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FOOD and BEVERAGE

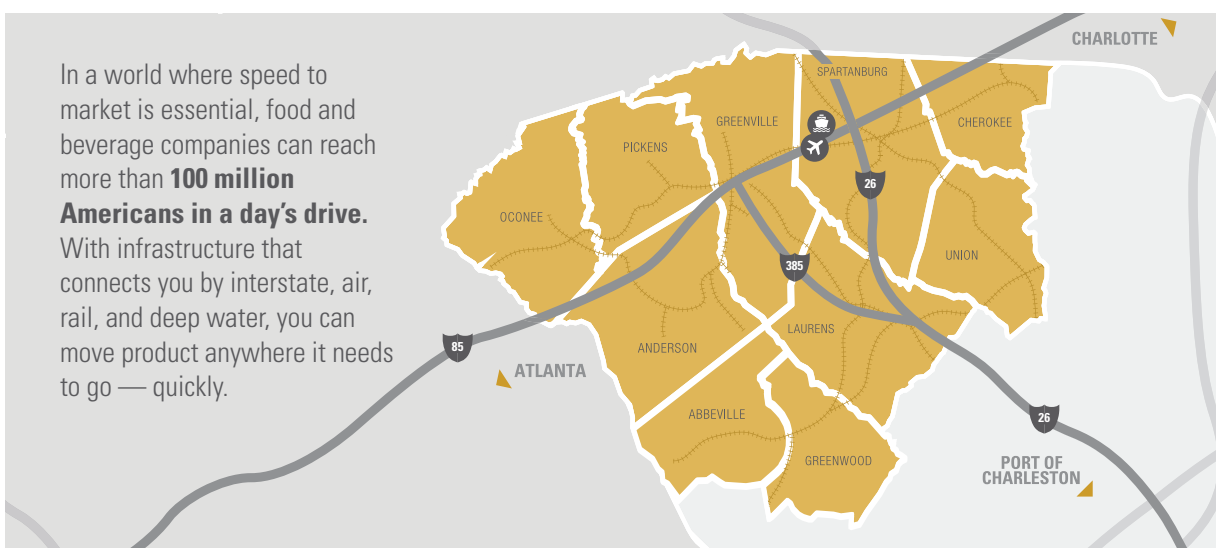
The ingredients for success.

Connecting the Southeast's largest cities of Atlanta and Charlotte, Upstate South Carolina provides a sweet spot where food & beverage companies can thrive. Since 2017, industry leaders have announced more than **\$644 million in capital investment** and **1,533 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**, **Sweet Earth** 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 **275+ 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 **100 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


122
MANUFACTURING


117
DISTRIBUTION


39
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 **687 bachelor's and master's level graduates** since 2017, 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

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

CONCENTRATION *x national average*

2.48
0.84
1.84
1.13
1.08

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As we plan for the future, we're pleased to locate our newest facility in Spartanburg County to support our growth. We view the region's talented employee base and attractive business environment as the right place to invest.

Richard Jones

CHIEF SUPPLY CHAIN OFFICER, KEURIG DR PEPPER

RECENT UPSTATE ANNOUNCEMENTS *by Capital Investment*

COMPANY	CAPEX	JOBS
Keurig Dr Pepper	\$350,000,000	500
Nestlé USA	\$200,000,000	160
U.S. Waffle Company	\$22,100,000	350
Carolina Pride	\$8,000,000	50
Dare Foods	\$4,300,000	0
Refresco	\$1,000,000	62
Keowee Brewing Company	\$600,000	10
Jocassee Valley Brewing	\$250,000	15
Shenandoah Growers, Inc.	—	50

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