

NORTH CAROLINA'S N O R T H E A S T



For Food Industry Businesses, the Road to Success is Shorter Here.

Companies in the food industry are discovering North Carolina's Northeast for the simple reason that we make success . . . well, simpler. Our diverse commercial crop base continues to support an agri-food system that generates over \$10 billion in annual payroll revenues and supports 3,500 jobs annually. The fact is, no other area on the East Coast is so uniquely positioned to shorten the distance to achieving your business goals.

From labor and logistics to technology and training, you'll find an established food industry infrastructure that's ready to help your company grow, without a lot of cost, labor and tax roadblocks to slow your company down. You'll also find a collaborative and innovative team of relocation partners dedicated to making your move a complete success.

- Over \$1 billion in annual agricultural receipts
- \$800 million generated through exports
- 3,116 farms, 1,470,753 acres in farmland
- Crops grown in the region include cotton, corn, wheat, peanuts, potatoes, etc.
- Training and education programs for food industry skills
- Lower operating and labor costs, lower taxes
- A pro-business climate with generous incentives
- Turnkey site selection and relocation assistance
- Mega-sites available for manufacturing facilities



The Many Advantages of North Carolina's Northeast

Powerful Incentives

- Most counties qualify for highest state incentives
- Low- and no-cost sites available
- Consultant to help you find low-cost financing
- Free utility extensions
- Low-cost industrial buildings
- State tax credits
- Low-interest loans
- Low property taxes

A Business-Friendly Climate

- Low-cost workers' comp and unemployment insurance
- Right-to-Work state
- No intangibles tax
- Free worker training in community college system
- NC OSHA available for safety consultations
- Strong Public Policies in place

Available Workforce

- 174,000+ workers
- Non-union and semi-skilled labor
- Affordable wage and benefit costs
- Productive workers with strong work ethic

Superior Logistics and Infrastructure

- Extensive 4-lane highway network (including I-95 and U.S. 158, 264, 64 and 17) provide easy access to regional and national markets
- Convenient to airports, deep-water ports, barge sites and rail service

- Reliable, low-cost electricity and natural gas service
- Fully developed industrial parks and sites
- High-speed broadband service throughout the region

Food Education & Research

- NC State University Food, Bioprocessing & Nutrition Sciences
- NCSU Cooperative and Industrial Extensions
- NC Department of Agriculture
- Peanut Belt Research Station
- Tidewater Research Station

Economic Value of Products

- \$387 million for livestock
- \$66 million for vegetables, fruits, nuts and berries
- \$28 million for other field crops
- \$213 million for fish, seafood and forestry

A Great Place to Live and Work

- Attractive, safe neighborhoods, low traffic
- Low housing costs, affordable waterfront living
- Temperate four-season climate with year-round golf
- Abundant cultural and historic resources
- World famous Outer Banks beaches
- Kitty Hawk and Wright Brothers Memorial

North Carolina's Northeast Food Manufacturing Companies

- A & B Milling (Aunt Ruby's Peanuts)
- Ann's House of Nuts
- Bennett Vineyards, Ltd.
- Frog Island Seafood
- George Wood Farms
(potatoes for Frito-Lay)
- Golden Peanut Company LLC
- Hampton Farms
- Jimbo's Jumbos
- Martin Vineyards
- Mimosa Grove Vineyard
- Moonrise Bay Vineyard LLC
- Nature's Manna (organic store)
- Perdue
- Reser's Fine Foods
- Sanctuary Vineyards
- Spencer Packing Company, Inc.
(meat packing)
- Vertosa Plantation
- Vineyards on the Scuppernong
- Universal Blanchers LLC (Seabrook)
- Weeksville Vineyards
- Weeping Radish Brewery & EcoFarm

North Carolina's Northeast Food Employment

Occupation	Estimated Employment	Estimated Entry Wages	Average Wage
Team Assemblers	970	\$8.69	\$11.50
Bakers	40	\$7.41	\$8.96
Butchers and Meat Cutters	220	\$7.85	\$11.62
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	940	\$8.91	\$10.22
Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders	30	\$8.29	\$10.45
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators	140	\$10.38	\$13.36
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	400	\$8.24	\$12.40
Helpers - Production Workers	730	\$7.71	\$9.33
Managers of Farming, Fishing	80	\$15.07	\$25.49
Agricultural Inspectors	50	\$15.91	\$19.61
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	120	\$6.98	\$8.77
Agricultural Equipment Operators	200	\$6.71	\$9.52
Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse	210	\$6.94	\$7.58

