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## *Food Innovation Center Grand Opening*



*Rutgers Food Innovation Center  
processing room*



*Rutgers Food Innovation Center distance learning equipment*



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## **A Message from the Executive Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station**

Guiding new businesses, adding value to agricultural products, creating jobs—all are central to FIC's mission and were considerations in the construction of its outstanding new facility.

For nearly a decade, FIC has been changing the way New Jersey's food entrepreneurs do business. With the completion of the new 23,000-square-foot food business incubator and processing facility in Bridgeton, FIC is well equipped to cultivate new businesses, provide technical and business support, act as a hub for continuing education, and promote collaborative research and learning opportunities.

With generous support from our partners, FIC now has facilities that will enable businesses to stay and grow right here in New Jersey—entrepreneurs will no longer have to go out of state for start-up support. I am thrilled to see this project come to fruition, and I look forward to seeing FIC expand and improve opportunities for food and agricultural entrepreneurs in New Jersey and beyond.

Best regards,



Robert M. Goodman  
Executive Director  
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