

South Carolina is Just Right for

Agribusiness



South Carolina's agricultural industry has a long history and has been a vital component of the Palmetto State's economy for hundreds of years. Referred to as agribusiness, the agriculture and forestry industries collectively represent one of the largest economic sectors in the state of South Carolina.

- Annual impact of nearly \$42 billion
- Directly employs over 74,000
- Includes food processing, livestock and produce, wood, paper and forestry-related companies

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The Agribusiness Industry Calls South Carolina Home

South Carolina's growing network of agribusiness-related companies and suppliers, distributed across the state, includes family-owned and operated farms, large scale private farms, livestock producers, major food manufacturers and processors and wood and timber-related companies of all sizes.

- Starbucks Coffee
- Perdue
- McCall's Farms
- Georgia Pacific
- International Paper
- Pilgrims Pride
- Sonoco
- Nestle
- Kraft
- First Quality Tissue

Workforce, Training and Education

South Carolina is committed to growing and developing its world-class agribusiness industry and workforce. Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences offers many degree programs, both undergraduate and graduate, related to the agribusiness industry like agricultural education, agricultural business, forest resources management and food packaging science.

Additionally, South Carolina is home to 16 technical colleges, five of which offer degree programs in topics related to agribusiness.

New and Expanding Agribusiness Companies

Since 2011, companies in the agribusiness industry have announced over 7,000 jobs and have invested over \$3 billion in South Carolina.

In 2019 alone, over 700 jobs were announced along with \$417 million in investments.



Expanding companies included Innovative Poultry Products, LLC; High Wire Distilling Co.; Charleston Distilling Co., LLC; Boise Cascade Company; Perdue Foods, LLC; McCall Farms, Inc.; The Muffin Mam, Inc.; and SOPAKCO Packaging.

New companies to the state included Salt Marsh Brewing; Burnt Church Distillery; Victor Hoppensteins's Brewlab; Magnolia Botanicals, LLC; Tie and Timber Technologies, LLC; U.S. Waffle Company, Inc.; and New-Indy Containerboard, LLC.

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