

# YOUR FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PARTNER

Ontario is a national leader in agri-food manufacturing, anchoring one of the largest food and beverage sectors in North America. The province is home to several major global companies, such as PepsiCo, Mondelēz, Cargill and Ferrero, and made-in-Ontario enterprises including Maple Leaf Foods, Dare Foods Limited and FGF Brands.

Ontario-based firms have access to superior, end-to-end supply chain solutions including processing, packaging, specialized storage and transportation, in addition to 3.6 million hectares of cropland growing over 200 agricultural commodities. The province also boasts a concentration of academic institutions with specific inputs and infrastructure dedicated to agrifood and agritech research and development.

Whether you want to expand your operations here or source some of the highest quality services and products in the world, Ontario is fertile ground for growth and success.

## ONTARIO'S FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BY THE NUMBERS

**MORE THAN 5000**  
BUSINESS LOCATIONS MAKE FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS IN THE PROVINCE, EMPLOYING OVER 124,000 PEOPLE

**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
LARGEST FOOD CLUSTER IN NORTH AMERICA. ANNUAL SALES TOTAL MORE THAN \$64 BILLION

**1.5 B**  
CONSUMERS ACROSS 51 COUNTRIES THROUGH FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

**18%**  
OF ONTARIO'S GDP BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, THE PROVINCE'S HIGHEST

**OVER 800**  
INNOVATIVE AGRI-FOOD EXPORTERS

## WHERE **ONTARIO** LEADS IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING:

- Bakery
- Beverage
- Bio-products
- Crop science
- Grain and oilseed processing
- Meat products
- Plant genetics
- Sugar and confectionary

# ONTARIO'S INNOVATION IN AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH:

Ontario is at the forefront of Canada's agri-food economy—an innovation-driven hub for world-class products, global brands, and premium ingredients. This strong corporate presence is complemented by digital innovation, including blockchain-enabled food traceability that enhances supply chain transparency, food safety, regulatory compliance, and global market access.

Ontario's innovation edge is further strengthened by the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO), which owns the province's network of strategic agri-food research infrastructure. In partnership with the University of Guelph—one of Canada's top agriculture universities and a global leader in agriculture and forestry, the institute operates 14 research properties with 5,600 acres and over 200 buildings working to advance agri-food research, technology development, and commercialization. Ontario is proud to be a continued leader in the global agri-food industry through investment in research and new technology initiatives.

## THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE ONTARIO

### 1. TALENT

74% of working adults possess a post-secondary education



### 2. INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Business, academia and government work together to drive bold ideas to market

### 3. COMPETITIVE COSTS

Some of the lowest corporate taxes in North America  
Save up to 50% on after-tax R&D expenditures  
Source high quality products and services that are extremely cost-competitive

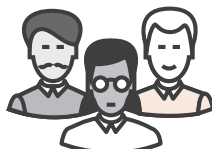


### 4. ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

A short distance to U.S. hubs  
15 free trade agreements with 51 countries

### 5. DIVERSITY

People from 150 countries  
Over 200 languages spoken



Through world-class research, talent development and knowledge translation, we equip growers, producers and industry with solutions that strengthen productivity at home and competitiveness abroad.”

**Dr. Rene Van Acker**

President and Vice-Chancellor  
University of Guelph

## WHO'S HERE

- Anheuser-Busch InBev
- Archer Daniels Midland
- Barry Callebaut
- Bunge
- Cargill
- Coca-Cola
- Ferrero
- W.K. Kellogg Co.
- Mars
- Mondelēz
- Dr. Oetker
- Grupo Bimbo
- PepsiCo
- Saputo

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