NORTH 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

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	LOCAL AGENCIES
Authority			
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Grade-A Plant	Authority			
Raw Milk	Authority			
Cheese	Authority			
Yogurt	Authority			
Cream/Sour Cream	Authority			
Butter	Authority			
Ice Cream	Authority			
Milk Pooling	Authority			





MEAT/POULTRY

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Meat	Authority			
Poultry	Authority			
Rabbit	Authority			
Other Non-Amenable Species	Authority			
Custom Slaughter	Authority			
Livestock Inspection	Authority			
Pet Food – Raw	Authority			
Pet Food – Processed	Authority			
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority			





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Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority			
Rendering Plant	Authority			
Grain	Authority			





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Restaurant				Authority
Food Service				Authority
Grocery Store	Split Authority			Split Authority
Market	Split Authority		Split 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				Authority
Caterers				Authority
Home Based Processors	Authority			

Retail Food list continued on next page.





RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities				Authority
Water Vending Machines	Authority			
Ice Vending Machines	Authority			
Farm Stands	Authority			
Farmers Markets	Split Authority		Split Authority	
Live Poultry Markets	Authority			
Food Pantry	Authority			





SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas			Authority	
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling			Authority	
Shellfish Depuration			Authority	
Shellfish Patrol			Authority	
Biotoxin Monitoring			Authority	
Aquaculture	Split Authority		Split Authority	





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Organic Production	Authority			
Organic Food Handling	Authority			
Organic Food Processing	Authority			





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Farms	Authority			
Packing Sheds	Authority			
Repackers	Authority			
Terminal Markets	Authority			





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.

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Embargo/Quarantine	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Seizure	Authority			
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority	
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Stop Sale Orders	Authority			
Health Advisories	Authority	Authority		
Administrative Penalties	Authority			
Criminal Penalties			Authority	
Civil Penalties	Authority			
Injunction	Authority	Authority		
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority	Authority	

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

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License Suspension	Authority	Authority	Authority	
License Revocation	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Hearings		Authority		
Closure	Authority	Authority		
Mandatory Recall			Authority	
Inspection Warrant		Authority	Authority	

