

Tyson Foods to invest \$110 million in Georgia plant

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SPRINGDALE, ARK. – Tyson Foods, Inc. is upgrading and expanding its poultry processing plant in Vienna, Ga. The project will cost approximately \$110 million and create more than 500 jobs.

The Vienna plant has been manufacturing chicken for food service customers, but it will convert to supply fresh tray-pack chicken to meet the needs of regional retail customers. Work began at the location in mid-January and is scheduled to be completed in mid-2015, according to the company.

The project will upgrade parts of the plant and add about 100,000 square feet. Improvements will include new equipment and production lines, as well as processes

and technology designed to improve food safety, quality and workplace safety.

“The existing infrastructure, location and the availability of workers make the Vienna plant ideal for this expansion project,” said Noel White, president of poultry for Tyson Foods. “This project will improve the plant’s product mix and make it even more cost competitive.”

Tyson Foods purchased the Vienna plant in 1995. The facility currently employs about 700 people and generates an annual payroll of more than \$15.6 million, the company said.