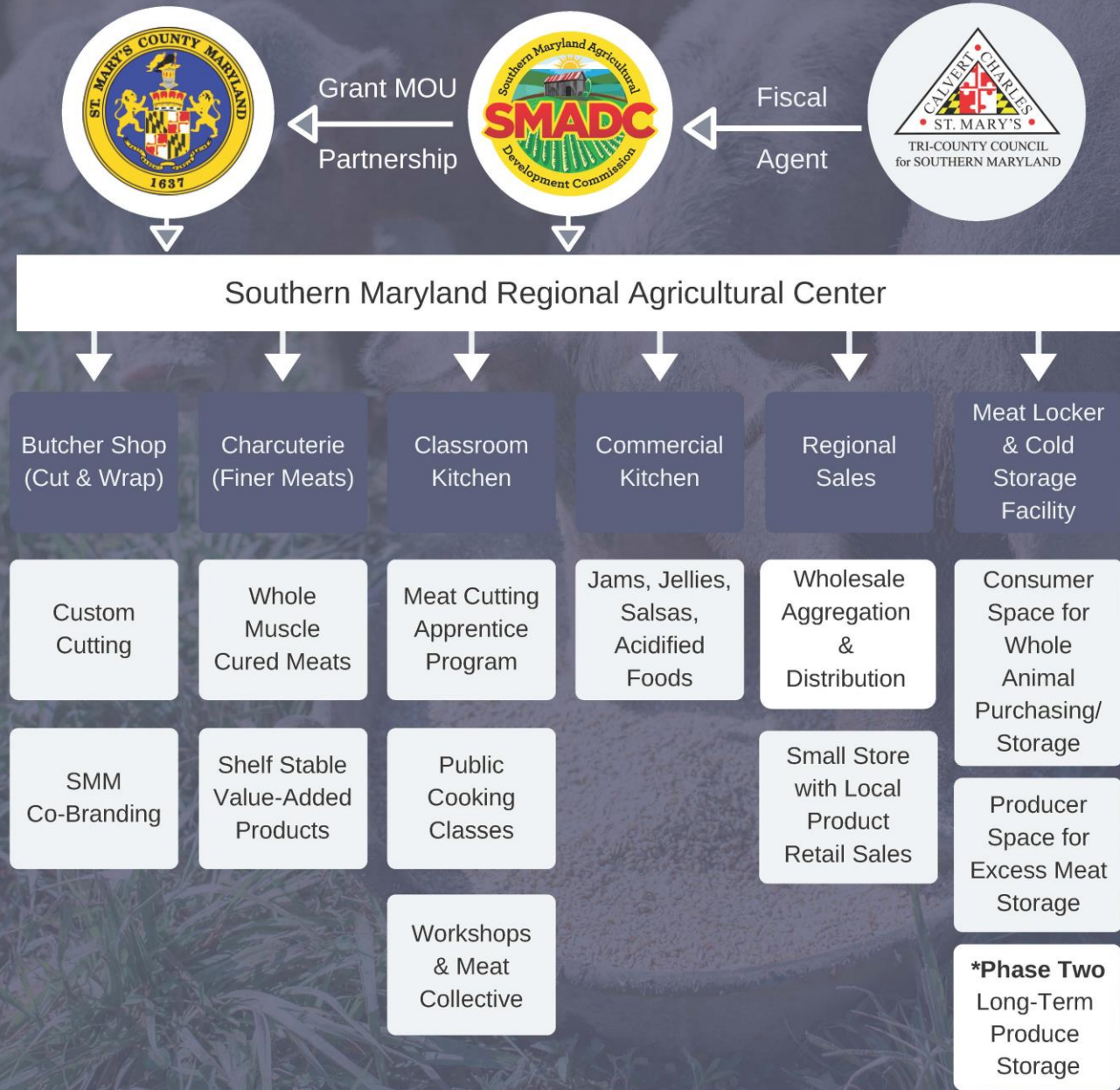


A Place for Everyone

Farmer, producer, baker, educator, researcher, consumer



Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) Flowchart



Mission

The Southern Maryland Meats brand is building upon the area's rich farming legacy by enhancing farm profits and bringing naturally-crafted, humanely-raised foods to your table.



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Currently, as of June 18th...

- ▶ The MOU drafts are in progress between SMADC & St. Mary's County
- ▶ Progress meetings are being held monthly between St. Mary's County & SMADC.

Westham Slaughterhouse Update



Facility



Timeline...

- ▶ Currently doing custom slaughter
- ▶ Submitting Application for Federal Inspection this summer.
- ▶ USDA/FSIS has a 30-90 day review process
- ▶ When Grant of Inspection is obtained, SMADC will announce the opening.



Southern Maryland Meats Program Update



New Website

BLOG JUNIOR PROGRAM RESOURCES FOR FARMERS ORDER 'TAKING STOCK'

HOME

LOCAL FARMS

LOCAL MEATS



OUR PLEDGE

WHERE TO BUY

CONTACT



Small Farms, Big Flavor

FIND LOCALLY RAISED, HIGH QUALITY MEATS
IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

<https://southernmarylandmeats.com/>

SMM Junior Program

I joined Southern Maryland Meats for many reasons. The first reason is the outcome, not just the hundred dollars for an essay or money for anything.

SMM gives great advice for caring for your animals and a lot of support. Throughout the two years I've been a Junior Member, I have learned a lot from SMM. I set my goals for the year from the rule book, and I follow what they suggest I do for my animals.

- Carrie Jones

Program Stats

131% Increase in Two Years

37 Juniors in 2019

32 Juniors in 2018

16 Juniors in 2017



SOUTHERN MARYLAND MEATS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 17TH

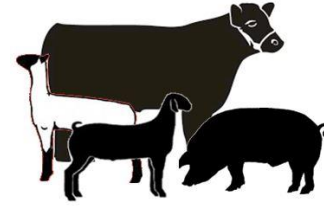
Don't miss out, enroll today before it's too late!

For more information, check out 'What's New' at smadc.com.

How it all ties together: Westham, RAC, SMM



Upcoming Opportunities for Livestock Farmers When the RAC is Built & the Westham Slaughterhouse is Fully USDA Certified:



- ▶ Farmers will now have the opportunity to utilize the new local Westham slaughterhouse, the RAC, and the Southern Maryland Meats program in conjunction to further their business models and to enhance the supply chain to customers in the following ways.
- ▶ Farmers can use a combination of any of these options:



Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress,
working together is success.

- Edward Everett Hale