The **meat science research program** in the Department of Animal Sciences at Auburn University is expanding beginning Fall Semester 2022. Research funding is available for graduate student stipends/assistantships at the MS and PhD levels. Please alert your students to this opportunity. Students will be working alongside scientists in the newly formed meat food safety program focused on the metagenomics of meat products, systems, and processing facilities (though some traditional microbiology work will be incorporated). Students that are interested in learning Next Generation Sequencing techniques and analysis, computer coding skills (though no prior coding experience is needed), and are excited about developing new research ideas will be a perfect fit.

We are looking for students that are willing to become our next generation leaders in meat food safety – an area with exciting career opportunities. Depending on the student's interest, opportunities for teaching, coaching meat judging, and research collaborating are all possible. Any interested students can contact Dr. Aeriel Belk or Dr. Wayne Greene at: <u>Aeriel.belk@gmail.com</u> wgreene@auburn.edu

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