

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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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	N ¹		
Warehouse	Authority			
Food Banks	Authority			
Seafood	Authority			
Food Transport	Split Authority	Split Authority ³		
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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority ¹			
Rendering Plant		Split Authority	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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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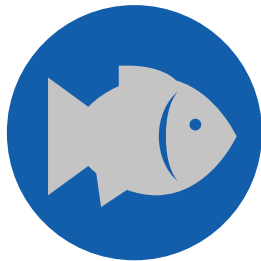


RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	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 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority	Authority ¹		
Seizure	Authority	Authority ¹	Authority	
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority ¹	Authority	
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority ¹	Authority	
Stop Sale Orders	Authority	Authority ¹		
Health Advisories		Authority		
Administrative Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Injunction	Authority	Authority		
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority	Authority	

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	SOUTH CAROLINA MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DEPARTMENT	LOCAL AGENCIES
License Suspension	Authority	Authority	Authority	
License Revocation	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Hearings	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Closure	Authority	Authority	Authority	
Mandatory Recall		Authority ²	Authority	
Inspection Warrant		Authority	Authority	
COMMENTS: ¹ Retail food only. ² Only bottled water, dairy, and ice.				

