

Food Safety

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Job Duties

- Ensure grocery and convenience stores stay in compliance with 2103 Food Code.
- Conduct USDA Cool Audits at selected firms.
- Conduct Egg Candling class throughout middle Georgia.

2013 Food Code

The Food Code is a model for safeguarding public health and ensuring food is unadulterated and honestly presented when offered to the consumer. It represents FDA's best advice for a uniform system of provisions that address the safety and protection of food offered at retail and in food service.

Highlights of 2013 Food Code

Certified Food Protection Manager

- At least one employee that has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service shall be a certified food protection manager who has shown proficiency of required information through passing a test that is part of an accredited program.
- This section does not apply to certain types of food establishments deemed by the department to pose minimal risk of causing, or contributing to, foodborne illness based on the nature of the operation and extent of food preparation.

USDA Cool Audits

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) is a labeling law that requires retailers, such as full-line grocery stores, supermarkets and club warehouse stores, to notify their customers with information regarding the source of certain foods. Food products covered by the law include muscle cut and ground meats: lamb, goat, and chicken; wild and farm-raised fish and shellfish; fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables; peanuts, pecans, and macadamia nuts; and ginseng.

Egg Candling

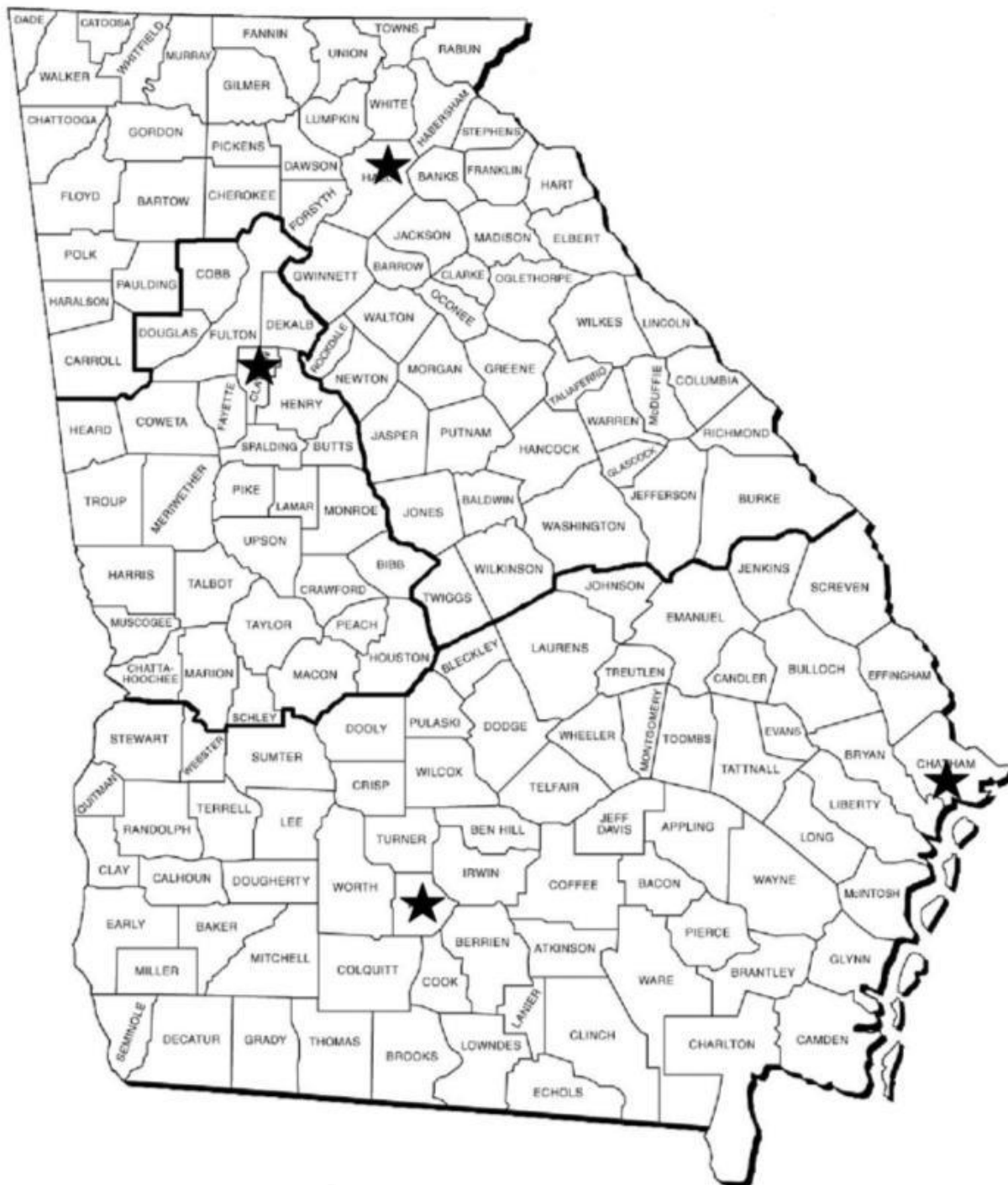
- The Georgia Egg Law governs the production and sale of eggs. The Commissioner of Agriculture and his appointed staff are charged with the enforcement of the Georgia Egg Law. The egg processing facility must be licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture unless selling restricted eggs. All eggs offered for sale must be graded by a certified grader and appropriately packaged and labeled in accordance to the Georgia Egg Law and Georgia Food Act, rules and regulations.

Egg Candling

- Is the process used to grade eggs either AA, A or B.

Career Opportunities

<http://www.agr.georgia.gov/employment-opportunities.aspx>



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