

Jobs Watch: Richmond County To See New Jobs, \$10.9 Million Investment From Perdue Foods

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Perdue Foods will expand its operations in Richmond County, adding 30 employees as part of a \$10.9 million investment over the next three years.

The expansion in Rockingham will add to Perdue's current workforce of 3,400.

Perdue Foods, whose parent company is Perdue Farms Inc., is known for its brands of chicken, turkey and pork products.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services also was a partner in the project.

Perdue Food's expansion in North Carolina was made possible in part by a performance-based grant of up to \$90,000 from the One North Carolina Fund. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance in support of local governments in creating jobs and attracting economic investment. Companies receive no money upfront and must meet job creation and capital investment targets to qualify for grant funds. All One NC grants require a local government match. Also supporting the expansion was a \$1 million grant from the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority to Richmond County for assistance with upgrades to a water treatment plant that serves Perdue Farms, the county's largest employer.