

STATE ANNOUNCES END OF **MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION** PROGRAM

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 2 /PRNewswire/ -- **Maryland** Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley Jr. announced the end of the state's **meat** and **poultry** program effective April 1 as part of the effort to balance the state's budget.

"The Food Safety and **Inspection** Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will continue to enforce the Federal **Meat Inspection** and **Poultry** Product **Inspection** Acts in **Maryland**. One of the reasons I regret the end of this program is that **Maryland Meat** and **Poultry Inspection** is regarded as one of the nation's finest," Cawley said.

"As far as the consumer or the ...