

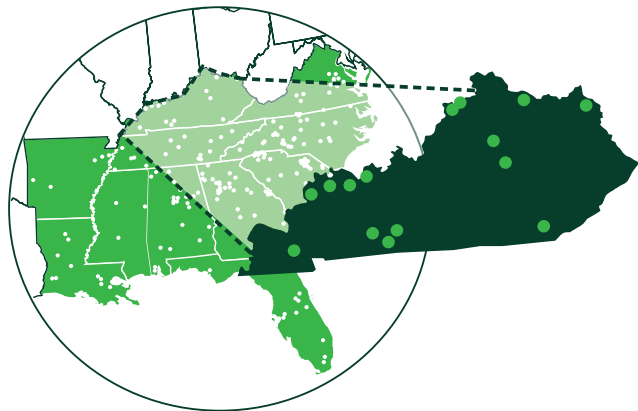
## A PROFILE OF KENTUCKY'S RECYCLING ECONOMY

**When communities invest in local recycling collection programs, they're supporting KY manufacturers who use recycled plastic, glass, metal, and paper to make new consumer goods.**

Recycling isn't just about **smart** use of natural resources – it's about delivering **valuable** commodities to some of our most important businesses.

### LOCAL INVESTMENT, REGIONAL RETURN

The Southeast is unique in its access to healthy recycling markets that feed regional manufacturing needs.



This map highlights key manufacturers who look to recycled materials to make their products.

**Increased recycling rates help Kentucky manufacturers source good, affordable manufacturing feedstock.**

A 2010 SERDC study determined that Kentucky is home to more than 17 manufacturers who rely on recycled content feedstock.

These companies:

- Make more than **\$3.8 billion** in yearly sales
- Employ more than **4,300 Kentucky citizens** directly in the manufacture of recycled content products

Source: Hoovers/OneSource Business Databases (SERDC)

# RECYCLING IN KENTUCKY a healthy industry poised to grow

Local commitment to recycling supports Southeastern companies who haul, recycle, and manufacture goods.

RECYCLING IS AN INVESTMENT THAT RETURNS AGAIN AND AGAIN ♻️

Kentucky ranks as the **#1** state in the primary aluminum industry in terms of value of shipments, and boasts the world's largest fully-dedicated aluminum can recycling plant in Berea. But in 2003, it was estimated that Kentucky lost **\$17 million** per year from landfilling aluminum cans.

Source: KRIG and 2003 KY Report

Kentucky boasts recycled content manufacturers of steel, aluminum, paper, cardboard, and plastics in state, with access to numerous end markets in neighboring Virginia and Tennessee.

2009 recycling statistics indicate that Kentucky hosts **86** recycling reclamation facilities employing **7,418 workers**, with Logan Aluminum in Russellville as the largest employer, providing 1,030 jobs to the surrounding region.

Source: KRIG

If Kentucky recycled just **20% more** solid waste per year



the potential economic impact would equate to\*:

over **1,400** new jobs



over **\$66 million** annual personal income



**\$3 million** annual state tax revenue

\*Using the 1,000 ton metric from S.C.'s Economic Impact Study

Results from a 2010 SERDC study to map demand of recycled feedstock in the Southeast US