

FOOD & BEVERAGE Processing



Navigate Your Future

IOWA FOOD & BEVERAGE PROCESSING ADVANTAGES

129%

Higher Concentration
of Food Scientists than
National Average
BLS, 2020

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Lowest Cost of Doing
Business in the US
Chief Executive, 2017

1st

in Corn Production
in Pork Production
in Egg Production
US Dept. of Ag, 2019

Almost one third of the **largest 100 food manufacturers** have operations in Iowa.

Marion County, Iowa-**Top 2% of US counties**
percent of manufacturing jobs with over
7,500 manufacturing jobs.

MARION COUNTY, IOWA ADVANTAGES

Our Agricultural Industry Cluster

Marion County, is located in the central area of Iowa. The state is a top producer in many types of ag production which provides the inputs needed for many food and beverage processing operations.

Our Utility Partners

Electrical costs in Marion County are less than the national average. Electric service is rated 6.3 out of 7 for satisfaction by existing companies.

Our Workforce

93.3% percent of working age adults age 25+ within Marion County, Iowa have a high school diploma ranking the county 356 out of 3,141 US counties. Skilled labor costs are competitive and existing companies rate productivity of workforce at 5.66 as compared to 5.52 statewide.

Our Regional Food & Beverage Sector Growth Projections

EMS projects regional growth in subsectors from 2020 to 2025 as follows: 22% Confectional Manufacturing, 27% Fruit/Vegetable Canning, 57% Commercial Bakeries, 32% Sauce Manufacturing, and 30% Breweries.

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REGIONAL & LOCAL EMPLOYERS FOOD & BEVERAGE PROCESSING

Albia Brewing
Confluence Brewing
Fender's Brewing
Gezellig Brewing Company
In't Veld Meat Market
Iowa Egg Council
Iowa Food
Jaarsma Bakery
La Bufa
Malty Tasking LLC
Nearwood Winery
New American Brewing
Northcote Locker & Meats
Peace Tree Brewing Company
Smokey Row Coffee Company
Tassel Ridge Winery
3c Baking Company
Twisted Vine Brewery
Ulrich Meat Market
Van Houzen Brewing
Van Veen Chocolates
Wanders Farms Meat Locker
Young G's Barbeque Sauce LLC



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ACCESS TO MARKETS



TRANSPORTATION

LOCATION: Marion County, Iowa is located in the Central time zone.

HIGHWAY: Being located within 30 minutes of the intersection of I-80 and I-35 provides ease of access to markets within the midwest and nation. State Highways 5 and 163 provide 4-lane access from Des Moines to Marion County.

RAIL: A new transload facility under construction by Des Moines Industrial is within 30 minutes of Marion County and will provide additional rail options. The transload site has direct access to Iowa Interstate Railroad, Norfolk Southern and BNSF railroads. There are two class 1 rail lines in Marion County, Iowa. The BNSF and Union Pacific rail lines connect the county to Des Moines as well as the nation.

AIR: Within a one-hour drive, Marion County has access to the Des Moines International Airport, the major airport hub for the region directly to 24 US cities.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

HIGHER EDUCATION: Within a one hour drive of Marion County, Iowa you can connect with four-year schools which offer opportunities for training at Central College, Drake University, Grand View University, Purdue University Global-Des Moines, Simpson College and William Penn University. In addition, you will find both Des Moines Area Community College and Indian Hills Community College within a one hour drive that provide training opportunities and unique certification programs.

TRAINING: Area public and private PreK-12 school systems offer career training programs, internships and apprenticeships. This combines to create a strong training pipeline for area employers. Learn more at www.worksmartconnector.org.

SKILLED WORKFORCE

Right to Work State:

Under Iowa law, an employee must not be required to join a union or pay dues or fees to any labor union, association or organization as a condition of employment.

New Jobs Incentives:

Iowa offers training incentives and an array of financial assistance programs to make starting a business in Iowa easier. The High Quality Jobs Creation Program, Iowa New Jobs Training Program and Iowa New Jobs Tax Credits are just some of the Iowa programs available.

Wages:

Below are mean annual salaries for select occupations in Marion County, Iowa:

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| \$126,656 | Human Resources Managers |
| \$123,887 | Marketing Managers |
| \$70,916 | Accountant/Auditor |
| \$56,108 | First Line Production Supervisor |
| \$45,576 | Cooling Equipment Operators |
| \$45,313 | Heavy/Tractor Trailer Drivers |
| \$36,893 | Office Clerks, General |
| \$35,804 | Food Processing Workers-General |
| \$35,091 | Food Processing Batchmakers |
| \$33,795 | Assembler-General |
| \$30,252 | Packaging Machine Operators |

Contact Marion County Development for a complete list of salaries and wages by occupation including entry wage levels. *Source: Iowa Workforce Development*

Iowa's comparative workers' compensation costs continue to rank among the nation's lowest states.

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