

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Mississippi

FDA Presence: 3 FDA employees in Mississippi

Resident Post: Jackson

reports to: New Orleans District (currently located in Nashville, TN), who reports to: Southeast Region: Atlanta, Georgia

Industry Presence in State

There are 765 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Mississippi

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 35 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments – 32 percent

Human drug establishments – 16 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 12 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) – 5 percent

Industry Highlights

- Two major ports of entry – Gulfport, Pascagoula. Most of the bananas imported into the U.S. are entered through the Port of Gulfport.
- Seafood – Mississippi's primary food industry includes Gulf shrimp and oysters from the coast and farm-raised catfish in the Delta.
- Agriculture – Poultry, timber, cattle, cotton, and soybeans are major agricultural crops.
- Shipbuilding – A sizeable shipbuilding industry is located in the city of Pascagoula.
- Human Drugs and Devices – Baxter operates a large LVP and device manufacturing facility in Cleveland.
- 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

Mississippi Department of Health

- Conduct food sanitation inspections.

State Partnerships

Mississippi Department of Health

- Share oversight and authority of regulated Interstate Milk Shippers Milk Processing Plants and IMS listed Single Service Container Manufacturing Plants in Mississippi.
- Cooperate in the evaluation of Mississippi's efforts to control contributing factors linked to food borne illness outbreaks.

Mississippi Departments of Marine Resources, Agriculture, and Health

- Establish a cooperative emergency response plan for natural disasters.

Special Programs

- Food Safety Task Force which includes MS Department of Health, MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce, MS Department of Marine Resources,

MS State University Extension Service, MS Chemical Laboratory, MS Restaurant Association, MS Farm Bureau.