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FOOD and BEVERAGE

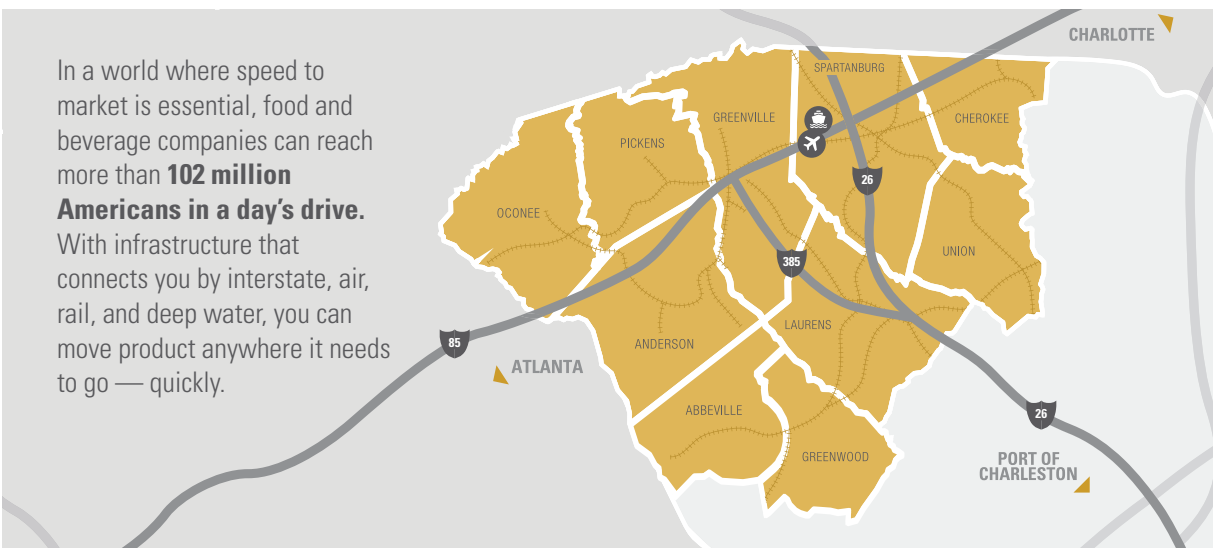
The ingredients for success.

Connecting the Southeast's largest cities of Atlanta and Charlotte, Upstate South Carolina provides a sweet spot where food & beverage companies can thrive. Since 2020, leaders in the food & beverage industry have announced **\$1.25 billion in capital investment and 2,390 jobs** in Upstate SC.

Keurig Dr Pepper roasting and packaging **single-serve K-Cup** pods. **Nestlé**, the world's largest food producer, with decades-long history of preparing **Stouffer's and Lean Cuisine** meals. And, with a 100+ year legacy, **Duke's Mayonnaise** is still being produced according to Eugenia Duke's original recipe. These are some of the **310+ food & beverage companies** finding the right ingredients in the Upstate. A business-friendly regulatory environment, competitive utility costs with abundant water and sewer capacity, robust transportation network, collaborative education partners, and a workforce with an appetite for accomplishment.

Innovation in the food and beverage industry is on the rise in Upstate SC.

In a world where speed to market is essential, food and beverage companies can reach more than **102 million Americans in a day's drive**. With infrastructure that connects you by interstate, air, rail, and deep water, you can move product anywhere it needs to go — quickly.



FOOD & BEVERAGE COMPANIES
by the numbers


156
MANUFACTURING


119
DISTRIBUTION


38
PACKAGING

INDUSTRY SUPPORT & RESOURCES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

When it comes to the business, packaging, culinary science and engineering aspects of food production, companies find a partner in Clemson University, with academic programs generating industry-ready graduates and a Cooperative Extension offering industry support.

PACKAGING SCIENCE & FOOD TECHNOLOGY

A top-ranked **Packaging Science program**, with a curriculum informed by partners **Sonoco, DuPont, & Cryovac**. It has produced **721 bachelor's and master's level graduates** since 2018, with expertise in:

- Distribution, transportation & engineering technology
- Food and health care packaging
- Package design & graphics
- Materials

FOOD SYSTEMS & SAFETY PROGRAMS

With offices across the state, the **Clemson Cooperative Extension** offers a technical training and support network, including:

- FDA required courses
- Product development & package evolution
- Product shelf life studies
- Sensory evaluation & packaging distribution
- Sustainability solutions for food & packaging waste

SC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The SCDA promotes and advocates for the development of agribusiness in South Carolina, which accounts for **11% of the state's total economic output**, with its top commodities including **broilers, turkeys, corn, cattle, soybeans, peanuts, eggs and wheat**.



Workforce Availability

KEY OCCUPATIONS

CONCENTRATION *x national average*

Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers	2.58
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1.99
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers (Hand)	1.61
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	1.56
Food Batchmakers	0.52



The remarkable people, coupled with ease of access to the East Coast, high-quality water, and the outstanding support of state and local economic development partners, reaffirm that we made the right decision to put down roots in Spartanburg County, South Carolina."

Tricia Wallwork

CHAIR AND CEO, MILO'S TEA COMPANY

RECENT UPSTATE ANNOUNCEMENTS *by Capital Investment*

COMPANY	CAPEX	JOBS
Nestlé USA	\$250,000,000	160
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	\$241,000,000	334
Nissin Foods	\$224,200,000	322
Milo's Tea Company	\$199,000,000	200
Gaffney Bakery, LLC	\$98,000,000	288
Symrise Pet Food	\$65,500,000	65
Meyn America, LLC	\$60,800,000	197
E.A. Sween Company	\$38,000,000	300
Highland Baking	\$35,000,000	80
Europastry	\$23,000,000	155
Carolina Pride	\$8,000,000	50
Swamp Rabbit Café & Grocery	\$4,807,107	43

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