

Simmons Prepared Foods

New Arkansas Operation



Simmons Prepared Foods' proposed chicken operation will produce high-quality fresh and frozen prepared chicken products in response to steady and growing customer demand. The design will feature modern production facilities and contemporary office space supported with best-in-class environmental technologies. The operation will employ approximately 2,300 people and contract with local farmers.



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Location Between Decatur and Gentry Arkansas	Projected Timing Startup in 2019, reaching full capacity in 2022
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By the Numbers

2019	Year operations plan to open, reaching full capacity by 2022
315,000+	Approximate square footage, including 40,000 sq. ft. of contemporary office space
\$300 Million	Projected Simmons Prepared Foods investment in the facility
800+ Million	Estimated facility output at full capacity (pounds)
1,500+	Estimated new, full-time jobs at full capacity (by 2022)
870	Estimated acres of land Simmons has purchased for new development
3,700	Approximate total of current Simmons team members in Arkansas
1949	Year Simmons Foods began producing chicken in Arkansas

Financing and Incentives

- Supported by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)
- Create Rebate (payroll rebate program for 7 years)
- Tax Back (sales and use tax refund on construction materials)
- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for infrastructure at the new facility and the extension of water and wastewater lines from the City of Decatur
- Addition of a turning lane and stop light (if warranted) at the intersection of Hwy 59 and Y City Road in partnership

Production Capabilities

- Fresh and frozen chicken products
- Portioning and some further processing

About Simmons Prepared Foods

Simmons Prepared Foods, an affiliate of Simmons Foods, is a farm to fork poultry producer based in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Simmons operates 3 hatcheries and 2 feed mills which supply nearly 300 independent poultry growers and 20+ company managed farms who raise approximately 200 million birds per year. The company's 6 processing plants produce 750 million pounds of finished product per year for customer brands around the world.

This year, Simmons began offering chicken raised without the use of antibiotics important to human medicine. In 2018 Simmons will begin offering No Antibiotics Ever (NAE) products.

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About Simmons Foods Inc. and Affiliates

Simmons is a vertically integrated, leading supplier of poultry, pet food and feed ingredient solutions based in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Founded in 1949 in Arkansas, the company and its affiliates remain a privately owned and family led business.

Across its three business affiliates, Simmons employs over 3,700 people in the state of Arkansas and was identified by Arkansas Business as the largest privately owned company in the state. In July, the company's Feed Ingredients affiliate opened a new pet food ingredient facility bringing 78 new jobs and an estimated \$50 Million in economic impact to Arkansas.

Simmons Foods works with farmers, communities, and employees to apply more than 60 years of experience to serving customers. With more than 5,800 employees across more than 30 facilities, Simmons is committed to providing innovative food products and services to the world. For more information on Simmons Foods, visit simmonsfoods.com.