



TARGET INDUSTRIES

Proven Industry Clusters + Skilled Labor Force = Augusta Works

While Augusta is attractive for nearly all types of economic development, four target sectors closely match our strengths, goals, and assets, building a diversified and sustainable economy. Our workforce training programs are incentivized to support these local industries.

Advanced Manufacturing

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 23% of our labor force.

"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

Representative companies in this sector include:

- AccuTec Blades Inc. (metals)
- A.G. Stacker (machinery manufacturing)
- Alcoa Flexible Packaging (metals)
- Avotek (aviation maintenance training technology)
- 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)
- RegalRexnord (metals)
- Select Airparts (airframe parts)
- Shamrock Farms (dairy beverages)
- Sumitomo Drive Technologies (metals)

Food Processing/Packaging

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.

"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, Former Manufacturing Manager, Shamrock Foods

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)
- CAVA (production)

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, Former 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
- 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 1,665 farms on 290,911 acres. Augusta County is the second largest agriculture producing county in Virginia, with poultry, beef, and dairy production being the primary economic drivers. Controlled environment agriculture, forestry products, innovative composting facilities, wineries, and regenerative agriculture farms also represent growing industries.

Representative agriculture and forestry companies include:

- Above Ground Winery (vineyard)
- Andre Viette Farm & Nursery (horticulture)
- Augusta Lumber Co. (wood products)
- Autumn Olive Farms (livestock)
- Barren Ridge Vineyards (vineyard)
- Black Bear Composting (composting)
- Bloomaker USA Inc. (horticulture)
- Blue Ridge Lumber (wood products)
- Cave View Farms (dairy)
- Cros-B-Crest Farm (horticulture)
- Delta Springs Farm (poultry and beef)

- Jennings Gap Dairy (dairy)
- Kisamore Lumber (wood products)
- Luck Charm Farms (poultry and beef)
- Maple Springs Farm (beef)
- MeadowCroft Farm (specialty foods)
- North Point Farm (dairy)
- Ox-Eye Vineyards (vineyard)
- Polyface Farm (livestock)
- The Plant Company (horticulture)
- Rolling Hills Farm (grain and beef)
- Valley View Farm (beef)
- Williams Farm (beef)