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City of Palestine notified by Sanderson Farms of their intent to expand into Anderson County

The City of Palestine and Anderson County was notified by Sanderson Farms of their intent to build a poultry complex in the region on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. after the completion of the company's annual stockholders meeting.

Sanderson Farms plans to build three facilities in the area, two of which will be located in Anderson County and one in Freestone County. The company will invest approximately \$92 million on the construction of a hatchery and processing plant that will be located in Anderson County and an additional \$32 million on the feed mill in Freestone County. Once the hatchery and processing plant is open, the company expects to employ up to 1000 people.

"This project is a long-term capital investment and will be the third complex of this nature built in Texas," said Wendy Ellis, economic development director for the City of Palestine Economic Development Corporation. "Sanderson Farms has a reputation for being an outstanding corporate partner wherever they are located. The leadership in Waco and McLennan County has enjoyed an outstanding relationship with them and has seen positive impacts in their area from the complex that was built there. Along with the relationship with Sanderson Farms, we look forward to putting together a collaborative effort with our neighbors in Freestone County to provide what the company needs to build in this area."

A construction start date has not been selected at this time. Sanderson Farms, Anderson County, the City of Palestine, the Palestine Economic Development Corporation and Freestone County are working together on the project and will have more information as it develops. For more information on this expansion project or the Palestine Economic Development Corporation visit www.PalestineTexas.net or call 903-729-4100.

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