Calgary is the Engine of the Agriculture Industry

See what’s driving southern Alberta’s agribusiness ecosystem

Our Strengths

Location

Calgary is Western Canada’s leading Inland Port with direct access to key North American and International markets. We are a global distribution hub with one of Canada’s busiest airports, including a state-of-the-art cargo facility, two Class 1 intermodal railroads and are located at the junction of the CANAMEX Corridor and Trans-Canada Highway.

Highly Educated Talent Pool

64% of Albertans aged 25-64 have a post-secondary education.

In 2018, Alberta’s agri-food industry employed 75,600 people.

Proximity to Land

Calgary is located in the heart of Alberta’s best growing land with nearly 40% of Canada’s cattle and direct access to large-scale Ag operations.

Access to Innovation

World-class post-secondary and training institutions known for research and innovation:

- University of Calgary
- Olds College (2,000 acre Smart Farm)
- University of Lethbridge
- Lethbridge College

- SAIT
- Creative Destruction Lab (CDL - Rockies)
- Zone Startups
- District Ventures

Programs and Policies

Growing government support to stimulate industry expansion.

- Protein Industries Canada (PIC), Super Cluster
- Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) funding
- Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network (CAAIN)
- Scientific Research Experimental Development (SRED) program

Established Anchor Companies

- BASF
- Bayer
- Cargill
- Corteva
- FBN
- Harmony Beef
- JBS Canada
- Nutrien
- Oldcastle
- PEPSICO
- Sofina
- Telus
LEADING-EDGE AGRICULTURE GROWS HERE

Experts in all things Ag are making Calgary a hotspot for Canadian and global food and technology suppliers.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA IS A GREAT PLACE FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH INCLUDE:

FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND MEAT PROCESSING
Everything needed to grow an operation – land, water, affordable labour, and capital – is available with significant opportunities with plant proteins.

CROP SCIENCE
With a high concentration of corporate headquarters and an ecosystem of major industry players, the region is a global magnet for new, innovative companies seeking to collaborate openly and access investment capital.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
With access to leading-edge technologies and an abundance of data, the opportunities for applied machine learning and artificial intelligence solutions are limitless.

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES
As a region embracing new solutions in the financial and insurance sectors with a high adoption rate of new technologies, we’re the location for growth traceability and enhanced tech platforms.

AGRICULTURE FOOD
With the abundance, variety and diversification of crops grown in the region we have a distinct opportunity to differentiate our Alberta food brands.

AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY
Our history as a hub for applied agricultural research and production innovation makes the region a destination for some of the world’s most accomplished agricultural technologists.

Read the complete 2020 Agribusiness Market Study report and connect with us to learn how to be a part of our leading agribusiness ecosystem.
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