



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING

A Large Dynamic Industry

Yes, It's Big!

- Our \$2.2 billion food and beverage processing industry includes more than 250 processors and over 6,600 employees
- The industry produces about 20% of our total manufacturing and processing output
- Saskatchewan foods are set on dinner tables around the world:
 - Flour products and bakery mixes
 - Beef, pork and chicken products
 - Jams, jellies and other preserves
 - Food products with certified organic status
 - Specialty foods, snack foods and confections
 - Nutraceuticals and functional foods

And Getting Bigger

- There will be a lot more crops grown for *non-food* uses in the 21st century
- With 44% of Canada's cultivated farmland – 50 million acres – we can supply crops for:
 - Ethanol – grain based
 - Paint and linoleum – from linseed oil or flax seed
 - Paper – from flax fibre
 - Strawboard – from wheat straw
 - Textiles – from flax fibre
 - Bio-diesel – from canola

Opportunities for Growth

The opportunities in food, crop and beverage processing are as wide as our prairie sky.

- Pulse crop products
 - Processed packaged food products
- Meat processing and slaughtering
 - Beef, pork and chicken processing
 - Specialty meat processing
- Animal feeds
 - Commercial pre-mixes, bean/pea protein, processed forages
 - Other animal feed ingredients



- Oilseed processing
 - Edible oils from canola
- Fruit products
 - Wines, jams, pie fillings, syrups
- Specialty and gourmet foods
 - Organic products from grains and livestock
 - Specialty livestock
- Nutraceuticals and functional foods
 - Herb or spice-based products
 - Dietary supplements and medicinal herbs
- Non-food and non-traditional food products
 - Dermaceuticals (oats)
 - Detergents (canola)
 - Biodegradable lubricants, bio-diesel fuel
 - Hemp or flax fibre-based products
 - Pharmaceuticals

The Saskatchewan Edge

We're perfectly positioned to meet nutrition needs around the world – and it all comes naturally.

Infrastructure and Support

- Large, dynamic food processing industry – with broad supporting infrastructure
- Strong R&D support – including a new food industry development centre
- Central North American location with excellent transportation services for domestic and offshore markets
- Lower overall cost of doing business and operating – and a hard-working, skilled and productive workforce

Local, Superior Inputs

- High-quality crops and livestock herds
- Clean and pristine environment
- Wide variety of raw materials at competitive costs

Want to know more?

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