

FOOD & BEVERAGE PROCESSING



What Newport News Brings to the Table

The City of Newport News, Virginia, is where quality natural ingredients, innovative technologies and passionate people come together to produce delicious food and beverages.

As part of **Virginia's \$25.2 billion food and beverage industry**, processors in Newport News enjoy an optimal location with easy access to some of the country's most populated metros via extensive highway and rail systems. With close proximity to world-class facilities at The Port of Virginia, reaching international markets and supply chains is just as easy.

When combined with a regional labor force of nearly 850,000 and a reasonable cost of doing business, Newport News provides all the ingredients a food processor needs to be successful.

A Port Prepared to Move Ingredients and Finished Foods

The Port of Virginia sails past others with superior service.

- 6 terminals accommodating break-bulk, roll-on/roll-off and container cargo
- Nearly 30 shipping lines with connections to 200+ countries
- USDA's Southeast In-Transit Cold Treatment Program for accepting imported perishable cargo
- Completing a \$1.5 billion investment in modernization and improvements
- Channel dredging to 55 feet
- Channel widening for 2-way traffic

A Workforce Hungry for Opportunities

Newport News is an integral part of the Hampton Roads regional labor market.

- Civilian labor market of nearly 850,000
- More than 14,000 active-duty personnel transition out of the military yearly
- Over 100,000+ students in local universities, colleges and trade schools

A Favorable Business Climate

Newport News is a profitable place for business.

- 6% state corporate income tax - among the nation's lowest
- No inventory tax
- Access to Foreign Trade Zone to reduce, eliminate or delay U.S. Customs duties
- Right-to-work state following an "at-will" doctrine; regional union membership of only 3.3%

An Ecosystem Offering Processors Everything From Ingredients to Packaging and Warehousing

Seafood Industrial Park

Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean access catches national attention for blue crabs, oysters and scallops.

- B&C Seafood
- Chesapeake Bay Packing
- Fernandez Fisheries
- South Bay Fish Mongers
- Wanchese Fish Company

Food & Beverage Service Providers

A strong industrial base offers multiple partners.

- **Interstate Warehousing** — Cold storage and warehousing including blast freezing capabilities
- **Printpack** — Industry leader in flexible and specialty rigid packaging
- **Swisslog** — Expert in warehouse automation offering data drive and robotic solutions

Food & Beverage Processors

From the processing of olive oil made from Mediterranean vines to bourbon distilled from Virginia grains, Newport News' food basket is diverse and delicious.

- **Certified Origins** — European bottler of extra virgin olive oil, including Bellucci
- **Coastal Fermentory** — Local craft brewery
- **High Liner Foods** — Canadian processor of value-added frozen foods, including Sea Cuisine
- **Ironclad Distillery Co.** — Local distillery specializing in bourbon made from Virginia grains
- **Maola** — Regional milk bottler for the Maryland and Virginia cooperative of dairy farmers
- **Pepsi Bottling Group** — International beverage producer
- **Target Flavors** — Manufacturer of flavors for the food, beverage and pharmaceutical industries
- **Tradition Brewing Co.** — Local craft brewery



The Newport News EDA is committed to aiding you with your business relocation or expansion. The decision to invest in a new or expanded operation is never taken lightly. Our goal is to match the business needs required for your company to be successful with the assets found in Newport News. Our objective is to facilitate the evaluation process and to provide powerful tools that save you time and money as you seek to locate your new business operations here in Newport News.



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