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Commissioner

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRIES

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Dear Industry Members,

I am writing to acknowledge and express my strong support for the work being conducted by See Produce in the advancement of artificial intelligence applications within the agricultural industry, specifically as it relates to peanut inspection and grading.

From the perspective of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Shipping Point Inspection Division, we have had the opportunity to observe and work alongside See Produce as they have developed innovative AI-driven solutions focused on improving efficiency, accuracy, and consistency in peanut grading operations.

Under the leadership of Pandian Rajaram, CEO, and Priyanka Kumari, President, See Produce has demonstrated a high level of professionalism, technical expertise, and commitment to advancing agricultural inspection methods. Their team has worked diligently to develop a prototype foreign material sorting system that utilizes AI camera-based learning technology to identify and separate foreign material, loose shelled kernels, and in-shell peanuts with impressive accuracy.

Of particular note, the system can identify “raisins” (underdeveloped peanuts) and correctly classifying them as foreign material, aligning with current grading standards. This level of precision reflects both a deep understanding of peanut grading requirements and a strong application of machine learning technology.

In addition to foreign material sorting, See Produce has made significant progress in applying AI to identify damaged peanuts and accurately count individual peanuts within an image. This capability has the potential to replace traditional seed counting methods currently used in shelled stock inspection operations, further improving efficiency and consistency across inspection processes.

Based on our observations, this technology holds considerable promise for the future of peanut grading. Its implementation could significantly increase production at buying points while also reducing the manpower required to perform these tasks using old technology. Furthermore, See Produce has expressed a broader vision of integrating multiple grading machines into a single, streamlined system, an advancement that could meaningfully modernize current grading room operations.

See Produce has collaborated closely with several reputable organizations throughout this development process, including the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Shipping Point Inspection), the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), and HudsonAlpha in Alabama. These partnerships reflect both the credibility of their work and the level of trust they have established within the agricultural and research communities.



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As See Produce continues to refine and expand this technology, they are working toward deploying multiple prototype units across key peanut-producing states, including Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, for evaluation during the 2026 Farmers' Stock season. Efforts such as bridging innovation, research, and real-world application often benefit from continued collaboration, industry engagement, and access to resources that support further development and field testing.

In my professional opinion, See Produce represents a forward-thinking and highly capable team whose work has the potential to significantly impact the efficiency and effectiveness of agricultural inspection programs. I strongly support their continued efforts and believe their technology warrants serious consideration and support from stakeholders interested in advancing agricultural innovation.

If you have any questions or would like additional insight into our experience working with, See Produce, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Pate".

Director, Shipping Point Inspection
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