

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

- ▶ **189,874 farms**
- ▶ Farms cover **62.2M hectares** or **6.3%** 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 | **\$76.9B**

- ▶ **4.7%** | average annual growth
- ▶ **Largest 10%** | of farms generate 2/3 of all revenues

*data is from 2021

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: \$31.9B (1.6%)
Employment: 241,500



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING

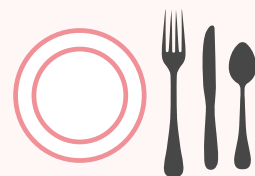
GDP: \$33.2B (1.7%)
Employment: 303,100



Food Retail and Wholesale
GDP: 32.9B (1.7%)
Employment: 664,000



Foodservice
GDP: \$24.2B (1.2%)
Employment: 829,700



In 2021, the primary **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING SECTORS**

- ▶ **employed 544,600** | people
- ▶ **accounted for 3.3%** | of Canada's GDP
- ▶ **provided 1 in 30** | jobs in Canada

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING



Largest manufacturing industry in Canada

17.8% | of all manufacturing GDP

17.5% | of manufacturing employment (agri-food)

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

Food and Beverage Processing Sales totaled \$141.3 billion in 2021

MAIN INDUSTRIES

MEAT



(25.2%)
\$ 35.6 billion

DAIRY



(11.4%)
\$ 16.1 billion

BEVERAGE



(10.3%)
\$ 14.6 billion

BAKERIES AND TORTILLA PROCESSING



(9.8%)
\$ 13.8 billion