

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Alabama

FDA Presence: 10 employees in Alabama

Resident Posts: Birmingham, Mobile, and Montgomery
report to: New Orleans District (currently located in Nashville, TN), who
report to: Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia

Industry Presence in State

There are 1,593 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Alabama

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 31 percent

Medical Device and radiological establishments – 32 percent

Human Drug establishments – 20 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 11 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.

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

- Conduct BSE inspections

State Partnerships

None

Special Programs

- Active Food Safety Task Force which includes AL Department of Public Health, AL Department of Agriculture, Auburn Cooperative Extension Service, AL Restaurant Association, AL Grocers' Association, AL Retail Foods Association.