

# FOOD PROCESSING

Resources in Greenwood County, S.C.



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## RELIABLE ELECTRICITY AND ABUNDANT WATER

### Reliable and Low Cost Electricity

Having a reliable supply of electricity is vital for food processing operations. Electricity in Greenwood County is provided locally by three providers: Duke Energy, Greenwood CPW, and the Little River Electric Cooperative. Greenwood CPW provides power to the City of Greenwood, Duke Power provides electricity to the unincorporated areas of Greenwood County, and Little River services a small number of customers along the Greenwood/Abbeville County border.

According to [ElectricityLocal.com](http://ElectricityLocal.com), the average residential electricity rate in Greenwood is **20.12% less than the national average** rate of 11.88¢/kWh. The average commercial electricity rate in Greenwood is **10.11% less than the national average** rate of 10.09¢/kWh. The average industrial electricity rate in Greenwood is **9.6% less than the national average rate** of 6.67¢/kWh. Industrial rates in the U.S. range from 4.13¢/kWh to 30.82¢/kWh.



### Abundance of Water

Does your process need an abundance of water? Greenwood CPW serves an area of approximately 180 square miles in Greenwood County. Greenwood CPW is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest water system in the State, providing water to more than 19,000 customers. Water for CPW customers is drawn from Lake Greenwood and treated at the W.R. Wise Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on Water Plant Road. The Treatment Plant has a treatment capacity of 30 million gallons per day (MGD). The system's storage capacity is 10.8 million gallons of water, including 7 million gallons of ground storage and 3.8 million gallons of elevated storage. The most recent surface water withdrawal permit issued by SC DHEC in 2013 allows CPW to withdraw up to 56 MGD of water from the Lake for treatment at the WTP. Treated water is distributed through CPW's more than 500 miles of water lines.

The WTP was the fourth water treatment facility in the nation to receive the Excellence in Water Treatment award from the Partnership for Safe Water and is currently one of only 12 plants nationwide to achieve this recognition.

### GREENWOOD FOOD PROCESSING COMPANIES



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For more information about our local industries, or how your company can become a part of our growing food processing cluster, please give us a call!



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*The GPA staff have the resources and expertise to provide solutions for businesses that plan to start-up, invest, expand or diversify in Greenwood County. Specifically we can help you with: Site or Building Selection; Demographic Data; Coordination with State and Local Permitting Entities and Utilities; Incentives; and Workforce Development.*



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