



Arkansas Economic Development Commission

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Advanced Food Manufacturing & Packaging

Companies finding success in Arkansas:



Workforce

2nd highest percentage of manufacturing employment in the South. - NAM

1.3M Arkansas' skilled & trained workforce.

11% increase of engineers in Arkansas projected by 2022.

13% of Arkansas' workforce is employed in manufacturing.

Education

46 colleges, universities & 2-year colleges throughout Arkansas. Approximately half of Arkansans have a college degree or some college.

R&D Arkansas has multiple agriculture & food science-related research facilities: Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas, the Institute of Food Science and Engineering at the University of Arkansas, the Arkansas Biosciences Institute at Arkansas State University, Aquaculture Fisheries Center of Excellence, and Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center in Stuttgart.

Unique Attributes

#1 Arkansas is the nation's #1 producer of rice and the #3 producer of catfish and poultry.

TSN Tyson Foods, one of the world's largest protein producers, is headquartered in Arkansas and has over 115,000 team members across the globe.

#1 Riceland Foods, the world's largest miller and marketer of rice, is located in Stuttgart, Arkansas and is also one of the Mid-South's major soybean processors.

Competitive Advantages



Navigable Waterways
1,000 miles



Class 1 Railroad
1,683 miles



State and U.S. Highways
16,418 miles



Public Airports
Approximately 100



Competitive Incentives
including cash grant assistance for qualified projects

Riceland is the largest rice exporter in the U.S. at more than 60%.

Arkansas's Recent Investments

2015, Tyson Poultry: \$252M multiple locations

2015, Frito-Lay: \$45.7M expansion at their Jonesboro facility

2015, Peco Foods: \$24M new manufacturing facility and the creation of 1,000 jobs

2015, Ozark Mountain Poultry: \$54M expansion in Batesville

