



Economic importance of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector

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The agriculture and agri-food system is a major contributor to the Canadian economy

- In 2016, the agriculture and agri-food system (AAFS) accounted for 6.7% of Canada's GDP or \$111.9 billion. The AAFS employed approximately 2.3 million people.
- Growth in the primary agriculture and food and beverage processing industries is crucial, as the sector strives to reach ambitious export goals of \$75 billion by 2025.

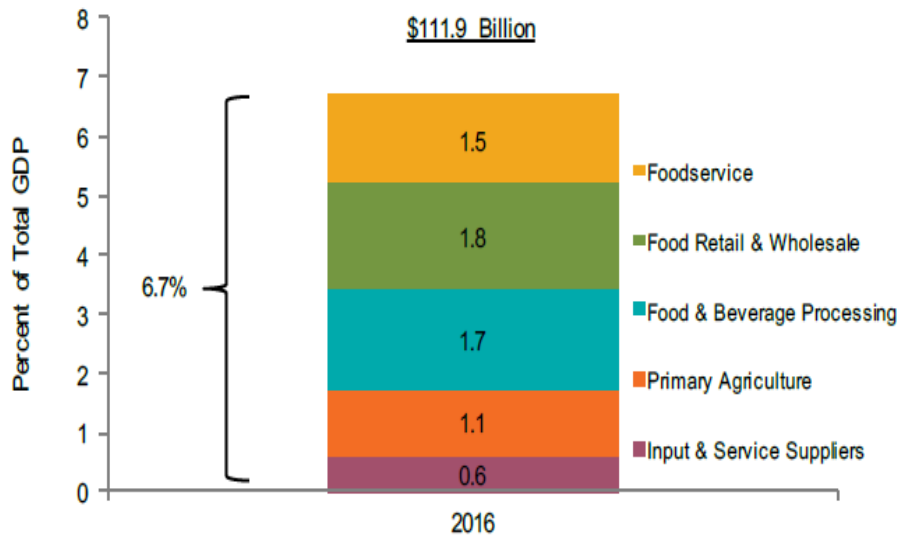
The Agriculture and Agri-Food System, 2016



Source: Statistics Canada and AAFC calculations.

The sector's contribution to GDP continues to increase

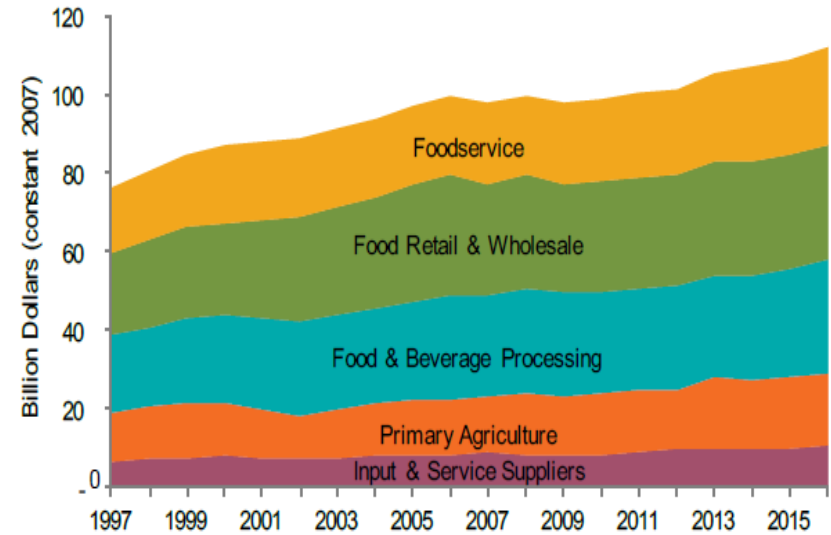
Agriculture and Agri-Food System's Contribution to Canadian GDP, 2016



Source: Statistics Canada and AAFC calculations.

Notes: (1) Data is preliminary and subject to revisions. (2) Components may not add up due to rounding.

Agriculture and Agri-Food System's Contribution to Canadian GDP, 1997-2016



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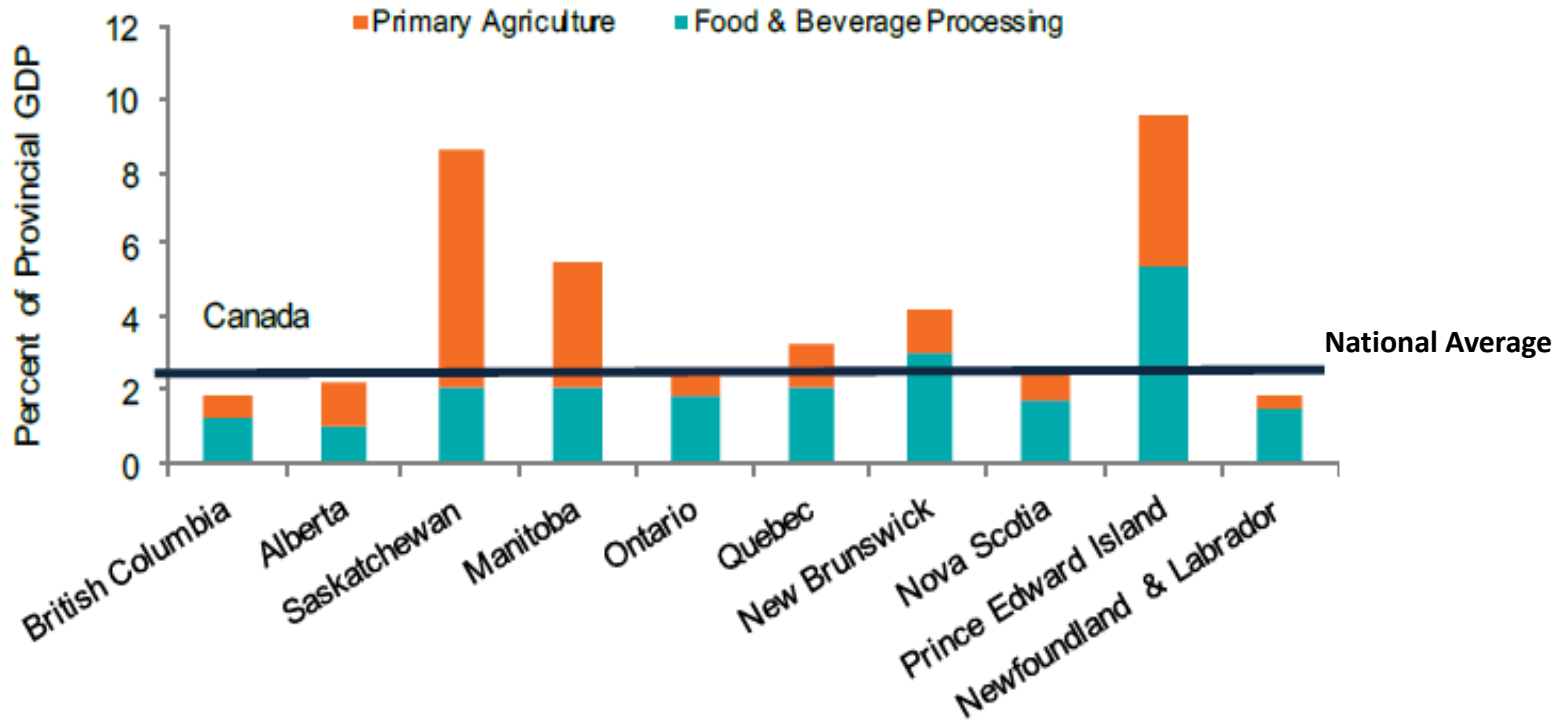
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- The food and beverage processing industry share of AAFS GDP reached \$28.5 billion (1.7% of Canada's total GDP), and the primary agriculture industry \$18.7 billion (1.1% of total GDP).
- GDP in the AAFS grew by 11% from 2012 to 2016. In comparison, GDP across all sectors of the Canadian economy grew by 7.8% over the same time period.

Dominic Barton of the Advisory Committee on Economic Growth identified agriculture and agri-food as a key growth sector.

Across the country primary agriculture underpins further value-added processing

Contribution of Primary Agriculture and Food and Beverage Processing to Provincial GDP, 2016

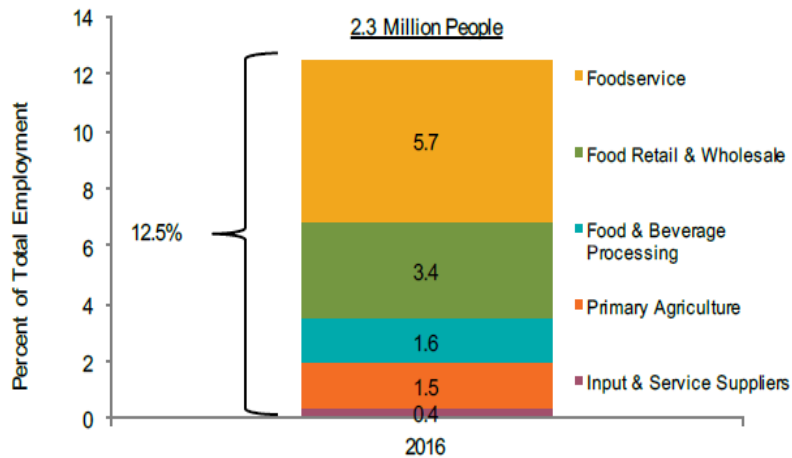


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Labour is critical to the success of the agriculture and agri-food system...

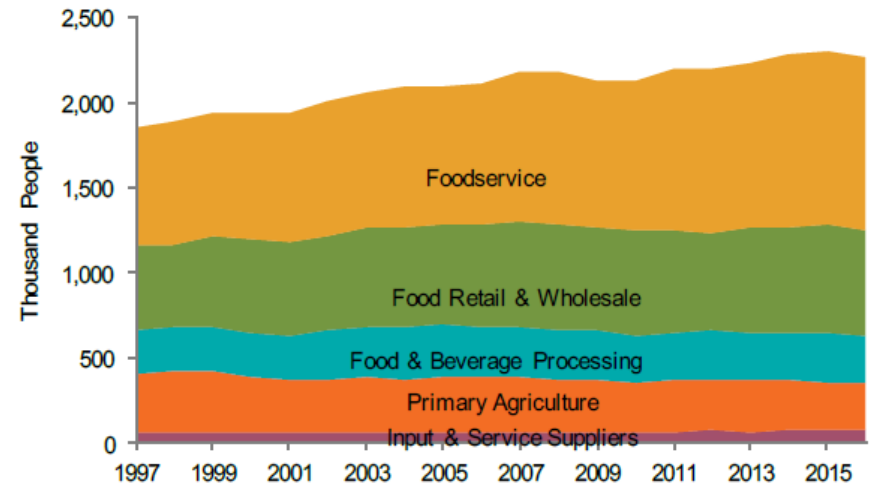
Agriculture and Agri-Food System's Contribution to Canadian Employment, 2016



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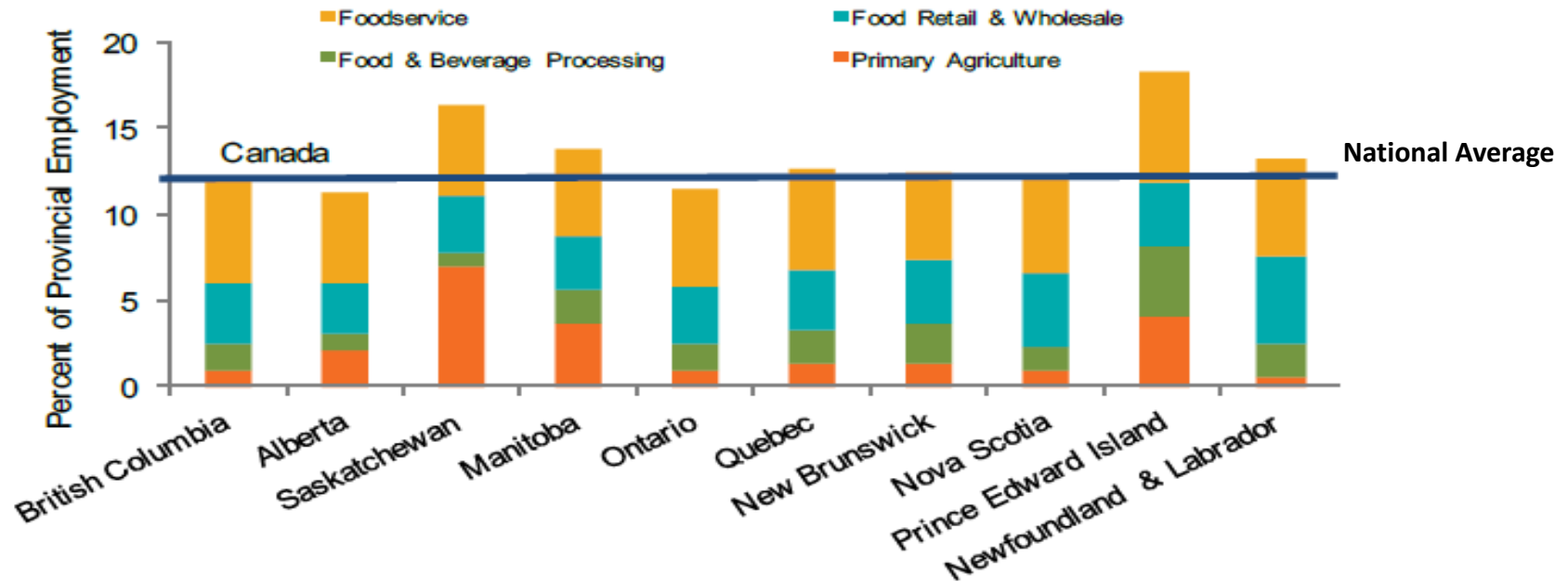
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- In 2016, the AAFS employed approximately **2.3 million people**, representing 12.5% of total Canadian employment.

... across the entire country

Agriculture and Agri-Food System's Share of Provincial Employment, 2016



Source: Statistics Canada and AAFC calculations.

Notes: (1) Input and service suppliers have been excluded due to confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*. (2) See glossary for the definition of employment.