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MUSE 3 FARM RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT AWARD FROM FACT Grants boost animal welfare, environmental health, and farmer livelihoods

(Chicago, IL – March XX, 2021) <u>Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)</u>, a national nonprofit organization that works to ensure that all food-producing animals are raised in a humane and healthy manner, recently awarded a Funda-Farmer Grant to Muse 3 Farm. The farm is located in Greensburg, Louisiana and is owned and operated by four brothers: Burnell, Allen, Chris and Mittie Muse. This grant is designed to expand humane farming and increase pasture-based livestock production. Muse 3 Farm will use its award to add cross fencing and shelter to allow for the rotational grazing of their cattle, goats and sheep.

"We are delighted to partner with Muse 3 Farm to improve animal welfare," said Larissa McKenna, FACT's Humane Farming Program Director. "The ongoing pandemic has exposed both the fragility of the factory food system and the resilience of local, sustainable farms. FACT's Fund-a-Farmer Grants provide a needed financial boost for operations like Muse 3 Farm so that they may continue to do what they do best – care for their animals and provide nourishing, humanely-raised food for people in their communities."

This year FACT awarded 56 grants totaling more than \$130,000 to farmers and ranchers across 33 states. Since 2012, FACT has cumulatively awarded 257 grants totaling over \$590,000 to farmers across 44 states, directly benefiting more than 136,000 animals.

A recent 2021 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, 92 percent experienced a positive environmental impact, and 88 percent found that the grant improved their farm's financial viability by decreasing expenses, increasing customers and visibility, and ultimately improving net profits.

With this grant to Muse 3 Farm, residents of Greensburg and the surrounding area will have additional humanely-raised food options to bring home to their kitchen tables. For more information on humane products, please visit FACT's website at www.foodanimalconcernstrust.org. Please also visit Muse 3 Farm's website at www.muse3farm.com/ to learn more.

In addition to awarding grants, FACT also offers mentorship, webinars, and conference scholarships as part of our suite of farmer services. If you have questions about Muse 3 Farm's Fund-a-Farmer Grant award, please contact Larissa McKenna at (773) 525-4952 or <a href="mailto:linearing-member-learning

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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.

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