Edmonton Region hosts a flourishing food & agricultural ecosystem and is the gateway to leading innovative practices and revolutionary farming.

EDMONTON REGION: CULTIVATING SUCCESS
With ample farmland, state-of-the-art R&D facilities, and a rising advanced technology sector, the region hosts the entire sector value chain, including high-quality primary production and a cluster of processing plants.

AGRI-FOOD HIGHLIGHTS

**$10.8b**
Annual exports from Alberta

**10,855**
Workers in Edmonton Region

**3,693**
Establishments in Alberta

- Edmonton Region is recognized for its food science R&D, fruit and vegetable preservation and value-added food processing
- The sector generated $15.8 billion in sales in 2019 and employed 28,000+ individuals in Alberta

- North America’s second largest producer of hemp with 325 producers+ and 45,000 acres of hemp grown
- Home to the world’s largest producer of cannabis, Aurora Cannabis

- Active collaboration between firms, academia, and research institutions is driving automation and digitization in the sector
- Large-scale agriculture, concentration of R&D facilities, and a strong AI knowledge base attract investments into the region

81% GROWTH
Food and beverage sector exports from Alberta grew 81% between 2008 and 2018 to a record $5.8 billion CAD

51 COUNTRIES
Preferred market access to 51 countries, representing approximately 1.5 billion consumers and over 67 per cent of global GDP

$1.25b EXPORTS TO JAPAN
Alberta exported $1.25 billion CAD in agri-food products to Japan in 2018, its third largest market for agri-food products after the U.S. and China

5th LARGEST EXPORTER
Canada is the 5th largest exporter of agricultural products in the world
We are pleased with our decision to locate in Alberta and to establish our clean-technology bioprocessing centre here... this [decision] was based on several factors, including proximity to renewable feedstock, highly qualified personnel here and the excellent collaboration that we have had with the government, the provincial innovation system, and the University of Alberta.

Gilles Gagnon, President & CEO, Ceapro Inc.