With its diverse, farm-to-table approach, Waterloo’s food processing ecosystem thrives in all seasons. Located in Canada’s largest concentration of prime, Class 1 land, our food processing sector has easy access to North America’s biggest markets, including New York, Detroit and Chicago. Waterloo is home to 1,400 farms and 130+ regional food manufacturers with specializations in crop and animal production, snack food, confectionary, distribution and more.

**WATERLOO’S FOOD PROCESSING POWER**

- **Grow your business** in Canada’s largest concentration of prime, Class 1 land producing high-value crops and livestock.

- **Transform your company’s future** with Waterloo’s world class robotics, technology and automation processes. Our local companies and institutions streamline Waterloo’s food processing operations.

- **Cultivate exceptional talent** with Waterloo’s food processing and manufacturing workforce. Waterloo has the highest concentration of employees in the food & beverage manufacturing industry in Canada.

**LEADERS IN FOOD PROCESSING**

“In Waterloo, we’re close to a farming community, major transportation corridor and rail connections. The character of the region is very entrepreneurial, innovative and enterprising.”

— Arnold Drung, President, Conestoga Meat Packerst Ltd.

Looking to locate, relocate or expand? Choose Waterloo.
GROW YOUR FOOD PROCESSING BUSINESS IN WATERLOO

CONESTOGA COLLEGE

- 26,000 students
- 14 processing, safety and packaging programs with a focus on plant-floor expertise
- Home to the IFPT, a leading food-processing research centre
- 65% of students remain in the region after graduation

INSTITUTE OF FOOD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY (IFPT)

The Craig Richardson Institute of Food Processing Technology, located at Conestoga College, supports Waterloo’s food and beverage manufacturing industry by providing education, training opportunities, research and technical expertise. The IFPT consistently partners with the food processing industry to achieve innovative technological solutions.

SMART CENTRE

Conestoga College’s SMART Centre is a regional hub for applied research to support manufacturing enterprises. It is a crucial driver of innovation and commercialization in Waterloo’s manufacturing sector.

WATERLOO ROBOHUB

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ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The OAC, located approximately 20km/12.5mi from Waterloo, is internationally renowned for its research, teaching and knowledge extension in the specialized areas of food and agriculture.

TORONTO-GUELPH-WATERLOO CORRIDOR

- Workforce – 55,000+ people employed in Food & Beverage sector
- Market – Access to 7.7 million people, 21% of Canada’s population
- Industry – Home to Canada’s largest and most renowned agricultural college (OAC), the Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety and the Arrell Food Institute
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