

FOOD & BEVERAGE BUSINESS STARTUP CHECKLIST

Food Production and Training

- Product Formulation Resources: Arkansas Food Innovation Center <https://afic.uada.edu/>
- [Co-Packer Directory](#)
- [University of Mass. Amherst: Food Safety Plan Template](#)
- [Food Safety Training Resources](#)

Food Safety & Regulations

- [FDA: How to Start a Food Business Webpage](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Health: Homemade Food Production Guidelines](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Health: Rules Pertaining to Retail Food Establishment](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Health: Manufactured Food Rules](#)
- [Video: Processing Regulations for Small Food Manufacturers](#)
- [FDA: Small Business Definition and Modified Requirements Factsheet](#)
- [FDA: Small Entity Compliance for Manufactured Foods](#)
- [FDA: Food Labeling Guide](#)
- [Information on Acidified and Low Acid Foods](#)

Licensing

- Incorporate with the [AR Secretary of State Office](#) or apply for a DBA certificate with the county clerk.
- Apply for an [EIN with the IRS](#).
- Apply for a local business license.
- Apply for a Retail Food Establishment Permit, [Arkansas Department of Health: Retail Food Plan Review](#)
- Apply for a Manufactured/Wholesale Permit, [Arkansas Department of Health: Manufactured Food Plan Review](#)
- Register your company/product with [FDA: Food Facility](#)
- Apply for UPC codes: [GS1](#)