



Manufacturing Growth Predictions for 2023 Based on New Plant Announcements

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Hundreds of new manufacturing plants in the United States are scheduled to open in 2023. Many of these plants represent European, Asian, and South American companies that recognize the value and importance of having a US-based facility. The manufacturing sectors with the greatest number of new or expanding manufacturing plants in the US are discussed below.

Food and Food Service Manufacturing Plant Expansion

By mid-2023, Dot Foods, Inc. plans to construct a food distribution facility at the Manchester Industrial Park in Manchester, Tennessee. The \$50.5 million project scope includes the construction of a 177,000 square foot building.



At the end of Q3 2022, Huhtamaki North America is planning to expand its food service products manufacturing plant in Hammond, Indiana. The estimated \$100 million project includes the construction of a 250,000 square foot building expansion. The project will increase production capacity for drink carriers, egg filler trays, and other molded fiber products.



Busseto Foods, Inc. plans to construct a new dried meats processing and distribution facility on an 18.9-acre site in Fresno, California. The project includes construction of a 477,000 square foot two-story building. The facility will have the capacity to produce

500,000 to 600,000 pounds per week of salami, pancetta, coppa, and prosciutto. Operations will be consolidated from other Fresno facilities.

Automotive Plant Expansion Plans



In 2023, Ford Motor Company is planning to retool its Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne and its Flat Rock Assembly Plant in Flat Rock, Michigan.

Hyundai Motor Company plans to construct an electric vehicle assembly and battery manufacturing plant at a 2,923-acre site in Bryan County, Georgia. The project scope includes the construction of building space with cleanrooms. The plant



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will have the capacity to produce 300,000 electric vehicles per year. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2023. Hyundai will use the plant to assemble electric vehicles and batteries. The company is also expanding and retooling its vehicle assembly plant in Montgomery, Alabama.

Summit Polymers Inc. is planning to construct an automotive components manufacturing plant on a 40-acre site in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. The \$37.5 million project scope includes construction of a 140,000 square foot building. Construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2022. Summit Polymers will use the plant to manufacture complete consoles, console components, IP and console trim, door panels, and other automotive interior systems.

Canoo plans to construct a mega microfactory for electric vehicle assembly on a 400-acre site at the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Pryor, Oklahoma. The project scope includes construction of building space, installation of robotic assembly modules, purchase and installation of compressed air systems, painting and parts storage equipment, and purchase of autonomous mobile robots (AMRs). The plant will have the capacity to produce 150,000 electric vehicles per year. A construction schedule is being developed. The plant is expected to be operational in 2024.

Packaging and Plastics Manufacturing Plants

Late in Q1 2023, Springfield Plastics, Inc. intends to expand its plastic pipe manufacturing plant in Auburn, Illinois. The project scope includes construction of a 63,000 square foot building expansion.

Klöckner Pentaplast of America, Inc. is planning to construct a new recycled polyethylene terephthalate (rPET) packaging manufacturing facility in Beaver, West Virginia. Construction is expected to begin in Q3 2022. The plant will have the capacity to produce 15,000 metric tons of rPET film per year for the consumer, health, pharmaceutical, and food industries.

East Jordan Plastics, Inc. plans to establish a plastic horticulture container manufacturing and distribution facility at the Toombs Corporate Center in

Lyons, Georgia. The estimated \$44 million phased project scope includes purchase and installation of raw material storage silos, conveyors, racking, chillers, and thermforming, injection molding, and packaging equipment and systems. Equipment will be installed in a newly-constructed 255,500 square foot building. Based in East Jordan, Michigan, EJP manufactures grow pots and plant containers for greenhouses and nurseries.

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plants

Late in 2022, Catalent Pharma Solutions is planning to expand its 190,000 square foot pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Winchester, Kentucky. The estimated \$175 million project scope includes design and construction of a 90,000 square foot manufacturing building expansion with cleanrooms.

Breaking ground in mid-2023, Eli Lilly and Company is planning to construct an active pharmaceutical ingredients and pharmaceutical production campus on a 600-acre site at the LEAP Lebanon Innovation and Research District in the Lebanon area of Boone County, Indiana. The

estimated \$2.1 billion project scope includes construction of multiple buildings totaling 700,000-800,000 square feet.

Going live in 2025, Vertex Pharmaceuticals plans to expand its biopharmaceutical manufacturing plant at Related Beal's Innovation Square campus in Boston, Massachusetts. The estimated \$400 million project scope includes a 344,000 square foot, seven-story building with cleanrooms.

These are a few examples of the rapid trajectory in manufacturing growth and expansion next year. This report will be updated regularly in Manufacturing Outlook.

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