

# FOOD & BEVERAGE INCENTIVES

## Funding Initiatives

The Governments of Canada and Ontario offer a variety of funding initiatives specifically tailored to meet the needs of the food and beverage sector.

**Achieving Innovation and Manufacturing Excellence (AIME):** Yves Landry Foundation provides up to \$50,000 to offset the costs for manufacturers to undertake training or skills-upgrading activities to support innovation.

**Advanced Manufacturing Fund:** Federal funding between \$10 to \$20 million per project, to support efforts to develop cutting-edge technologies and large-scale activities.

**Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit Ontario:** A refundable tax credit for businesses employing apprentices in certain skilled trades during the first 36 months of an apprenticeship program.

**Canada-Ontario Job Grant:** Provides direct financial support to individual employers who wish to purchase training for their employees.

**ecoENERGY Efficiency for Industry Program:** Natural Resources Canada offers cost-shared assistance to industrial companies to implement energy management projects.

**Export Market Access:** A joint initiative of the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to help small and medium-sized enterprises increase their access to global markets.

**Growing Forward 2 (GF2):** GF2 is a federal-provincial initiative that encourages innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agricultural sector.

**Food and Beverage Growth Fund:** The Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure offers a fund for food, beverage and bioproduct processing projects across the province with more than \$5 million in eligible costs.

**Ontario R&D Tax Program:** Qualifying corporation can claim a 3.5%-4.5% non-refundable tax credit on scientific research and experimental development expenditures performed in Ontario to reduce their Ontario corporate income tax payable.

**Save-on-Energy:** Save-on-Energy incentives are available to help reduce payback periods and cut capital costs. These incentives include Retrofit Program, Audit Funding, Process and Systems and Small Business Lighting.

**Scientific Research & Experimental Development (SR&ED) Tax Incentive:** A federal tax incentive program that encourages Canadian businesses of all sizes, and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada.



**Agricultural Adaptation Council:** Provides low-cost program delivery services for agriculture, agribusiness and food processing companies. [adaptcouncil.org](http://adaptcouncil.org)

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:** Federal government agency working with farmers and food producers to support the growth and development of the agriculture and agri-food sector. [agr.gc.ca](http://agr.gc.ca)

**Alliance of Ontario Food Processors:** A non-profit organization of food and beverage processing companies and industry organizations that promote and represent the Ontario food and beverage processing sector. [bcfpa.ca](http://bcfpa.ca)

**Craig Richardson Institute for Food Processing Technology at Conestoga College:** Offers training opportunities in a variety of areas including food safety, food processing techniques, electronic instrumentation techniques, automation, robotics, packaging and plant supervision. [ifpt.ca](http://ifpt.ca)

**Food and Beverage Ontario:** A provincial professional leadership organization for food and beverage processors across Ontario. [foodandbeverageontario.ca](http://foodandbeverageontario.ca)

**Food and Consumer Products of Canada:** The national industry association in Canada representing the food, beverage and consumer products industry. [fcpc.ca](http://fcpc.ca)

**Food Innovation & Research Studio at George Brown College:** Research facility that specializes in getting new food products into market and onto store shelves. Offers industry access to technical *(continued)*



resources, state of the art facilities and networking opportunities for the food and beverage industry. [georgebrown.ca](http://georgebrown.ca)

**Food Processing HR Council:** Monitors the industry's human resources developments and needs, and delivers HR information and training tools to support a safe and secure food supply and food processing sector. [fphrc.com](http://fphrc.com)

**Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Alliance:** Initiative of government agencies, not-for-profit organizations and industry stakeholders working collectively for a more integrated and coordinated approach to food and farming viability in the Golden Horseshoe area. [foodandfarming.ca](http://foodandfarming.ca)

**Greater Toronto Area Food & Beverage Cluster:** Led by Food & Consumer Products of Canada, the Cluster is a collaborative, industry-wide initiative aimed at making the GTA's food and beverage manufacturing sector an even stronger economic driver. [gtafoodcluster.ca](http://gtafoodcluster.ca)

**Ontario Agri-Food Technologies:** Focuses on ensuring that Ontario producers have access to the latest technologies to compete globally and to develop new market opportunities. Members include grower associations, universities, industry and governments. [oaft.org](http://oaft.org)

**Ontario Food Terminal:** Canada's largest wholesale Fruit and Produce Terminal. It ranks the third largest Terminal Market in North America by volume and produce distributed. [oftb.com](http://oftb.com)

**Ontario Independent Meat Processors:** A board-led association representing over 300 members across Ontario including abattoirs, processing plants, butcher shops, fine food stores, suppliers and partners. [oimp.ca](http://oimp.ca)