

ARKANSAS

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	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor		Authority	
Food Repacked		Authority	
Food Salvager		Authority	
Bottled Water		Authority	
Ice		Authority	
Dietary Supplements		Authority	
Warehouse		Authority	
Food Banks		Authority	
Seafood		Authority	
Food Transport		Authority	
Beer/Wine		Authority	
Distilled Spirits		Authority	
COMMENTS:			





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF 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	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority		
Poultry	*	*	
Rabbit		Authority	
Other Non-Amenable Species		Authority	
Custom Slaughter	Authority		
Livestock Inspection	*	*	
Pet Food – Raw	Authority		
Pet Food – Processed	Authority		
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority		

COMMENTS:
* Defers to USDA.





ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority		
Medicated Feed	Authority		
BSE Inspections	Authority*		
Rendering Plant	Authority		
Grain	Authority		
COMMENTS: * Enforcement Authority			





RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant		Authority	
Food Service		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		N ²	
Mobile Food Facilities		Authority	
Caterers		Authority	

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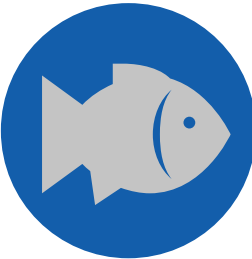




RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Home Based Processors	N ¹	N ¹	
Temporary Food Facilities		Authority	
Water Vending Machines		Authority	
Ice Vending Machines	N ¹	N ¹	
Farm Stands	N ¹	N ¹	
Farmers Markets		Authority	
Live Poultry Markets	Authority		
Food Pantry		Authority	
COMMENTS: ¹ Exempt from Inspection ² Enforcement Authority			

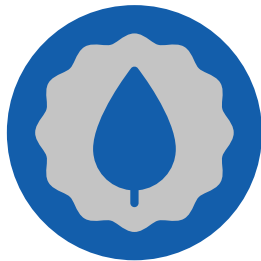




SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas	Authority		
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling	Authority		
Shellfish Depuration	Authority		
Shellfish Patrol	Authority		
Biotoxin Monitoring	Authority		
Aquaculture	Authority		
COMMENTS:			





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority		
Organic Food Handling	Authority		
Organic Food Processing	Authority		
COMMENTS:			





PRODUCE

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

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

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

