

# MISSISSIPPI

## 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	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Food Processor		Authority		
Food Repacked		Authority		
Food Salvager		Authority		
Bottled Water		Authority		
Ice		Authority		
Dietary Supplements		N <sup>1</sup>		
Warehouse		Authority		
Food Banks		Authority <sup>2</sup>		
Seafood		Split Authority	Split Authority	
Food Transport		Authority		
Beer/Wine		Split Authority		Split Authority
Distilled Spirits		Split Authority <sup>2</sup>		Split Authority
<b>COMMENTS:</b> <sup>1</sup> Defers to FDA. <sup>2</sup> Enforcement Authority				





# DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	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		
Authority				





# MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority			
Poultry	Authority			
Rabbit	Authority			
Other Non-Amenable Species	Authority			
Custom Slaughter				
Livestock Inspection	Authority			
Pet Food – Raw	*			
Pet Food – Processed	*			
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority			
<b>COMMENTS:</b> * Defers to the FDA				





# ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority*			
BSE Inspections	Authority*			
Rendering Plant	Authority*			
Grain	Authority			
<b>COMMENTS:</b> * Enforcement Authority				





# RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	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				
Mobile Food Facilities		Authority		
Caterers		Authority		
Home Based Processors		Authority <sup>1</sup>		

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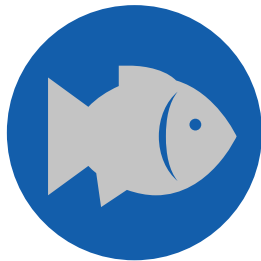




# RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities		Authority		
Water Vending Machines		Authority		
Ice Vending Machines		Authority		
Farm Stands	Authority			
Farmers Markets	Authority			
Live Poultry Markets	N <sup>2</sup>			
Food Pantry		Authority <sup>3</sup>		
<b>COMMENTS:</b> <sup>1</sup> Cottage Good Law exempts inspection, but maintains enforcement authority. <sup>2</sup> None in the State. <sup>3</sup> Enforcement authority only.				

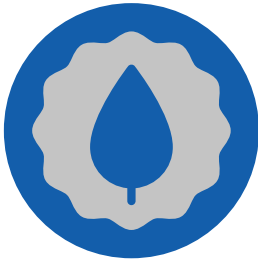




# SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	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	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority			
Organic Food Handling	Authority			
Organic Food Processing		Authority		
COMMENTS:				





# PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	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	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority	Authority		
Seizure	Authority			
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority		
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority		
Stop Sale Orders	Authority			
Health Advisories		Authority		
Administrative Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Injunction				

Enforcement Authority list continued on next page.





# ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE	MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Warning Letters				
License Suspension	Authority	Authority		
License Revocation	Authority	Authority		
Hearings	Authority	Authority		
Closure	Authority	Authority		
Mandatory Recall				
Inspection Warrant				
COMMENTS:				

