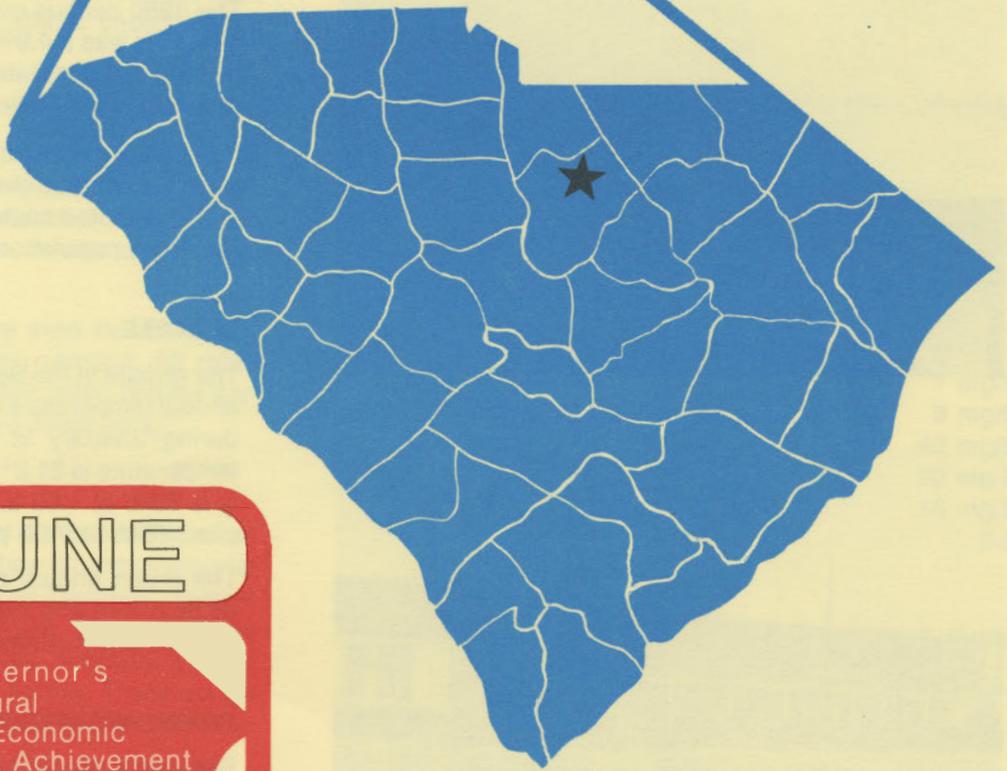


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STATE DOCUMENTS

phone service in the community is provided by the Sandhill Telephone Cooperative.

GOVERNMENT

The community has a mayor-council form of municipal government. The four council members and the mayor are elected for four-year terms. Kershaw County is governed locally by a council-administrator form of government. The five members are elected for four-year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE

The Bethune Police Department has two full-time police officers. The department operates two radio equipped patrol cars. The Bethune Fire Department has 28 volunteer firemen who operate three trucks. Bethune's insurance rating is Class 8.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bethune has one bank to serve the financial needs of the community. The bank has total assets of over \$5.4 million. There are several banks and savings and loans in nearby Camden.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

Nearby Camden has nine motels with a combined total of 244 overnight accommodations. Meeting and banquet facilities are available for groups as large as 400.

CHURCHES

There are four Protestant churches located within the town limits. Nearby Camden offers a Catholic church and a Jewish house of worship.

EDUCATION

Bethune, which is included in the Kershaw County Schools, has one elementary school; one middle school; and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 19 to 1, with 31 teachers and 602 pupils. Private schooling is available in nearby Camden.

Higher educational facilities for the area include Coker College, 20 miles away; USC main campus, 60 miles away; Francis Marion College, 55 miles away; and the Kershaw County Vocational Center, 15 miles away.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Bethune has a medical clinic, part of the Sandhill Medical Foundation, Inc. The 121-bed Kershaw County Memorial Hospital, located in Camden, provides complete medical services, including a coronary care unit. The county has an ambulance service for the hospital. Kershaw County also has an 88-bed long-term care facility. There are 29 doctors and 11 dentists in nearby Camden who serve the community.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

The Kershaw County Recreation Department operates an outstanding recreational program and facilities. The recreation complex in Bethune includes two lighted ten-

nis courts and tot lot for children; one lighted baseball field; one lighted softball field; one gym containing facilities for drama, music, plays, dancing and convenience for senior citizens, arts and crafts for all ages. Bethune Country Club features a nine-hole golf course. Bethune is fortunate to be within easy access to the famous "Grand Strand" beaches for water sports. Fishing is offered from the Big and Little Lynches rivers, which pass within two miles of Bethune. Lake Robinson, which is ten miles away, offers swimming, fishing, boating and other attractions.

POWER

Electric power is supplied by Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L). CP&L has firm generation capacity of 8000 megawatts and forecasts sufficient reserves to accommodate industrial growth in its service area. Economical power from nuclear energy accounts for a major portion of CP&L's generation and serves to keep the company's rates below the national average. Usually CP&L will install, at no cost to the customer, the necessary equipment to supply the electrical requirements. Alternative rate schedules are available to the industrial customer with the most economical rate for a specific application determined by the characteristics of the user's consumption.

Electric power is also available from Black River Electric Cooperative. Power is generated by Central Electric Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals 3,435 megawatts with 73% produced from coal. Inter-tie connections are maintained with neighboring power supplies.

FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by Carolina Pipeline Company.

WATER

The town of Bethune is served by two wells with a maximum capacity of 215,000 gallons per day. The average flow is 25,000 gallons per day. Treated water storage consists of 75,000 gallons in elevated tanks.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	1 mg/L
Alkalinity	3 mg/L
Calcium	.42 mg/L
Hardness	20 mg/L
Iron	.18 mg/L
pH	5.5

SEWER

Bethune uses septic tanks to treat its municipal wastewater.

LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S. C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earn-

ings data and other pertinent information. The S. C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company's entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead-time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

TRANSPORTATION

Bethune is served by two interstate highways, I-95 and I-20; one United States highway; and one South Carolina highway. The community is served by the Seaboard Systems Railroad. Bethune has 30 authorized motor carriers.

Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	3 days	1 day
Boston	6 days	4 days
Chicago	6 days	3 days
Houston	9 days	3 days
New York	4 days	3 days
St. Louis	6 days	2 days
San Francisco	12 days	5 days

The Columbia Metropolitan Airport is 60 miles from the community and is served by Delta, Eastern, Piedmont and Bankair. Douglas Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina, is 75 miles distant and is served by Eastern, Delta, United, US Air, Piedmont, Air Carolina, Sunbird and Atlantis.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name
Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
E. I. du Pont deNemours & Company
Kendall Company
Palmetto Sportswear

Product or Service	Employees
Egg processing and egg products	100
Synthetic organic fibers	3,106
Finishing goods	873
Ladies' clothing	105

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

There is a Foreign Trade Zone located in Charleston, South Carolina, 151 miles away. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture or process goods without paying U.S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multi-mode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

TAXES

The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$6.20 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$12.50 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.65. The effective county rate is \$1.31. The state has no tax on a manufacturer's inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

Industrial sites are available in Bethune with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries' requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board's Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.

For Additional Information Contact:

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