

# Canada's Food Economy

# 70%

 of the food Canadians eat is made in Canada.

From processors to packagers to distributors, thousands of businesses work together to turn farm fresh and imported ingredients into the foods we enjoy every day — at home and in restaurants.

From green acres to blue box,  
the food economy represents  
**\$150B GDP**



employs over  
**2.3 million**  
people.

## The food economy thrives on



Skilled and  
innovative people



Smart regulations  
and taxes



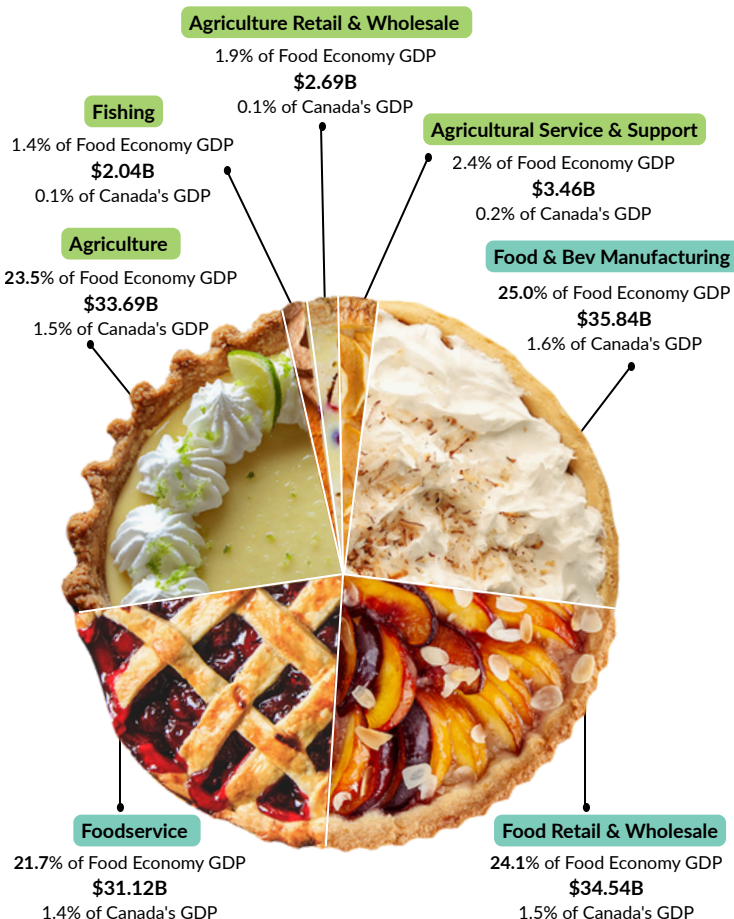
Advanced  
technology

When these elements work in sync, Canada's food sector becomes more **efficient, resilient, and profitable** — a foundation for long-term growth.

## Canadian Food Fuels Canada

Canada's strong, technology-driven food sector is vital to Canada's economy and to global food security. In offices, labs, and on the production line in factories and restaurants, skilled workers are using data, maintaining advanced equipment, and applying innovation to solve challenges that ensure we all have abundant, affordable food both at home and to export to other countries.

With strategic support, the food economy can become even more powerful. As businesses embrace Industry 4.0 (AI, robotics and new ingredients), technology will transform how food is made — advancing production to achieve higher output, with improved efficiency, sustainability, and resilience.



	Canada's Food Economy		Automotive	Aerospace	Tech
	Agriculture	Post Farmgate			
Exports (\$B)	41.34	59.66	79.148	21.547	11.315
Workers	278,676	2,080,901	534,266	47,412	723,319
GDP (\$B)	41.88	101.5	62.881	8.396	112.807
Establishments	222,563	174,646	81,756	593	139,701
Sole Entrepreneurs & Family Businesses	177,004	56,163	38,241	288	55,025
# Self Employed in 2021	171,950	139,200	66,230	800	94,280
% Aged 55-64 in 2021	22.3%	14.1%	19.9%	24.0%	12.8%
% Over 65 in 2021	16.7%	3.3%	5.5%	3.1%	2.3%
Forecasted Labour Needs to 2030*	101,100	208,744	218,730		