

# VIRGINIA

## 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	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA 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	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA 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	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
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		
<b>COMMENTS:</b> * Voluntary inspection.			





# ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA 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	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant		Split Authority	Split Authority
Food Service	Split Authority	Split Authority	Split Authority
Grocery Store	Authority		
Market	Authority		
Convenience Stores	Authority		
Public/Private Schools		Split Authority	Split Authority
Correctional Facilities		Split Authority	Split Authority
Hospitals		Split Authority	Split Authority
Long-Term Care		Split Authority	Split Authority
Nursing Homes		Split Authority	Split Authority
Other Institutions		Split Authority	Split Authority
Vending Machines	Authority		
Mobile Food Facilities		Split Authority	Split Authority
Caterers		Split Authority	Split Authority

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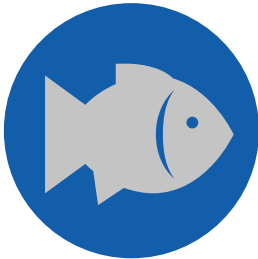




# RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF 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	*		
Food Pantry	Authority		
<b>COMMENTS:</b> * None in the state.  Arlington and Fairfax Counties conduct inspections under contract with State Health.			



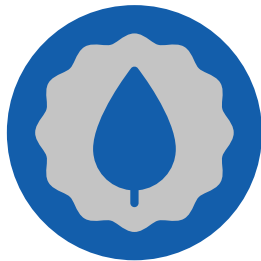


# SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA 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	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority		
Organic Food Handling	Authority		
Organic Food Processing	Authority		
COMMENTS:			





# PRODUCE

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

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# ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LOCAL AGENCIES
Injunction	Authority	Authority	Authority
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority	Authority
License Suspension	Authority	Authority	Authority
License Revocation	Authority	Authority	Authority
Hearings	Authority	Authority	Authority
Closure		Authority	Authority
Mandatory Recall			
Inspection Warrant		Authority	Authority
<b>COMMENTS:</b> Local agency authority is delegated from the Virginia Department of Health.			

