



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

- > Access to high quality agricultural land
- > Abundant livestock supply
- > State-of-the-art R&D facilities
- > Affordable energy prices

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



FOOD & BEVERAGE

- 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



CANNABIS & HEMP

- 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



AGRI-TECH

- 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

AGRI-FOOD HIGHLIGHTS



\$10.8b

Annual exports from Alberta



10,855

Workers in Edmonton Region



3,693

Establishments in Alberta

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

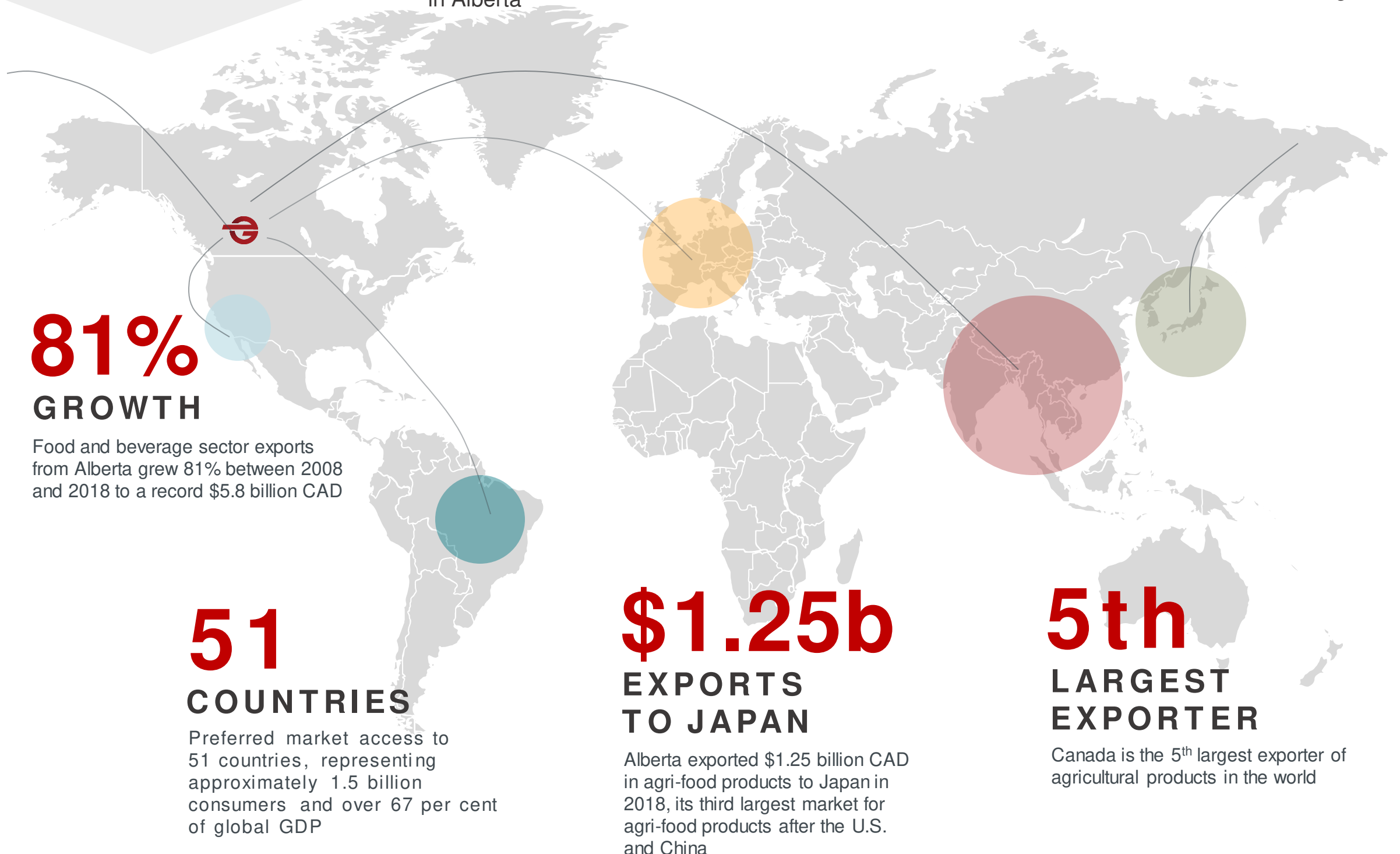
EXPORTS TO JAPAN

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





PROGRAMS
388 UNDERGRADUATE
500 GRADUATE

TALENT & EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

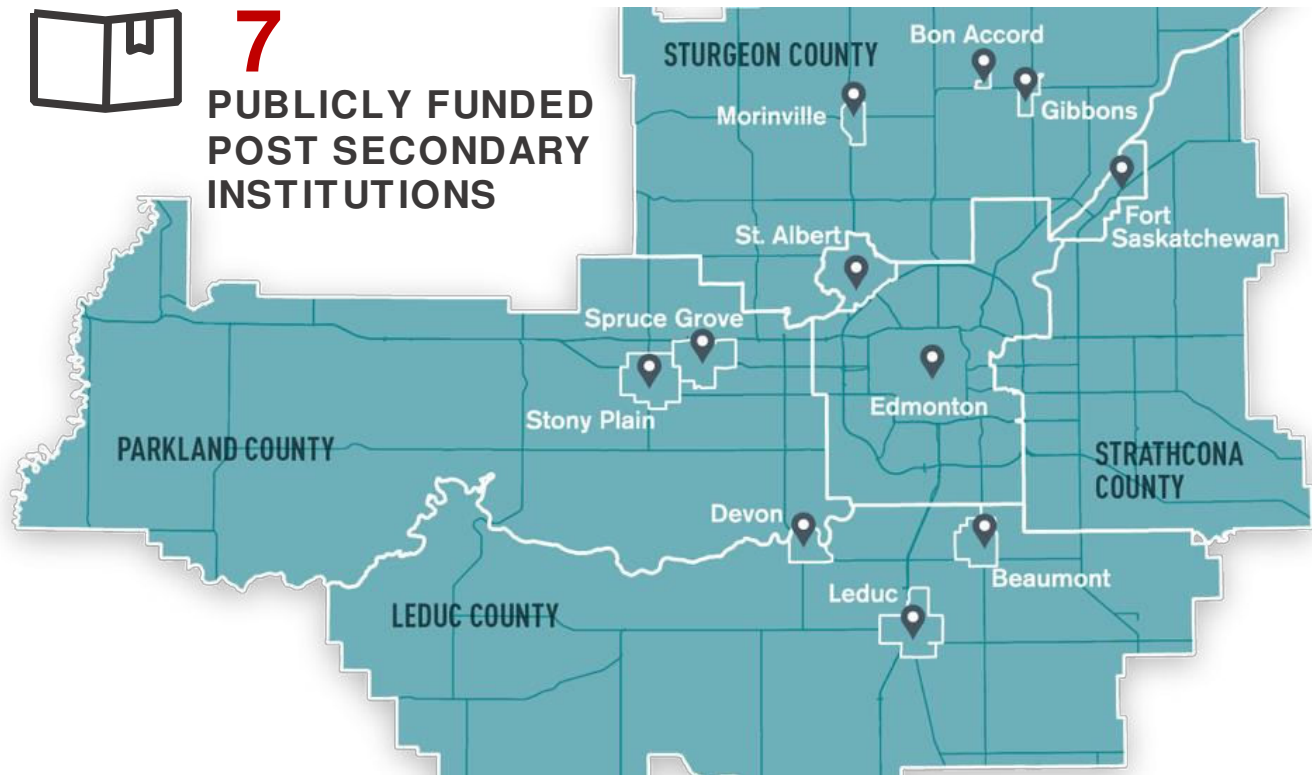
- Alberta's **largest academic and research institution** and houses a dedicated faculty for food and agriculture - the Faculty of Agricultural, Life, and Environmental Sciences (ALES)
- The Agri-Food Discovery Place offers collaborative research opportunities related to meat processing and handling as well as bio-refining

NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NAIT)

- A prominent polytechnic institution and **Canada's largest provider of apprenticeship training**
- Centre for Culinary Innovation connects experts with food-related businesses to develop innovative food products



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PUBLICLY FUNDED POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS



INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

ALBERTA FOOD PROCESSING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

- A modern, fully-equipped pilot plant and laboratory facility positioned to **strengthen and promote Alberta's food sector capabilities**

ALBERTA BIO-PROCESSING INNOVATION CENTRE

- Offers critical **product development and scale-up support** for the food and agriculture sector
- The Centre's offerings include: pelletization, testing and analysis, extraction and purification, and packaging and labeling



\$11.2b

LESS TAXES PAID BY BUSINESSES THAN IN OTHER CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

COMPETITIVE TAX REGIME

- At 8%, Alberta currently has the **lowest corporate tax rate in Canada.**
- The value added tax (VAT) in Alberta is 5%, among the lowest rates across all of Canada

"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.



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