

NORTHWEST ALABAMA

# Your New Food Production Center



When it comes to food production and distribution, the Northwest Alabama EDA region has the resources, location, and agricultural standing to promote and expand your company.

## Strategically Positioned

Northwest Alabama EDA is ideally located in proximity to international food and beverage companies in neighboring counties, and legacy homegrown food companies within our borders. Whether success means collaborating with international companies or partnering with local businesses, success is within your reach with Northwest Alabama.

### Northwest Alabama EDA is:

- ✓ Strategically located on the I-22/I-20 corridor midway between Memphis and Atlanta.
- ✓ Within driving distance to over 400 production and beverage product establishments in Alabama.
- ✓ Home to a strong manufacturing network, with established production and distribution facilities and strategies that can easily translate to or work hand in-hand with food production companies.





## Competitive Workforce, Competitive Industry

Home to a highly competitive food production and agricultural workforce, and access to natural resources to support your food production company, Northwest Alabama has the perfect ingredients for your new business location. Our thriving agricultural base, ample access to good quality water, including spring water, and access to sewer capacity at competitive prices allows us to cater to your food production needs.

### Alabama Food Production 2022

- ✓ Over 4,800 workers in food production, processing, and distribution within a 60-minute drive.
- ✓ 34,000-strong agriculture workforce.
- ✓ \$1 billion worth of exports.
- ✓ \$489 million in food products.
- ✓ \$481 million in agricultural products.
- ✓ \$141 million in livestock and related products.

## Top Ranked Programs, Top Ranked Products

Alabama is not only home to resources and a dedicated and experienced workforce- we stand in close proximity to a number of highly ranked culinary, food science, and agricultural education programs, putting our region on the cusp of food and agricultural innovation.

### The Education-to-Quality Pipeline:

- ✓ We are located within 50-75 miles of Mississippi State University, which has one of the world's leading food engineering and scientific agriculture programs.
- ✓ Home to Auburn University, which boasts a new culinary and food science program.
- ✓ Alabama ranks highly among the states in poultry products, peanuts and pecans, and in the Top 10 for cotton production. Agricultural cash receipts totaled an estimated \$6 billion in 2021, with the top commodities being broilers and chicken eggs.



Contact our team today, and take your first step into Northwest Alabama.