

Virginia's Community Canneries

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Introduction

The Commonwealth of Virginia currently has eleven remaining seasonally operating community canneries located in nine counties, most of which are located in the rural central and southwest portion of the state. Ten of those canneries are operated and supported by their local county governments, while one has been acquired and is operated by a non-profit organization. Three of our canneries qualify by the Virginia Department of Agriculture as facilities certified for the production of commercial value added food items processed for resale.

This publication will outline those canneries and give information on how and when to access them as well as discussions on the feasibility trends and potential future of these icons from the past.

Background Information

Community canneries originated with the Victory Garden era of World War II in the 1940s' and were historically supported by the local school systems where they were typically used as educational tools for home economics. While Virginia is home to some of the oldest canneries in the nation, the canneries have experienced many ups and downs over the years. Those that are still operating, struggle from one season to the next to remain an increasingly growing and valuable service to the citizens that utilize them. In part due to the economic situation across the nation as well as an upswing in health conscious citizens that are riding the surge of the local foods movements, the Commonwealth is facing an increasing interest in our remaining canneries. As many Virginians look closer at becoming more self sufficient and search for ways to save money, the popularity of the canneries is on the rise, which pressures the county budgets to struggle to find ways to keep the doors of the canneries open while they continually operate in the red.

Virginia's Community Canneries

- 1) **Carroll County Cannery**---Carroll County
497 Farmers Market Rd
Hillsville, VA 24312
(276) 728-7571

- 2) **Callaway Community Cannery**-- Franklin County
8451 Callaway Road
Callaway, Va. 24067
(540) 483-5538

- 3) **Glade Hill Community Cannery** ---Franklin County
8081 Old Franklin Tpke
Glade Hill, VA 24092
(540) 483-5538

- 4) **Hanover County Cannery** --Hanover County
13017 Taylor Complex Lane
Ashland, Va. 23005
(804-365-6484)

- 5) **Keezletown Community Cannery** –Rockingham County
1688 Indian Trail Road
Keezletown, VA 22832
(540) 896-7600

- 6) **New London Community Cannery**- Bedford County
12404 E. Lynchburg Salem Turnpike
Bedford, VA 24523
(434) 525-9706

- 7) **Prince Edward County Community Cannery**—Prince Edward County
7916 Abilene Road
Farmville, VA 23901
(434) 223- 8664

- 8) **Castlewood Cannery** – Russell County
304 Blue Devil Circle
Castlewood, Va. 24244
(276) 762-9025

- 9) **Honaker Cannery** –Russell County
37 Cedar Route
Honaker, VA
(276) 873-4907

10) Stuarts Draft Community Cannery --Augusta County

Green briar Lane.
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477
(540) 337- 2698

11) Wythe County Community Cannery – Wythe County

Wythe Co. Vocational School
George Wythe High School
1505 W. Spiller St.
Wytheville, VA 24382
(276)-228-3421



Equipment

Staffing

USDA Certified Canneries



One of the “Time and Temperature Recorders” attached to the retorts in the Hillsville, Va. Community Cannery.

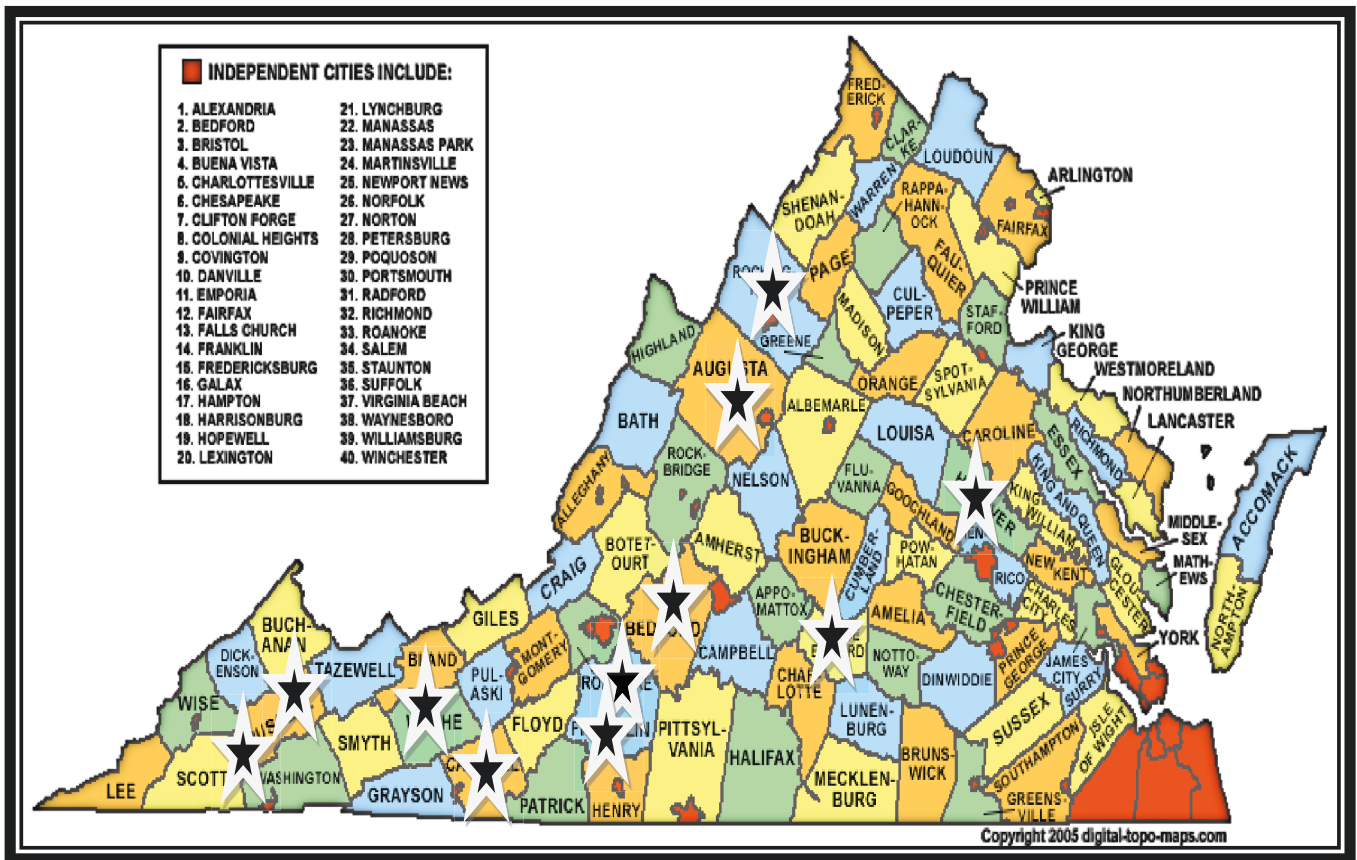


Figure 1: Location of canneries on map.

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