

Advancing Food, Beverage and Agriculture Entrepreneurs in Ontario

The Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre (OAFVC) located in Northumberland County (Colborne), next to the Big Apple is a 15,000 square foot food-safe processing facility that specializes in fruit and vegetable small batch food processing, packaging, storage. Designed to support the development of food entrepreneurs and help the agriculture community create added value products.

Economic Impact (annual average):

- Helps launch 20 new businesses
- Serves over 120 new and existing entrepreneurs
- Serves clients from all areas of Ontario. (28% based in Northumberland County, 33% Eastern Ontario, 39% the rest of Ontario)
- Over 2,500 hours of entrepreneur-driven food processing and production
- Clients manufacture products worth more than 1.5 million (wholesale)
- Products produced in the OAFVC are available in hundreds of retail locations across Ontario such as Sobeys, Metro and privately-owned boutiques.



OAFVC Expanding Ontario's Food Development Ecosystem:

- Health Unit approved for safe food production
- Business and food development expertise
- Trained, customer-oriented staff
- Recognized by several national retail chains (Sobeys, Metro, Foodland) as a production option for appropriate clients
- Production flexibility supporting new product innovation
- Referrals to key partners and support



Facility – Key Amenities:

- Large industrial kitchen equipment for multi-batch food processing
- Dedicated (not shared) food processing rooms
- Filling equipment
- Cold, frozen, and dry storage
- Product labelling and packaging machines
- Flash freezer
- Hops pelletizer
- Training facility/meeting room



**Find out how the OAFVC can help grow your business.
Contact us today!**

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