

# Food News

June 2022

## Webinars, events and programs

### Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development (AFRED) – Webinar: Cyber Security: Protecting Your Small Business

June 16, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.

Are you feeling overwhelmed by IT security threats and how your business should be dealing with them? Sarah Kitchin, with KPMG will be presenting an introduction for small-to medium-sized agri-food businesses looking to be proactive in protecting their data and information from outside sources on the internet or cyberspace. Application of digital and automation technology is increasing in importance for small to medium sized companies today and the webinar will provide insightful information and tips on how to manage this technology against potential cyber security threats. Main topics are why is cyber security important; common threats; conducting a cyber inventory; and, cyber risk management and best practices. Register [here](#).

### AWESOME Virtual Accelerator – Apply for cohort 4 starting this September 2022!

Program runs September to November 2022

Application Deadline: August 12, 2022

Women play a vital role in growing the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector. The proportion of women-led and women-owned businesses in Canada, from farm to able, continues to increase. The AWESOME Virtual Accelerator provides 10 weeks of focused learning, sales development and connections for women food processing business entrepreneurs in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba with emerging businesses. With support from Prairies Economic Development Canada and Farm Credit Canada, the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre is able to offer this program free of charge to businesses that are women-owned and led. Apply for cohort 4 and find more information [here](#).

### Government of Canada – Canada Digital Adoption Program

How Canadians do business has changed. To stay competitive and grow, small and medium-sized businesses need to adopt new digital tools. In Budget 2021, the

Government of Canada announced the \$4 billion Canada Digital Adoption Program to help get your business online, give your e-commerce presence a boost or help digitalize your business's operations. The program provides funding and support to businesses, as well as training and work opportunities for young Canadians. More information and to find out which grant your business is eligible for, check [here](#).

## Funding

### Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) in Alberta: Next Policy Framework Engagement

Stakeholders are invited to complete the online survey by June 6, 2022.

CAP is a five-year, \$3 billion federal-provincial-territorial investment in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector that began in April 2018. We are gathering feedback to help inform the development of the Next Policy Framework, set to replace CAP in April 2023, and continue investing in Alberta's agriculture industry. Through this engagement, representatives of Alberta's agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sector have the opportunity to share feedback on the five priority areas identified in the [Guelph Statement](#), a policy document endorsed by the federal, provincial and territorial agriculture ministers to help guide the development of the Next Policy Framework. Take the survey [here](#).

## Resources

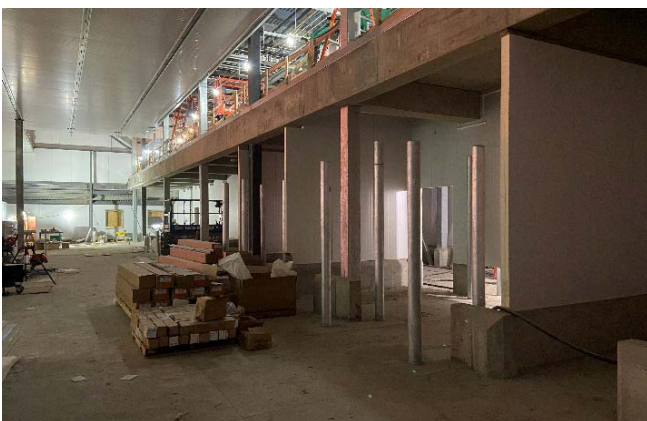
### AFRED: two new video resources have been added to the Agri-Processing Business Resources webpage

- [Getting into Retail is Hard. Staying in is Even Harder \(video\)](#)
- [Distributors and Brokers – Are You Ready to Work With Them? \(video\)](#)

## AFRED: Food Processing Development Centre & Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator

As a centre of excellence, the Food Processing Development Centre provides product and process development, interim processing, industry-driven applied research, and business development services to support the growth of Alberta's value-added food processing sector. For more information, view our webpage [here](#).

The Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator provides federally licensed food processing space for food companies to realize their business growth objectives and is increasing Alberta's value-added processing capacity through the addition of new processing incubator suites. Construction of the 2,300 square metre expansion began in late 2021 with completion anticipated for the spring of 2023. More information will be posted to the webpage soon. Apply to lease one of the new processing suites [here](#)



Looking for information on starting or growing your agri-processing business?

Entrepreneur and business resources are available on Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development's [Agri-Processing Business Resources webpage](#).

## Alberta Food Processors Association (AFPA)

### Food Safety Training

- Full course schedule available [here](#) (virtual instructor lead)
- GMP, Preventative Controls & HACCP Implementation (with exam). This course is recognized by the International HACCP Alliance – *June 16-17*
- Consulting is also available as well as GAP assessments or Internal Audits

### Workplace Health & Safety Training

- Full course schedule available [here](#) (virtual instructor led or offering in person upon request)
- HS Committee or Representative: 'Technical Rules' – *June 16*
- Roles & Responsibilities for Managers/Supervisors - *June 22*
- OHS System Building – *September 28-29*

Consulting is also available to create, develop, and implement your health and safety management system, all 10 elements as well as onsite training!

One-stop for industry-specific online self-paced learning content at [afpaondemand.com](#). Check out Lock Out Tag Out or Sanitation Level 1 just added.

Reach out to [melody@afpa.com](mailto:melody@afpa.com) for additional information or questions.