

MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR MUSGROVE

FR: LEE ANN MAYO

DT: JUNE 26, 2002

RE: MISSISSIPPI BEEF PROCESSING PLANT GROUND BREAKING

THURSDAY EVENT – Theme - JOBS

SPEAK AT 2:35 IN OAKLAND AT THE SITE OF THE NEW PLANT.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- LESTER SPELL, Commissioner of the Miss. Dept. of Ag and commerce
- Bob Rohrlack MDA
- REP. TOMMY REYNOLDS
- CHAIRMAN Rep. BILLY MCCOY
- RICHARD HALL, OWNER OF MISSISSIPPI BEEF PROCESSORS, LLC
- 20 VIP REPS. TO BREAK THE GROUND

You are listed for 10 minutes. Recommendation – Keep remarks short.

Theme - Jobs

Background:

- The construction site is in Oakland, MS, Yalobusha Co.
- This plant will employ 350 people, making a significant economic impact on Yalobusha Co.
- The new plant is a 150,000 sq. feet facility

- The facility will ship meat products nationwide and the primary source of cattle will be from producers within a 500-mile radius of the facility. This will help Mississippi producers as well as some 20,000 cattle are currently exported out-of-state for processing.
- In total, Mississippi has approximately 1,070,000 head of cattle.
- 586 people live in Oakland, MS and a total of 5193 in Yalobusha County. Unemployment rate for May – 6.4%.
- Largest manufacturers in Yalobusha Co. are
 - Borg Warner, Inc. – transportation equipment,
 - Valley Fresh, Inc. – food and kindred products,
 - Steele Manufacturing, Inc. – apparel and other finished products from fabrics and similar materials,
 - Avery Outdoors, Inc. – miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
 - Lehman Roberts Co, Plant No. 8 – petroleum refining and related industries.