Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

OVERVIEW OF THE SECTOR

**Agriculture and agri-food is a major contributor to the Canadian economy.**

**PRIMARY AGRICULTURE**

- An economic driver highly diversified across the country
- 193,492 farms
- Farms cover 68.9M hectares or 6.9% of Canada’s land area
- Concentrated across the Prairies, Quebec and Southern Ontario
- Average farm size doubled over the last 50 years due to increased consolidation and technological advances

**FARM MARKET RECEIPTS (BILLION $)**

- A RECORD HIGH of $68.7B
- 4.5% average annual growth
- Largest 10% of farms generate 2/3 of all revenues

*data is from 2020

THE AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM

**PRIMARY AGRICULTURE**

- GDP: $39.8B (2.1%)
- Employment: 269,300

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING**

- GDP: $32.4B (1.7%)
- Employment: 288,800

Food Retail and Wholesale

- GDP: 32.9B (1.8%)
- Employment: 637,200

Foodservice

- GDP: $21.1B (1.1%)
- Employment: 809,100

In 2020, the primary AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SECTORS

- employed 558,100 people
- accounted for 3.8% of Canada’s GDP
- provided 1 in 32 jobs in Canada

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING**

- Largest manufacturing industry in Canada
- 18% of all manufacturing GDP
- 17.3% of manufacturing employment (agri-food)

Facilities across the country, but most are in ONTARIO and QUEBEC

Food and Beverage Processing Sales totaled $122.1 billion in 2020

**MAIN INDUSTRIES**

- MEAT
  - (25.2%) $30,789,518
- DAIRY
  - (13%) $15,900,627
- BEVERAGE
  - (10.2%) $12,433,606
- BAKERIES AND TORTILLA PROCESSING
  - (10.7%) $13,029,916

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