

# Agri-food

## Nova Scotia, Canada

A thriving food and beverage industry with a speciality in value-added ingredients, sustainable practices and an innovative community.

Nova Scotia has built an international reputation as a reliable source of high-quality, food, beverage and value-added ingredients. With over 2,000 businesses and approximately 12,000 jobs directly linked to industry, Nova Scotia produces an abundant supply of agricultural commodities and ingredients available for export.

In 2019, Nova Scotia exported \$363 million worth of agri-food products to more than 70 countries around the world. Nova Scotia is home to the world's largest supplier of frozen wild blueberries, North America's largest processor of frozen carrot products and the largest supplier of OMEGA-3 EPA/DHA to the global food and beverage industry.

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**In Nova Scotia,  
there is always  
something in  
season.**

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## About the Sector

Nova Scotia enjoys a global reputation for safe, high-quality agriculture and agri-food products. The reputation stems from its vigorous food safety initiatives for producers, processors, and consumers. These measures ensure the safety and quality of Nova Scotia's agriculture and agri-food products.

## Cropland and Processing

With Nova Scotia's growing array of products, our modern agriculture and transportation infrastructure ensure that customers receive exceptionally fresh and nutritious products quickly and efficiently.

Nova Scotia's food manufacturing ranges from small cottage industries to internationally traded commodities, exporting products ranging from artisanal cheeses to plant powders made from dried, surplus fruits and vegetables

Nova Scotia's food processing industry also serves a number of dietary niche markets, with gluten-free, vegan/vegetarian, halal- and kosher-friendly products.

The industry's commitment to high quality, safe food is highlighted by the various food processor associations active in the province, including Taste of Nova Scotia, the Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia, and the Canadian Food Exporters Association.

## Agri-tech

Nova Scotia supports a globally recognized tech sector. The province is consistently exploring new ways to increase food production and processing while ensuring our world-class sustainable and safety standards are met.

The sector, and its facilities, are modernizing by testing and adopting innovative technology in order to respond to new opportunities and

challenges. Research labs can be found throughout the province including:

- Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
- Perennia
- Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS)
- NSCC EATLab

## Research and Innovation Incentives

### Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED)

**Program:** This program provides tax incentives to encourage research and development in Canada. Administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), it is the largest single source of federal government support for industrial research and development.

**Nova Scotia Research and Development Tax Credit:** This incentive mirrors the federal program, and provides an additional 15% tax credit to Nova Scotia corporations that incur qualified SR&ED expenditures made in Nova Scotia, as defined by the federal Income Tax Act.

**Atlantic Innovation Fund:** This program aims to increase Atlantic Canada's innovation capacity by funding R&D projects linked to the commercialization of technology-based products, processes or services.

**AgriScience Program:** This program provides up to \$5 million per eligible project in non-repayable contribution funding and collaborative research and development support for pre-commercial science activities and cutting-edge research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food sector and Canadians." to the research & innovation incentives list.

## A THRIVING INDUSTRY

Some of the world's top companies have taken advantage of the unique opportunities in Nova Scotia's agri-food sector.

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