

Food Processing

Our Food Processing Cluster

Our food processing cluster is substantial; consider the following:

- We have over 4,000 people employed in the sector in the labor shed
- We have seen a 36% job growth in Soft Drink Manufacturing job growth from 2011-2019
- Food service contractors have seen 87% job growth from 2011-2019
- We are above the US average in the number of companies in our labor shed by the following percents:
 - 9 times more Dried and Condensed Evaporated Dairy Product
 - 5 times more Bottled Water Manufacturing
 - 2 times more Soft Drink Manufacturing
 - 2 times more Ice Manufacturing
- We have over 14,000 people employed in transportation & logistics in the labor shed

Major Food Companies in the Area

Leclerc Foods



- Located in Kingsport in 2009
- Announced expansion in 2012
- Family owned company founded in 1905 in Quebec
- Manufactures granola bars and crackers in Sullivan County
- 90 employees

Anita's Snack Foods



- Located in Kingsport July 2018
- Announced 40,000 square foot expansion in March 2019
- Manufactures tortilla chips
- 85 employees

Shearer's Foods



- Located in Bristol, VA
- Manufactures potato chips, tortilla chips, extruded products, popcorn, and rice patties
- Twice named snack manufacturer of the year by *Snack Food & Wholesale Bakery* magazine
- Headquartered in Ohio
- 240 employees

Water and Wastewater Capacity

- Over four million gallons per day of excess water system capacity in the City of Bristol
- Over five million gallons per day of excess wastewater system capacity in the City of Bristol
- Over 13 million gallons per day of excess water system capacity in the City of Kingsport
- Over four million gallons per day of excess wastewater system capacity in the City of Kingsport

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Additional Information

- Primary and Secondary Education

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Taxes and Business Cost

- Incentives