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**Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares Receives Competitive National Grant From FACT**

***Grants boost animal welfare, ecological health, and farm viability***

(Chicago, IL – April X, 2022) [**Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)**](https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/), a national nonprofit organization that works to ensure that all food-producing animals are raised in a humane and healthy manner, awarded a Fund-a-Farmer Grant to Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares. The farm is located in Macon, Georgia and is owned by Rachid Chafyaay. Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares offers hand-slaughtered Zabiha grass-fed and organic pasture-raised meats directly to consumers.

The grant from FACT is designed to expand humane farming by supporting farmers who are seeking specific animal welfare certifications. Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares working toward becoming Certified Animal Welfare Approved by [**A Greener World**](https://agreenerworld.org/). The farm will use its grant from FACT to build four chicken tractors to raise broilers on pasture. This grant was underwritten by the [**ASPCA**](http://www.aspca.org)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®).

“We are pleased to work with the ASPCA to provide a grant to Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares this year,” said Larissa McKenna, FACT’s Humane Farming Program Director. “We believe that partnering with - and investing in - humane farmers is one of the best ways to make a difference in the lives of food-producing animals.”

This year FACT awarded 60 grants totaling more than $170,000 to farmers and ranchers across 27 states. Since 2012, FACT has cumulatively awarded 521 grants totaling over $857,000 to farmers across 44 states, directly benefiting an estimated 735,000 animals.

A recent 2022 survey of past grant recipients found that the grants have produced a wide range of long-term benefits. Overall, 98 percent of farmers reported that their FACT-funded projects improved animal welfare, 95 percent experienced a positive environmental impact, and 88 percent found that the grant improved their farm’s financial viability. Individual farmers report that their FACT-funded projects have increased biodiversity, improved soil fertility, enhanced livestock health and comfort, and reduced stress for both the farmer and their animals.

As a result of this grant to Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares, residents of Macon and the surrounding communities will have greater access to healthy, humanely-raised food options for their families. For more information on humane products, visit [**FACT’s website**](http://www.foodanimalconcernstrust.org)and [**Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares’ website**](https://www.halal-n-tayyibmeatshares.com/).

In addition to awarding grants, FACT also offers mentorship, webinars, scholarships and other training opportunities as part of our suite of services to support livestock and poultry producers. If you have questions about Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares’ Fund-a-Farmer Grant award, please contact Larissa McKenna at (773) 525-4952 ext. 2 or lmckenna@foodanimalconcerns.org.

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*FACT’s vision is that all food-producing animals will be raised in a humane and healthy manner, and that everyone will have access to safe and humanely-produced food. Learn more at* [*www.foodanimalconcernstrust.org*](http://www.foodanimalconcernstrust.org)