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Food/Beverage/Pharmaceutical Packaging Manufacturing

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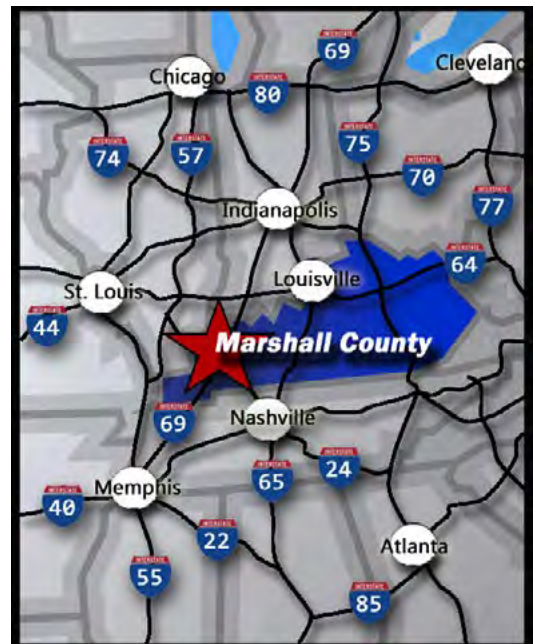
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Marshall County, Kentucky, is uniquely located in the middle of the country between Nashville and St. Louis with access to interstate, rail, and barge infrastructure.

This central location is one of the reasons for the success the region has seen a critical mass in food & beverage industries. Due to this critical mass, Marshall County has identified the food packaging manufacturing sector as an ideal target for new investment within Marshall County based on a supply chain analysis of industry purchases, as well as a review of current industry strengths.

In addition to food manufacturing, the Marshall County region also has seen a 101.7% increase over the past five years in Plastics Product Manufacturing, the industry most commonly related to producing food containers of solely plastics materials.

Due to our unique strength in both food and plastics manufacturing, we are looking to expand our food packaging manufacturing presence.



Critical Mass of Food/Beverage/Pharmaceutical Production in our Region

- **American Stave Company** - Produces barrel staves for the bourbon and whiskey industries.
- **Dippin' Dots** - Ice cream mfg
- **Pilgrim's Pride** - Poultry processing & packing
- **HT Hackney** - Food distribution
- **MegaFit Meals** - Meal prep
- **Laird Meat Company** - Animal Slaughtering
- **R&R Meat Company** - Animal Slaughtering
- **Saputo** - Flavored dairy products
- **Blue Shore Fishery** - Asian Carp processing
- **Kenlake Foods** - Powdered beverages, hot cereals, and salted nuts
- **TreeHouse Foods** - Cereal and cracker manufacturing



Sampling of Plastics Related Companies Within Our Region



Labor Availability / Skills of Labor Market

The labor shed is home to skilled workers in the food/ag sectors. Below are a few examples of how our workforce compares to the United States average.

- 32 times the US average of people employed in Cookie and Cracker Manufacturing
- 14 times the US average of people employed in Ice Cream and Frozen Dessert Manufacturing
- 13 times the US average of people employed in Fluid Milk Manufacturing
- 8 times the US average of people employed in Poultry Processing
- 8 times the US average of people employed in Miscellaneous Food Manufacturing
- 7 times the US average of people employed in Rendering and Meat Byproduct Processing
- 4 times the US average of people employed in Distilleries
- 3 times the US average of people employed as Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers
- 3 times the US average of people employed as Slaughterers and Meat Packers
- 3 times the US average of people employed as Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians
- 3 times the US average of people employed as Food Processing Workers, All Other
- 3 times the US average of people employed as Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers
- 2 times the US average of people employed as Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
- 2 times the US average of people employed as Food Batchmakers
- 2 times the US average of people employed as Bakers

The following quantities of skilled workers are currently employed in our region:

- 6,829 employed as Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers
- 1,879 employed as Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers
- 1,296 employed in Poultry Processing
- 783 employed as First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
- 709 employed in Cookie and Cracker Manufacturing
- 531 employed as Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria
- 443 employed in Fluid Milk Manufacturing
- 251 employed as Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers
- 227 employed as Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse
- 220 employed as Food Service Managers
- 201 employed as Bakers
- 201 employed as Food Batchmakers
- 198 employed in Ice Cream and Frozen Dessert Manufacturing
- 183 employed in All Other Miscellaneous Food Manufacturing
- 148 employed as Slaughterers and Meat Packers
- 120 employed as Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals
- 101 employed as Butchers and Meat Cutters

Food & Beverage Industry in Kentucky

Kentucky currently has significant industry concentration of food and beverage within the state. In fact, 95% of the world's bourbon supply is made in Kentucky.

Here are additional industry advantages:

- Kentucky ranks 1st in the nation for cost of doing business according to CNBC.
- #1 in FDI jobs by percentage.
- Kentucky is home to more than 350 food and beverage facilities, which employ over 52,000 people.
- Since 2014, Kentucky has announced 315 food and beverage projects totaling nearly \$4.8 billion in investment and close to 8,000 announced jobs.

Utility Infrastructure

Electric Power Providers

We are served by a variety of electric power providers, giving our area some of the lowest electric power costs in the United States.

- West Kentucky Rural Electric
- Benton Electric System
- TVA
- Jackson Purchase Energy



Workforce Training Programs

Public training and support is available to the manufacturing industry in our region and in KY. West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) is a valuable regional workforce asset with its strong technical education programs that are vital to manufacturing organizations. WKCTC also partners with the University of Kentucky to offer mechanical and chemical engineering curriculum. Murray State University's School of Engineering also provides graduates with concentrations in Electromechanical Engineering Technology & Manufacturing Engineering Technology



Kentucky also has a variety of state programs offering support including the Kentucky Skills Network, Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, KY FAME, and Kentucky Wins In-Kind Training.

Kentucky Skills Network

- Designed to be a business' first stop for all workforce needs, the Kentucky Skills Network brings together a wide variety of resources to design custom solutions for businesses of all sizes.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC)

- Provides incentives to support Kentucky business' efforts to help new and existing employees stay competitive through flexible, employer-driven skills-upgrade training.
- Grant-in-Aid (GIA): Grant reimbursement for workforce and skills training upgrade costs for new and expanding companies.
- Skills Training Investment Credit (STIC): Tax credit to offset worker training costs.

KY FAME

- The Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (KY FAME) is a company-sponsored partnership of statewide employers who share the goal of creating a pipeline of skilled workers. Employers start training students while they are in school.

Kentucky Wins In-Kind Training

- In-kind assistance through the local community colleges in workforce recruiting, screening and training.

Transportation Infrastructure

Marshall County is the leader in several industries such as the automotive, manufacturing, infrastructure, shipping, and transportation industries. Railroad access is also majorly accessible in Marshall County, providing access to cities such as Madisonville and Louisville which extends the railway system to major cities such as Chicago and St. Louis.

Interstate Access:

Thanks to Interstate 24 (east-west) and Interstate 69 (north-south) that run through Marshall County, consumers and suppliers from nearby cities such as Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis are all just a few hours drive away.



AIR ACCESS

Barkley Regional Airport is located just 20 minutes away and provides two daily nonstop flights from Paducah to Chicago O'Hare via United/SkyWest. Barkley features two runways. Lengths are 5,500 feet and 6,500 feet by 150 feet wide. Marshall County residents also frequently fly from Nashville International Airport, which is just an hour and a half away. Barkley Regional Airport (PAH) – 2 daily flights via United Airlines to O'hare



RIVER ACCESS

We are located on the Tennessee River which provides nearby maritime access to the Ohio, Mississippi, and Cumberland Rivers. This inland waterway access provides us river access to New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, and many additional cities.

RAIL ACCESS

We are served by the Paducah and Louisville Railway (P&L) which interchanges with the BNSF, CN, CSX, and NS Railroads.



Featured Real Estate



Southwest One Industrial Park

- 270 Divisible Acres
- 4 lane highway access
- 2 miles from Interstate 69
- Environmental Phase 1 Completed
- No Flood Plain
- Underground Electricity
- Fiber Network Redundancy (AT&T & Munninet)
- [Click Here to learn more](#)



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Incentives

Marshall County boasts an attractive incentives package for industrial development incentives at the local, regional, and state level.

Targeted Industry Study Completed by www.thenextmovegroup.com



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