

AGRI-FOOD SUCCESS

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The agri-food sector is a cornerstone of the Ontario economy with significant opportunity for growth, but we need innovation and support.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The agri-food sector has shown remarkable resilience and adaptability in the face of ongoing challenges including labour shortages, supply chain disruptions, weather extremes, changing consumer demands, market fluctuations and increasing costs. But there's more we can do to strengthen and expand the sector.



GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF AGRI-FOOD BUSINESSES.



Government needs to work collaboratively with industry to support all types of agri-food businesses, build Ontario's skilled labour force, keep supply chains functioning smoothly, reduce food waste, expand market access, keep costs low and attract innovation.

WHAT DOES CFFO WANT TO SEE?

- 1 Support entrepreneurial success for small and medium-sized businesses in the food supply chain, especially processing facilities.
- 2 Build Ontario's skilled labour force along the food supply chain, including farms, processing, transportation and veterinarians.
- 3 Create a collaborative culture between processors and food inspectors to protect food safety and reduce waste.
- 4 Improve Ontario's access to Canadian markets through better inter-provincial trade.
- 5 Keep carbon pricing costs low, especially for essential things like food production.