

# 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. In fact, more than 62,000 people are employed by the state's 1,000+ companies. Our recipe for success in this sector is quite simple; companies enjoy easy access to raw materials and a rapidly expanding consumer base. It's all tied together by a skilled workforce familiar with operating in a regulated industry.

## FOOD PROCESSING COMPANIES IN PUBLIC POWER COMMUNITIES

Flowers Bakeries, *Newton*  
Jimbo's Jumbos, *Edenton*  
Kellogg Co., *Huntersville*  
Coca-Cola Bottling Co., *New Bern*  
Pilgrim's Pride, *Concord*  
Sanderson Farms, *Kinston*  
Hillshire Brand Foods, *Tarboro*  
Smithfield Foods, *Kinston*  
Tyson Foods, *Monroe*

## 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 support continued growth of this important industry. Examples include:

**North Carolina's Cooperative Extension** offers educational programs to help entrepreneurs launch food-focused businesses, and provide processors with information to enhance product quality and profitability while meeting state and federal regulations.

The **Industrial Extension Service** at North Carolina State University works with the state's food processing industry to identify advanced 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 expanding businesses so new employees are able to hit the ground running.



## PUBLIC POWER IN NORTH CAROLINA

Electricities partners with its 70+ member cities, towns and university systems to provide reliable electricity to more than 500,000 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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