

SOUTH CAROLINA

Food Safety Jurisdictions and Enforcement Authorities



Agency jurisdiction and responsibility for regulating food safety varies from state to state. While an agency may have jurisdiction over a facility or commodity, not all agencies issue licenses or routinely inspect every facility or commodity type. All of the State agencies which have jurisdiction to regulate food safety within the state are listed in the tables below, with their jurisdiction over a particular facility type or commodity denoted by the word “Authority” or “Split Authority” in the row of the facility or commodity type within their column.





MANUFACTURER/PROCESSOR

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor	Authority			
Food Repacked	Authority			
Food Salvager	Authority			
Bottled Water	Authority			
Ice	Authority			
Dietary Supplements	N ¹			
Warehouse	Authority			
Food Banks	Authority			
Seafood	Authority			
Food Transport	Authority			
Beer/Wine	N ²			
Distilled Spirits	N ²			
COMMENTS: ¹ Defers to FDA. ² South Carolina Department of Revenue Alcohol Beverage Licensing. ³ Retail only.				





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Grade-A Plant	Authority			
Raw Milk	Authority			
Cheese	Authority			
Yogurt	Authority			
Cream/Sour Cream	Authority			
Butter	Authority			
Ice Cream	Authority			
Milk Pooling	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION D EPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat			Authority	
Poultry			Authority	
Rabbit	Authority			
Other Non-Amenable Species			Authority ¹	
Custom Slaughter			Authority	
Livestock Inspection			Authority ²	
Pet Food – Raw			Authority	
Pet Food – Processed			Authority	
Egg Inspection/Grading	*			

COMMENTS:
¹ Could be performed under voluntary inspection.
² Performed by Clemson Livestock and Poultry Health.
* Conducted by USDA AMS





ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority ¹			
Rendering Plant			Split Authority ²	
Grain	Authority			
COMMENTS: ¹ Enforcement Authority ² Inspections for general sanitation only.				





RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant	Authority			
Food Service	Authority			
Grocery Store	Authority			
Market	Authority			
Convenience Stores	Authority ¹			
Public/Private Schools	Authority			
Correctional Facilities	Authority			
Hospitals	Authority			
Long-Term Care	Authority			
Nursing Homes	Authority			
Other Institutions	Authority			
Vending Machines	Authority			
Mobile Food Facilities	Authority			
Caterers	Authority			
Home Based Processors	Authority			

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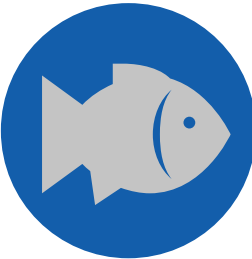


RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities	Authority			
Water Vending Machines	Authority			
Ice Vending Machines	Authority			
Farm Stands	Authority ²			
Farmers Markets	Authority ²			
Live Poultry Markets				
Food Pantry				

COMMENTS:
¹ Only if they are selling prepared food.
² Only inspected upon complaint, a permit is not issued.

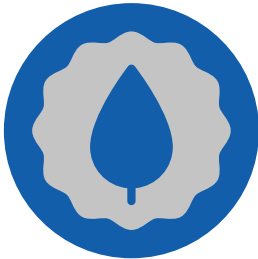




SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Shellfish Growing Areas		Authority		
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling		Authority		
Shellfish Depuration		Authority		
Shellfish Patrol		Authority		
Biotoxin Monitoring	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Aquaculture	Split Authority	Split Authority		Split Authority
COMMENTS:				





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
Organic Production				Authority
Organic Food Handling				Authority
Organic Food Processing				Authority
COMMENTS:				





PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Authority			
Packing Sheds	Authority			
Repackers	Authority			
Terminal Markets	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Each state regulatory agency has enforcement authorities that are established through state laws, regulations, or administrative rules. These enforcement authorities enable the agency to perform their regulatory functions and ensure the safety of the food supply. Below are the authorities of each agency.

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority			
Seizure	Authority		Authority	
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority	
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority	
Stop Sale Orders	Authority			
Health Advisories				
Administrative Penalties	Authority		Authority	
Criminal Penalties	Authority			
Civil Penalties	Authority			
Injunction	Authority			
Warning Letters	Authority		Authority	

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
License Suspension	Authority		Authority	
License Revocation	Authority		Authority	
Hearings	Authority		Authority	
Closure	Authority		Authority	
Mandatory Recall	Authority ¹		Authority	
Inspection Warrant	Authority		Authority	
COMMENTS: ¹ Only bottled water, dairy, and ice.				

