

Alberta's Agriculture Programs & Initiatives

Alberta Agriculture & Forestry

**Strengthening the Southern Alberta and
Port of Prince Rupert Trade Corridor Workshop
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Growing Forward 2

- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is helping the agriculture industry position itself to respond to future opportunities and challenges through Growing Forward 2 programs.
- Growing Forward 2 is a federal-provincial-territorial partnership with a mandate to achieve a profitable, sustainable, competitive and innovative agriculture industry.

Growing Forward 2



Next Agricultural Policy Framework

- The Next Agricultural Policy Framework (NPF) will replace Growing Forward 2, and extend over the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2023.
- Canada's federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture have negotiated six priority areas of the NPF:
 - Markets and trade**
 - Science, research and innovation**
 - Risk management**
 - Environmental sustainability and climate change**
 - Value-added agriculture and agri-food processing**
 - Public trust**

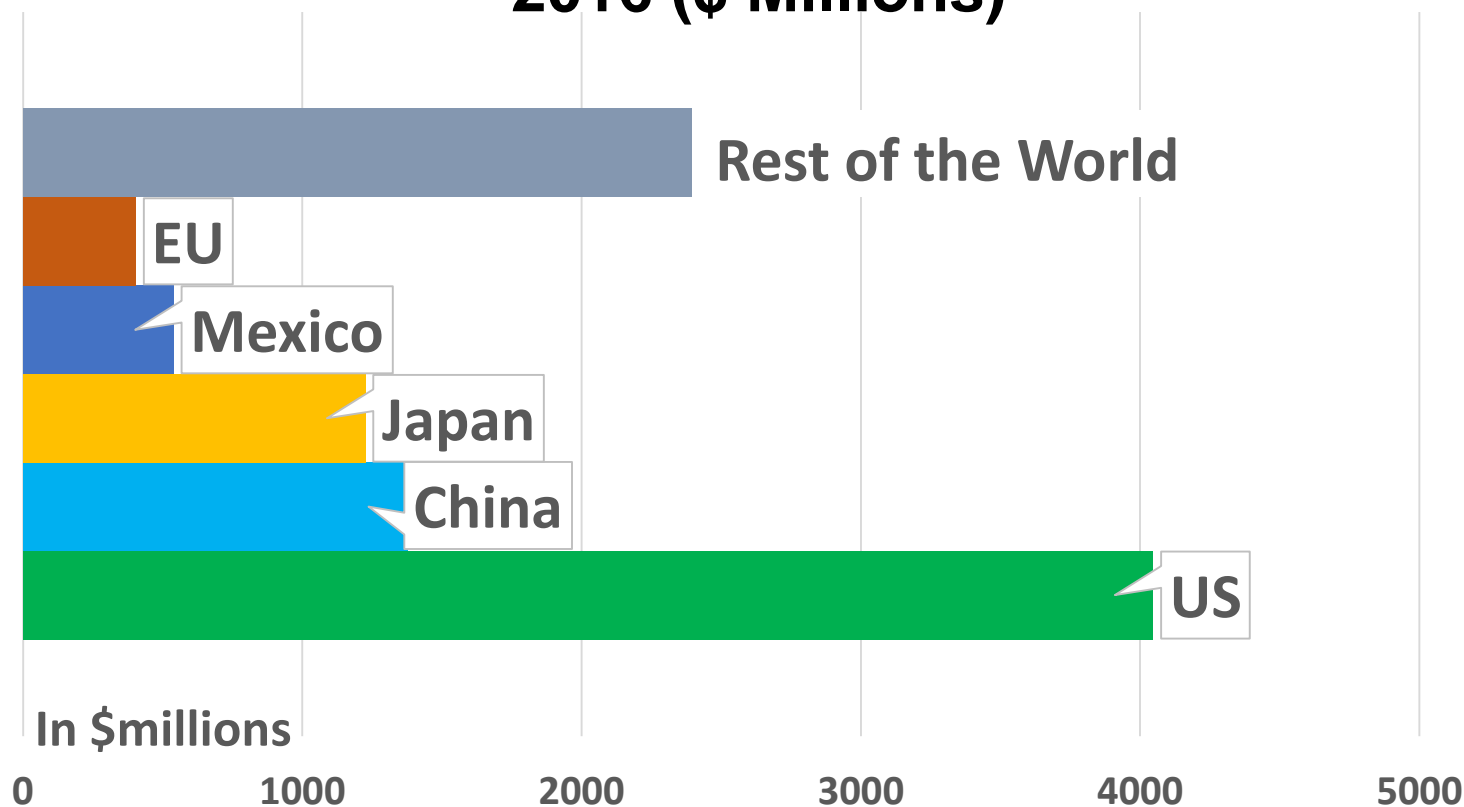
The Food Processing Development Centre

Agriculture and Forestry has a 6,000 square metre Food Processing Development Centre in Leduc to develop new products and processes, which includes the Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator, a food product commercialization facility that is unique in Canada.



Alberta's Agriculture Industry: A Major Player in Provincial Trade

Alberta's Major Agricultural Export Markets 2016 (\$ Millions)



What is the Alberta government's role in supporting the agriculture industry?

- Position the industry for growth through:
 - Market development initiatives – trade missions
 - Market access – work with the federal government to ensure Alberta's interests are taken into consideration during international trade negotiations
 - Advocating on behalf of industry
 - Attracting foreign investment

What strategies do we follow to increase our exports?

- **Cost-share with the federal government on international initiatives, projects & missions through Growing Forward 2 funding that supports market development and investment attraction.**
- **Collaborate with:**
 - ❑ Canada's Embassy and Consulate Networks
 - ❑ Alberta's International Offices

Alberta's Twelve International Offices



Trade Agreements

- Trade agreements can provide opportunities for Alberta's agriculture sector, eliminating import tariffs and non-tariff trade barriers.
- Recently concluded trade agreements:
 - ❑ Canada-South Korea free trade agreement (CKFTA) - came into force January 1, 2015.
 - ❑ Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) – expected implementation in June 2017.

These agreements create new market access opportunities by eliminating over 90% of agricultural import tariffs in South Korea and the European Union.

Trade Agreements

- The Government of Alberta is monitoring events pertaining to the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), including the proposed “border adjustment tax” from the US.
- No dates have been set for talks to renegotiate NAFTA.



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Market Access

- The Government of Alberta will continue working with industry to diversify its market presence with our largest trading partners while also seeking access to new markets for agriculture products.
- The Government of Alberta will continue advocating to the federal government for sound policy and legislation that supports international trade.

Thank you



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