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FOOD and BEVERAGE

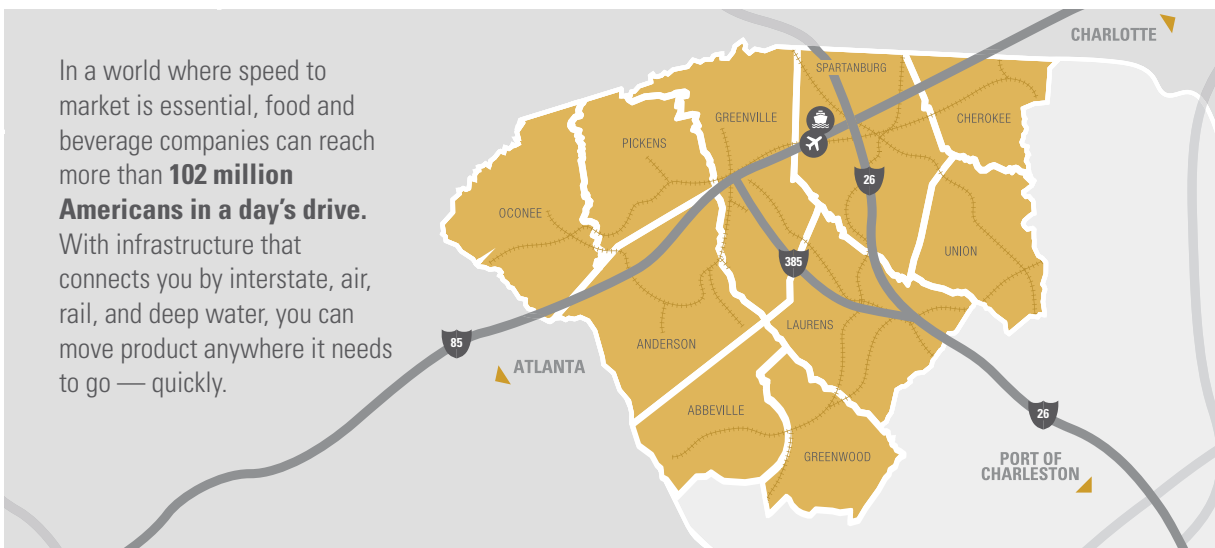
The ingredients for success.

Connecting the Southeast's largest cities of Atlanta and Charlotte, Upstate South Carolina provides a sweet spot where food & beverage companies can thrive. Since 2019, industry leaders have announced more than **\$1 billion in capital investment and 2,400 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 **300 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


141
MANUFACTURING


121
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 **698 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	2.54
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1.97
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers (Hand)	1.72
Food Batchmakers	0.30
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	1.81

“

Keurig Dr Pepper is proud to continue to grow in the welcoming and talent-rich community of Moore. We greatly appreciate the support we have received from the State of South Carolina in helping to facilitate our ongoing investment and hiring needs.”

Roger Johnson

CHIEF SUPPLY CHAIN OFFICER, KEURIG DR PEPPER

RECENT UPSTATE ANNOUNCEMENTS by Capital Investment

COMPANY	CAPEX	JOBS
Nissin Foods	\$224,200,000	322
Milo's Tea Company	\$130,000,000	103
Nestle	\$200,000,000	160
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	\$100,000,000	250
Gaffney Bakery, LLC	\$98,000,000	288
Symrise Pet Food	\$65,500,000	65
E.A. Sween Company	\$38,000,000	300
Highland Baking	\$35,000,000	80
Europastry	\$23,000,000	155
U.S. Waffle Company	\$22,100,000	350
Meyn America, LLC	\$10,800,000	25

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