

ALABAMA

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	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor		Authority	
Food Repacked		Authority	
Food Salvager	Authority		
Bottled Water		Authority	
Ice		Authority	
Dietary Supplements		*	
Warehouse	Authority		
Food Banks	Authority		
Seafood		Authority	
Food Transport		Authority	
Beer/Wine		Authority	
Distilled Spirits		Authority	
COMMENTS: * Defers to FDA.			





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	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	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority		
Poultry	Authority		
Rabbit	*		
Other Non-Amenable Species	*		
Custom Slaughter	Authority		
Livestock Inspection	Authority		
Pet Food – Raw	Authority		
Pet Food – Processed	Authority		
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority		
COMMENTS: * No inspection unless requested by buyer.			





ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority		
Medicated Feed	Authority		
BSE Inspections	Authority*		
Rendering Plant	Authority		
Grain	Authority		

COMMENTS:
* Enforcement Authority





RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant		Split Authority	Split Authority
Food Service		Split Authority	Split Authority
Grocery Store		Authority	
Market		Authority	
Convenience Stores		Authority	
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		Split Authority	Split Authority
Caterers		Authority	

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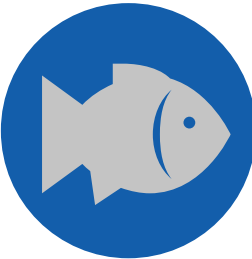




RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Home Based Processors		Authority	
Temporary Food Facilities		Split Authority	Split Authority
Water Vending Machines		Authority	
Ice Vending Machines		Authority	
Farm Stands	Authority		
Farmers Markets	Authority		
Live Poultry Markets	Authority		
Food Pantry		Authority	
COMMENTS:			

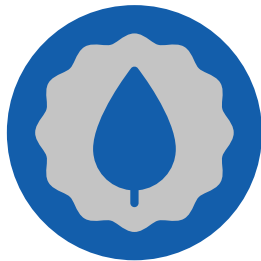




SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	ALABAMA DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES
Shellfish Growing Areas		Split Authority	Split Authority
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling		Authority	
Shellfish Depuration		Authority	
Shellfish Patrol		Authority	
Biotoxin Monitoring		Authority	
Aquaculture		Authority	
COMMENTS:			





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority		
Organic Food Handling	Authority		
Organic Food Processing	Split Authority	Split Authority	
COMMENTS:			





PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	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	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority	Authority	
Seizure	Authority	Authority	
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority	
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority	
Stop Sale Orders	Authority	Authority	
Health Advisories		Authority	
Administrative Penalties	Authority		
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority	
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority	

Enforcement Authority list continued on next page.





ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES	ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Injunction	Authority	Authority	
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority	
License Suspension	Authority	Authority	
License Revocation	Authority	Authority	
Hearings	Authority	Authority	
Closure	Authority	Authority	
Mandatory Recall	Authority	Authority	
Inspection Warrant	Authority	Authority	
COMMENTS:			

