

# 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

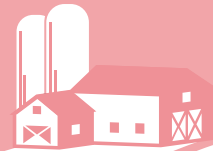
\*data is from 2020

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is mandated to support **primary agriculture** and **food and beverage processing**, but the sector reaches into the broader agri-food system, which influences other service sectors across the food supply-chain.

## THE AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM

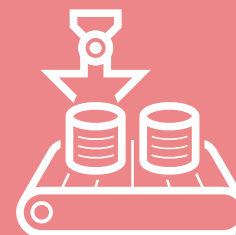
### PRIMARY AGRICULTURE

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



### FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING

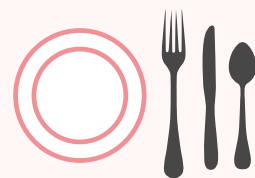
GDP: \$32.4B (1.7%)  
Employment: 288,800



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



{10.7%}  
\$ 13,029,916

BAKERIES AND TORTILLA PROCESSING



{10.2%}  
\$ 12,433,606



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