

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Alabama

FDA Presence: 9 employees in Alabama

Resident Posts: Birmingham, Mobile, and Montgomery

report to: New Orleans District (temporarily relocated to the Nashville, TN Office), who
report to: Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia

Industry Presence in State

There are 1,532 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Alabama

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 33 percent

Medical Device and radiological establishments – 32 percent

Human Drug establishments – 20 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 9 percent

Biological establishments (includes blood banks) – 6 percent

Industry Highlights

- Three ports of entry – Mobile, Huntsville, Birmingham. Mobile is a large port for exportation of grain products and moderate importation of various food and seafood products.
- Seafood – Alabama’s primary food industry includes Gulf shrimp, crab, and oysters from the coast and farm-raised catfish
- Agriculture – Poultry, timber, cattle, cotton, soybeans, and peanuts are major agricultural crops.
- There is considerable medical device presence, as well as a wide range of clinical research activity through medical university settings.
- Biologics presence is in the form of regional blood testing facilities.
- The Gulf was affected by Hurricanes Katrina & Rita. The industry is still recovering and will be for a number of years.

Contracts & Partnerships

State Contracts

Alabama Department of Public Health

- Conduct inspections of food manufacturers for sanitation.
- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

- Conduct BSE inspections

State Partnerships

Alabama Department of Public Health

- Established a partnership for the regulation of new x-ray assemblies or reassemblies

Jefferson County Department of Health

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Special Programs

- Functioning Food Safety Task Force which includes AL Department of Public Health, AL Department of Agriculture, Auburn Cooperative Extension Service, AL Restaurant Association, Winn-Dixie (grocer representative).