



TARGET INDUSTRIES

Proven Industry Clusters + Skilled Labor Force = Augusta Works

While Augusta is attractive for nearly all types of economic development, we have identified four targeted sectors that most closely match our strengths, goals and assets, as well as provide for a diversified and sustainable economy. Augusta is already home to a thriving and diverse business base. Our primary industry clusters are advanced manufacturing, food processing, life sciences, and agriculture/forestry. Our workforce training programs are incentivized to support these local industries. Our agriculture assets provide a rich supply chain advantage – [click here](#) to review the products produced in Augusta County.

Advanced Manufacturing

“With great support from state and local economic development agencies, Provides selected Virginia for this opportunity based on its geographic position, providing great interstate access for product distribution; a stable and competitive workforce environment; competitive energy costs; and the availability of technical staffing supported by multiple college curricula. We also found the local supply base to be capable of supporting all facets of our new operation.”

– Franco Provenziani, CEO, Provides

Augusta County's rich and diverse business base is anchored by advanced manufacturing. Our top growth manufacturing sectors are food processing, metals, plastics, and HVAC/R. The manufacturing sector provides employment for 21% of our labor force.

Representative companies in this sector include:

- AccuTec Blades Inc. (metals)
- A.G. Stacker (machinery manufacturing)
- Alcoa Flexible Packaging (metals)
- Avotek (aviation maintenance training technology)

- Ball Advanced Aluminum Technologies (metals)
- CEMSI: ComSonics Electronic Manufacturing Services, Inc. (electronics)
- Cerro Fabricated Products (metals)
- DASCAM Americas (LED lighting)
- Daikin Applied (HVAC)
- Innovative Refrigeration Services (HVAC)
- NIBCO (metals)
- Penny Plate (metals)
- Ply Gem Siding Group (plastics)
- Precision Fabricators (metals)
- Provides US, Inc. (HVAC)
- Rexnord (metals)
- Select Airparts (airframe parts)
- Shamrock Farms (dairy beverages)
- Sumitomo Drive Technologies (metals)

Food Processing/Packaging

"The positive experience of locating in Augusta County continues well past the initial location phase, and I cannot thank the groups involved enough for the ongoing support and hospitality."

– Brent Sherman, Manufacturing Manager, Shamrock Foods

Augusta County's history and reputation as a top food producing location, coupled with our strong water and sewer capacity and reasonable pre-treatment regulations, results in a strong food and beverage processing and packaging cluster. Many of the products you know and love are made right here in Augusta County, such as Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Reese's Pieces, Mounds and Almond Joy.

Representative companies in this sector include:

- Hershey Chocolate of Virginia
- McKee Foods
- Burris Logistics (food logistics)
- Penny Plate (packaging)
- Shamrock Farms (dairy beverages)
- SupplyOne (packaging)

Life Sciences

"The attributes that allow us to remain competitive globally are the quality of the people and the business environment in the Valley."

– Kevin Cleveland, Director of Plant Operations, Hollister

Healthcare, health sciences education, and medical product manufacturing are a vibrant and growing sector in Augusta County. The new one-mile corridor in Fishersville, LifeCore Drive, serves as the hub for this emerging sector. This life sciences corridor connects the sprawling healthcare complex of Augusta Health, Mary Baldwin College's new Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, the Myers Corner medical office development, and Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.

- Augusta Health
- Hollister Incorporated (medical device manufacturing)
- Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences
- Sunlite Plastics (medical tubing manufacturing)
- Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center

Agriculture/Forestry

"We are excited for this investment, the partnership with Augusta County and continued growth of the floral industry."

– Joep Paternostre, President of Bloomaker

Augusta County boasts more farm acreage than any other Virginia county, with 1,729 farms on 286,195 acres. As the second largest agriculture producing county in Virginia, Augusta County ranks first in the state for production of beef cattle, sheep and lambs, and second in milk cow production. Augusta County has more than 30,000 head of beef cattle and 9,000 sheep and lambs. The County is also one of the state's largest poultry producers.

Representative agriculture and forestry companies include:

- Augusta Lumber Co. (wood products)
- Bloomaker USA Inc. (horticulture)
- Andre Viette Farm & Nursery (horticulture)
- Ox-Eye Vineyards (vineyard)
- Barren Ridge Vineyards (vineyard)
- Blue Ridge Lumber (wood products)
- Polyface Farm (livestock)
- Kisamore Lumber (wood products)
- Autumn Olive Farms (livestock)
- MeadowCroft Farm (specialty foods)
- Black Bear Composting (recycling and composting)