

# MISSOURI'S FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

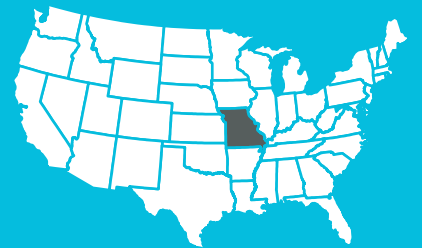
## **GLOBAL LEADER IN FOOD PRODUCTION:**

Missouri's expansive food solutions industry features more than 500 companies and 85,000 farms, with room for even more.

**ACCESS TO INGREDIENTS:** As one of the nation's top producers of soybeans, corn, and livestock, Missouri offers a steady and reliable supply of high-quality raw materials essential to a wide range of industries—from food processing and animal feed to biofuels, bioplastics, and industrial goods.

**FEEDING GLOBAL DEMAND:** Strategically located in the heart of the United States, Missouri offers convenient access to domestic and international markets through a well-connected network of highways, railroads, and waterways.

**RAISE A GLASS:** Missouri is home to iconic companies like Anheuser-Busch and a thriving craft beer scene. The first American Viticultural Area (AVA) was in Missouri, and the state supports a growing cluster of distilleries.



**\$1.4B**

Processed Foods  
Exports

**\$872M**

Agricultural  
Products Exports

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## MISSOURI EMPLOYMENT

	Missouri Jobs	Missouri Avg. Annual Earnings	U.S. Avg. Annual Earnings
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	3,978	\$41,936	\$38,678
Bakers	3,870	\$34,378	\$37,660
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	3,536	\$48,308	\$47,049
Food Batchmakers	2,823	\$48,266	\$42,742
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	2,433	\$49,428	\$50,025
Butchers and Meat Cutters	2,202	\$39,045	\$41,379
Slaughterers and Meat Packers	1,656	\$43,030	\$40,736
Food Processing Workers, All Other	936	\$39,867	\$39,212
Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders	713	\$42,994	\$41,933
Food and Tobacco Roasting, Baking, and Drying Machine Operators and Tenders	658	\$45,061	\$44,086

Source: Lightcast and BLS, 2025

**THRIVING INDUSTRY:** Missouri's food solutions industry employs more than 18 percent of manufacturing employees, and the state is home to companies like:



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