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**Two Georgia Farms Receive Competitive National Grants From FACT**

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

(Chicago, IL – April XX, 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, recently awarded Fund-a-Farmer Grants to two local Georgia farms:

* [**Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares**](https://www.halal-n-tayyibmeatshares.com/), located in Macon, Georgia and owned by Rachid Chafyaay
* [**The Nation’s Farm**](https://www.thenationsfarm.org/), located in Covington, GA and owned by Malachi and Alayjah Muhammad

These grants from FACT are designed to expand humane farming and increase pasture-based livestock production. The Nation’s Farm will use its award to install a perimeter fence to increase access to pasture for broiler chickens, laying hens, and sheep. Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares plans to build four chicken tractors to raise broilers on pasture. The grant to Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares was underwritten by the [**ASPCA**](http://www.aspca.org)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®).

“We are pleased to team-up with both The Nation’s Farm and Halal-N-Tayyib Meat Shares to improve animal welfare 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 these grants, residents of the greater Atlanta metro area 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)

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 these Fund-a-Farmer Grant awards, please contact Larissa McKenna at (773) 525-4952 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)*.*