



UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

Innovation in the Food Industry



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LOWEST INDUSTRIAL POWER COSTS ON THE EAST COAST



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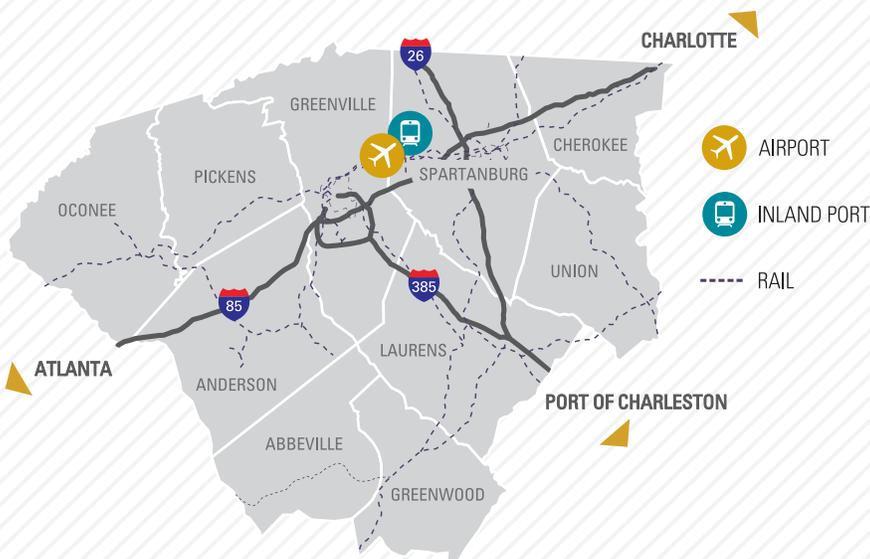
PEOPLE RESIDE WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE UPSTATE



180+

COMPANIES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY CALL THE UPSTATE HOME

The Upstate connects two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States: Charlotte and Atlanta. This 10-county region is home to some of the world's most forward-thinking companies, a strong workforce, a progressive regulatory environment, and a low-risk, competitive cost environment. With more than 25,000 farms in South Carolina, along with abundant water and sewer availability, companies in the food and packaging industry are finding success in the Upstate.



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



125

MANUFACTURING



26

DISTRIBUTION



36

PACKAGING



Columbia Farms



UPSTATE LEADERS IN FOOD & BEVERAGE

KEURIG DR PEPPER

A leader in specialty coffee and innovative single-serve brewing systems, Keurig's products are utilized in 25 million homes throughout North America. Their new state-of-the-art operations facility in Spartanburg County will primarily house coffee roasting and packaging for single-serve K-Cup pods.



NESTLÉ

Nestlé is the world's largest food and beverage company. They have more than 2,000 brands ranging from global icons to local favorites and are present in 189 countries around the world. Their Cherokee County operations employ 1,000 and produce Stouffer's Lean Cuisine and Sweet Earth prepared meals.



US WAFFLE COMPANY

Headquartered in Upstate South Carolina, U.S. Waffle recently announced their expansion to a 310,000-square-foot facility. Producing frozen pancakes and waffles for both national brands and private-label for worldwide distribution, they employ approximately 350 employees in Pickens County.



RECENT FOOD & BEVERAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANY	CAPEX	JOBS
Refresco	--	25
The Muffin Mam, Inc.	18,800,000	114
U.S. Waffle Company	14,000,000	350
Dare Foods	4,300,000	--
Nestle	100,000,000	--
Keowee Brewing Company	600,000	10
Jocassee Valley Brewing	250,000	15
Keurig Green Mountain	350,000,000	500
Moore's Food Resources	15,000,000	182
ACE Bakery LLC	31,900,000	40
Brown Packing Co.	30,000,000	35

INDUSTRY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

PACKAGING SCIENCES & FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Clemson is one of just a few schools in the U.S. that offers a degree in packaging science. Bolstered by industry partnerships and advanced labs, areas of study include:

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

FOOD SYSTEMS AND SAFETY PROGRAMS

Clemson Extension's technical training and support for local food industry includes:

- FDA required courses
- Product Shelf Life Studies
- Green Solutions for Food and Packaging Waste
- Product Development and Package Evaluation
- Sensory Evaluation
- Package Distribution



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

Keurig Green Mountain
Chief Supply Chain Officer

SC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SCDA promotes and advocates for the growth of existing and new agribusiness opportunities throughout the state. Agribusiness accounts for 9.1% of the state's total economic output, with its top commodities including broilers, turkeys, corn, cattle, soybeans, peanuts, eggs and wheat.



CONNECT WITH US

The Upstate SC Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization designed to market and promote the Upstate SC Region to the world. Let our Business Recruitment Team assist your company in finding the perfect location, gathering critical market intelligence and making business connections.

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