

Alabama

Food Production Industry



Fast Facts

- Food production and beverage product industries employed over 33,600 workers in 2011, accounting for almost 2 percent of total state nonagricultural employment, or over 14 percent of manufacturing jobs.
- Some of largest of these firms include Tyson Foods, Zeigler, Southeastern Meats, Pepsi Cola Bottling, Mayfield Dairy Farms, Coca Cola Bottling, and Buffalo Rock Vending.
- Food production and beverage product industries exports from Alabama increased from about \$123 million in 2000 to \$552 million in 2011.

Sources: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations-Labor Market Division, www.dir.state.al.us/lmi; U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Industry	Establishments
Food Manufacturing	305
Animal Food Manufacturing	33
Grain and Oilseed Milling	9
Sugar & Confectionary Product Mfg.	11
Fruit and Vegetable Preserving	4
Dairy Product Manufacturing	9
Animal Processing	84
Seafood Product Prep & Packaging	33
Bakeries	98
Other Food Manufacturing	24
Beverage Product Manufacturing	35

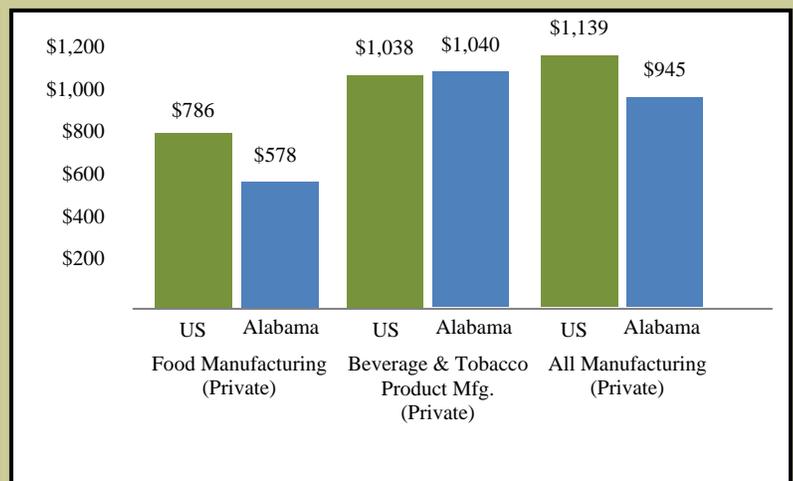
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages 2011 Annual Data



Cost Advantages for the Food Production Industry

Industry	Weekly Wages
Food Manufacturing	\$578
Animal Food Manufacturing	\$901
Grain and Oilseed Milling	\$1,022
Sugar & Confectionary Product Mfg.	\$272
Fruit and Vegetable Preserving	\$797
Dairy Product Manufacturing	\$848
Animal Processing	\$522
Seafood Product Prep & Packaging	\$448
Bakeries	\$719
Other Food Manufacturing	\$788
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	\$1,040

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Infrastructure Advantages for the Food Production Industry

Alabama's comprehensive transportation network is comprised of:

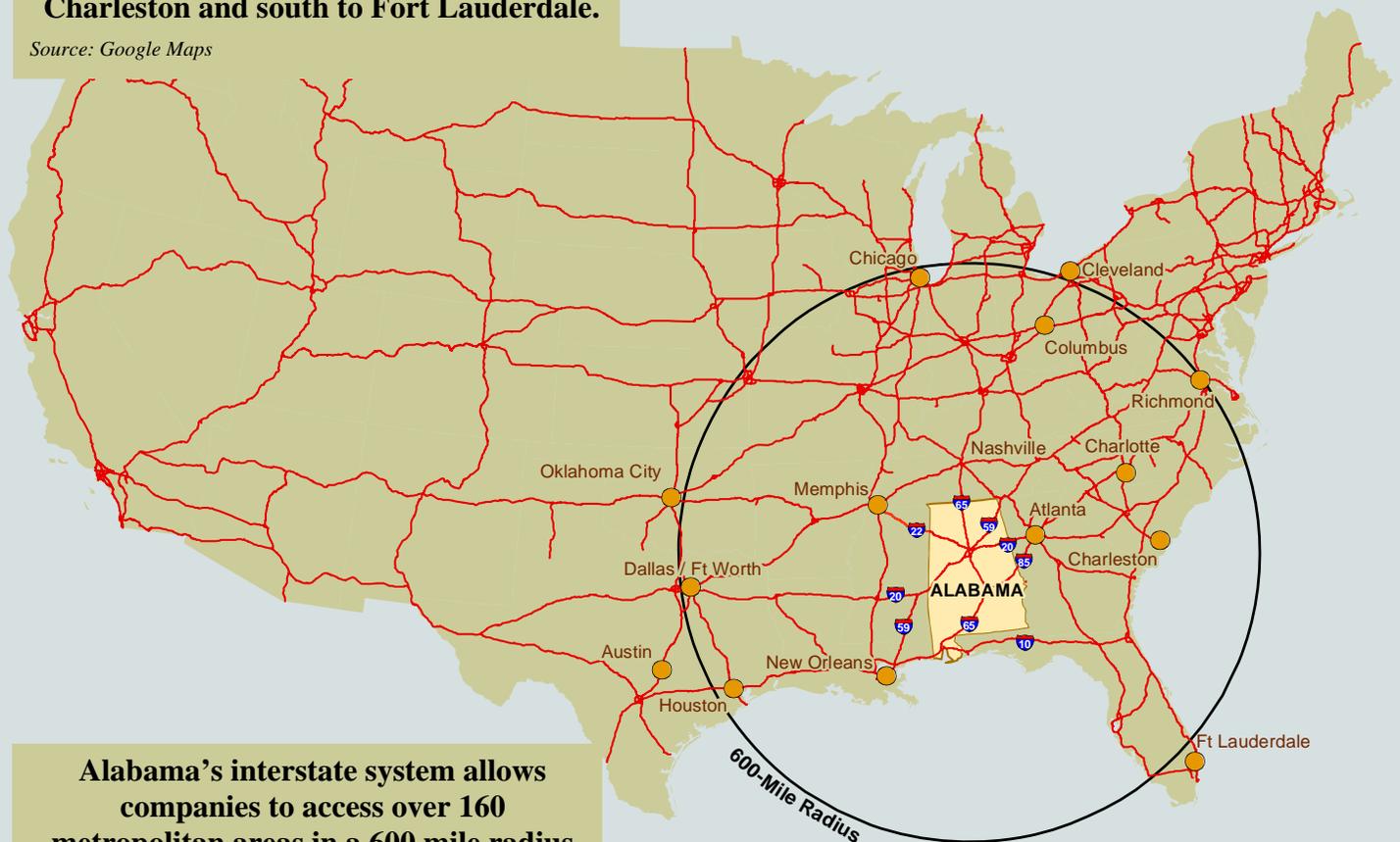
- Five interstate highways: I-10 (FL to CA), I-20 (SC to TX), I-59 (TN to LA), I-65 (AL to IL), I-85 (AL to VA)
 - A sixth interstate, I-22 (AL to TN), is close to completion.
- Seven commercial airports
- Five Class I railroads
- A deep-water port
- One of the largest inland waterway systems in the nation
- Several inland docks



An eleven hour drive time from the center of Alabama reaches west to Dallas/Fort Worth, north to Chicago, east to Charleston and south to Fort Lauderdale.

600-Mile Radius Map

Source: Google Maps



Alabama's interstate system allows companies to access over 160 metropolitan areas in a 600 mile radius

Source: ESRI

Other Advantages for Food Production Industry

Low Energy Costs

- Low electricity costs per kilowatt hour rate for industrial sector users.
(U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Avg Retail Price of Electricity to Ultimate Customers by End-Use Sector, by State, Dec 2011-2012*)

Workforce Advantages

- Alabama is a right-to-work state.
- AIDT provides a total workforce management system, at no cost to the employers or trainees.



One-Stop Environmental Permitting

- The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has authority to issue the permits required by all the major federal environmental laws. Therefore, Alabama can offer “one-stop” permitting.
- Complex air and water permits are usually issued by ADEM within 60 days.
- Construction storm water permits are regularly issued within two or three days.
- Even PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) analyses for major air permits can be completed in 120 days in many cases.

Available Property Statewide

- Over 400 industrial and commercial buildings for sale or lease – Available sq. ft. ranges from 1,500 to 1 million sq. ft.
- Over 400 prepared industrial parks, green field sites and reusable property – Acreage ranges from five to five thousand acres.

Alabama is home to universities working on research and development for food processing industry

- Auburn University
College of Agriculture
Offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.
Food Science Program
Food Science is an exciting multidisciplinary scientific field where concepts of chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, engineering, and nutrition are utilized to develop and produce foods which are safe, palatable, healthy, and economical.
- Alabama A&M—Department of Food and Animal Sciences
Offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Tuskegee University—Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences
Offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Select Recent Expansions & New Projects

Company	County	Product	Jobs	Investment (Millions)
2012				
Conecuh Sausage	Conecuh	Sausage production	30	\$6 (Expansion)
Gavilon Grain	Morgan	Grain-handling	6	\$6 (Expansion)
Koch Foods	DeKalb	Poultry processing	10	\$8.3 (Expansion)
Whitfield Foods	Montgomery	Syrup/bottled fruit juices	-	\$2.2 (Expansion)
2011				
Aviagen	Limestone	Poultry breeding	3	\$0.85 (Expansion)
Alabama Protein Products	Hale	Conversion of catfish processing byproducts into protein products	12	N.A. (New)
Aviagen Group	Limestone	Diagnostic and research facility	20	N.A. (New)
Golden Boy Foods	Pike	Peanut butter manufacturing	130	N.A. (New)
2010				
Pepi Foods	Houston	Headquarters production and distribution center of food service and vending products	50	N.A. (Expansion)
To Your Health Sprouted Flour Company	Bullock	Organic sprouted flour	20	N.A. (Expansion)