

Agri-food - Locations that might interest you:

FUNCTIONAL FOODS & NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS CLUSTERS



BRITISH COLUMBIA

» Key strengths: meat processing, greenhouse vegetables, blueberries

» Leading companies include: Calyx Bio-Ventures Inc., Forbes Medi-Tech Corp., Liannaues Plant Sciences Inc.

ALBERTA

City of Edmonton (Alberta)

- Alberta is the third largest overall crop producer (by GDP) in Canada meaning an abundant supply of agricultural feedstock; #1 barley production, #2 wheat and canola, #3 oats.
- The Edmonton region is home to specialized facilities to help prepare and train those interested in agriculture, food processing, and biotechnology industries.
- The government of Alberta provides an array of grant and support programs for agriculture producers, food processors, and those interested in biotechnology.
- Edmonton is a natural truck and warehousing hub for Western Canada.

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Calgary (Alberta)

- Calgary: center for agribusiness, ideal for growing grains, oilseeds and other crops, as well as raising livestock.
- Sub sectors include value-add manufacturing, beverage manufacturing, agri-finance & business services, crop and animal sciences and agri-technologies.
- Calgary offers proximity to high-value farm land, distribution advantages (Canada's 4th busiest airport with direct cargo service to Europe), leader in research and innovation and proven food processing capacity.
- Key companies include Cargill, Agrium, Dow AgroSciences, Bayer Crop Science, JBS Food Canada, and much more.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

» Key strengths: grains and oilseed, cattle and hog breeding and meat production, lentils

» Leading companies include: BioNeutra, Ceapro Inc., SinoVeda Canada Inc., Cargill Inc., General Mills Inc., Can-Oat Milling Inc. and Saponin Inc.

Saskatchewan

- Saskatchewan is the Canadian leader with over 40% of Canada's arable land base and often Canada's #1 exporter.
- Focus on agri-value (and those technologies transforming cereals, pulses, and oilseeds), manufacturing (primary soil preparation and advanced precision agricultural equipment) and food production including non-GMO and organic lines.

ONTARIO

» Key strengths: dairy, soybeans, wheat and corn, meat processing, bread, tortillas and bakery products, sugar and confectionery products

» Leading companies include: General Mills Inc., Kraft Canada Inc., ProSoya Inc., Nestlé Canada, Unilever Canada Inc.

City of Hamilton (Ontario)

- Located in the heart of Ontario's highly prosperous agricultural-based business and food processing region, Hamilton is one of the three largest food and beverage processing areas in North America.
- Hamilton is a 45-minute drive to a major U.S. border crossing, representing a poetrail marketof more than 170 million customers within a day's drive.
- The City's international airport provides 24-hour cargo services.
- Hamilton port: largest port on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes.

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Waterloo Region (Ontario)

- The Waterloo-Guelph-Toronto corridor is the largest food manufacturing region in Canada and the third largest in North America.
- Manufacturers are within one day's drive of over 150 million consumers in the North-American market.
- The region has developed a diverse food processing industry including crop production, animal production, snack food, confectionary, bakery and beverage product manufacturing and distribution.
- Clusters in Waterloo's food processing sector include meats, bakeries, beverages, confectionary and snacks. Key companies include Dare Foods, Piller's Fine Foods, Frito-Lay Canada, Conestoga Meat Packers, Weston Bakeries, Grober Group, JD Sweid Foods, P&H Milling Group, PepsiCo Group and many more.

London (Ontario)

- Focus on food and beverage processing, a sector supported by a talented workforce, infrastructure, supply chain support, easy access to raw materials and fresh water, as well as U.S. market access.
- Key companies include Dr. Oetker, Cargill, Natra, Ingredion, McCormick, Nestle, and Labatt.

QUEBEC

- » Key strengths: soybeans, hogs, hens and chickens, dairy, sugar and confectionery products
- » Leading companies include: Danone Inc., Micropharma Ltd., Soylutions Inc.

Quebec city (Quebec)

- The province of Quebec alone accounts for over 19% of Canada's consumption of health and functional foods.
- Focus on health food ingredients and nutrition (including nutraceuticals) and value-added processing. Key companies include Atrium Innovation, Diana Foods, Nestle-Algrove, R-Biopharm and many more.
- Home to INAF, the largest group of researchers in Canada dedicated entirely to food and the complex interactions between food components, nutrition and health.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

- » Key strengths: fish and seafood, potatoes, cranberries
- » Leading companies include: Chatham Biotec Ltd., Ocean Spray Inc., Ascenta Health, Ocean Nutrition Ltd., Cavendish Farms, Halibut PEI Inc. and AquaBounty Inc.

Prince Edward Island

- Prince Edward Island is known as Canada's Food Island.
- Home to Canada's Smartest Kitchen for food development and BIOFOODTECH for food science projects.