

POWERING THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN NORTH CAROLINA

From bakeries to fisheries, the food processing industry in North Carolina is a diverse and growing sector that extends across the entire state. Our recipe for success in this sector is quite simple; companies enjoy easy access to raw materials and a rapidly expanding consumer base. Add to that combination a skilled workforce familiar with the regulations required by the USDA, and it's easy to understand why companies continue to flock to North Carolina.

Industry Resources

North Carolina has a long and successful track record of supporting the food processing sector. From workforce training to consulting services, powerful resources exist to encourage continued growth of this important industry. Examples include:

North Carolina Cooperative Extension programs help reduce sources of foodborne illness, assist entrepreneurs launch food-focused businesses, and provide processors with information to enhance product quality and profitability.

The Industrial Extension Service at NC State University works with industry to identify technologies to improve production processes and increase worker safety.

The North Carolina Community College System, which has significant expertise in the food processing industry, offers customized training to eligible new and expanding businesses so new employees are able to hit the ground running.

Incubator Kitchens are sprouting up all across the state, providing affordable access to commercial food production facilities and industry expertise.



Dairy farms are a major component of North Carolina's food processing industry.

Food Processing Companies in Public Power Communities

Cott Beverages, Wilson
Flowers Bakery, Newton
Jimbo's Jumbos, Edenton

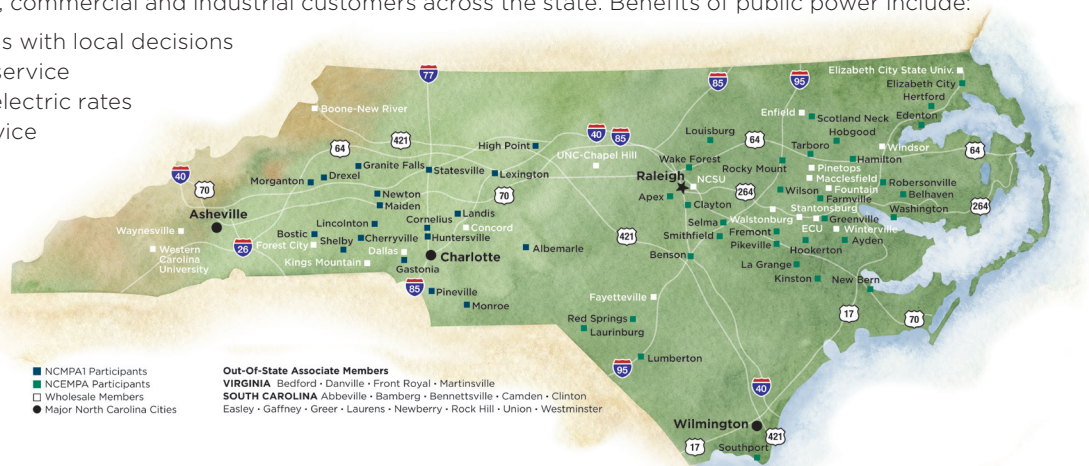
Mother Earth Brewing, Kinston
Nutkao, Rocky Mount
PET Dairy, Shelby

Sanderson Farms, Kinston
Tyson Foods, Monroe

Public Power in North Carolina

ElectriCities partners with its 70 member cities, towns and university systems to provide reliable electricity to more than 1.2 million residential, commercial and industrial customers across the state. Benefits of public power include:

- ▶ Local electric operations with local decisions
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- ▶ Excellent customer service



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