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X					Food in Canada magazine	Publishes food and beverage processing industry magazines.	Food in Canada	Publishing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.foodincanada.com/digital-edition/	N/A	N/A	N/A
X					Advancing Innovation in the Food Processing Industry	This is a research project with a video link to a workshop that discusses gaps in innovation practices, the role of academia in innovation panel and a discussion around innovation examples.	Institute of Food Processing Technology (IFPT)	Education	Canada	X	X	X	http://ifpt.ca/about/innovation-project.php	850 Fountain Street South, Cambridge Ontario N3H 0A8	Tel: 519-748-5220 ext. - 2499	ilprt@conestogac.on.ca
X					Publications on various Agri-food issues	Publishes magazines and newsletters on various agri-food topics, such as food processing, innovation, sustainability.	The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca/pubs.html	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6	Tel: 613-232-8008 or toll-free 1-866-534-7593	info@capi-icpa.ca
X					Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Issues publications and reports on the Canadian manufacturing and export industry.	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.cme-mec.ca/english/publications-reports/cme-publications-reports.html	1 Nicholas Street, Suite 1500 Ottawa ON K1N 7B7	Tel: (613) 238-8888 Fax: (613) 563-9218	N/A
X	X	X	X		Agricultural Adaptation Council	Administers government funding for agricultural businesses.	Agricultural Adaptation Council	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.adaptcouncil.org/our-programs.php	381 Elmira Road North, Unit 1 Guelph, ON N1X 1H3	Tel: 519-822-7554 Fax: 519-822-6248	info@adaptcouncil.org
X	X	X	X		''''	Publishes articles on business topics, such as financing, technology, entrepreneurial skills. Provides financial tools (such as rate calculators), templates and guides, and technology assessments. BDC also provides advisory and financing services for businesses.	Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)	Financial	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.bdc.ca/EN/articles-tools/Pages/default.aspx	5, Place Ville Marie, Suite 400 Montreal, Quebec H3B 5E7	Toll-free number: 1-877-232-2269 Fax: 1-877-329-9212	N/A
X					20/20 Magazine	Manufacturing industry magazine.	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.2020magazine.ca/en/	N/A	N/A	N/A
X	X				Capital Investment in Canadian Food Processing	Examines the investments made in the food processing industry.	Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca/proc-food/projects/CAPL_PFRP_P6a-markets.pdf	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6	Tel: 613-232-8008 Toll-free 1-866-534-7593 Fax: 613-232-3838	info@capi-icpa.ca
X					Innovation Insights: Talent, Skills and People	A discussion paper on the people aspect of innovation challenges.	Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca/proc-food/projects/CAPL_PFRP_P6b-talent.pdf	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6	Tel: 613-232-8008 Toll-free 1-866-534-7593 Fax: 613-232-3838	info@capi-icpa.ca
X			X		Innovation Insights: Innovation and Off-Grade Food	A discussion paper examining the usage of off-grade food to reduce waste in the food industry.	Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca/proc-food/projects/CAPL_PFRP_P6c-off-grade.pdf	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6	Tel: 613-232-8008 Toll-free 1-866-534-7593 Fax: 613-232-3838	info@capi-icpa.ca
X			X		Articles on food innovation in Ontario	Publishes articles on food innovation in Ontario.	Ag Innovation Ontario	Manufacturing	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.aginnovationontario.ca/en/	200-120 Research Lane, Guelph, Ontario N1G 0B4	Tel: 1-866-711-2262 Fax: 613-526-3280	info@aginnovationontario.ca
X			X		Research Reports	Publishes research reports on various topics relating to the food industry.	Centre for Food in Canada	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.conferenceboard.ca/cfic/research.aspx	255 Smyth Road Ottawa ON K1H 8M7	Tel: 1-866-711-2262 Fax: 613-526-4857	N/A
X					Events/webinars	Publishes events and webinars on various food related topics.	Centre for Food in Canada	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.conferenceboard.ca/cfic/events.aspx	255 Smyth Road Ottawa ON K1H 8M7	Tel: 1-866-711-2262 Fax: 613-526-3280 Fax: 613-526-4857	N/A
X					Sustainable Local Food Certificate Program	An online part-time studies program which explores the practices and principles of local food system development and sustainable food. Applicants must have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or be 19 years of age or older.	Conestoga College	Education	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.conestogac.on.ca/parttime/1350.jsp	299 Doon Valley Drive Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4M4	Tel: 519-748-5220 ext- 3759	snequest@conestogac.on.ca
			X		Innovation Evaluation	A questionnaire to help entrepreneurs evaluate the degree of innovation of their ideas.	BioEnterprise	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.bioenterprise.ca/index.cfm?page=criteria	The Jara Corporate Centre 120 Research Lane, Ste. 200 Guelph ON N1G 0B4	Tel: 519-821-2960 Fax: 519-821-7361 Toll-free: 1-866-464-4524	info@bioenterprise.ca
	X		X		Agri-Technology Commercialization Centre	Assists producers, researchers and entrepreneurs in the agriculture industry to identify capital and to take products to market.	Agri-Technology Commercialization Centre	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.agritechcentre.ca	120 Research Lane, Ste. 200, Guelph Ontario N1G 0B4	Tel: 519-821-2960 Toll Free: 866-464-4524 Fax: 519-821-7361	info@agritechcentre.ca
			X		BioEnterprise Corporation	Provides business advisory services to promote the creation, growth and expansion of businesses in the agri-food and bio product industries. Examples of services provided include: business plan advice, financial and market strategy development, and investment preparation.	BioEnterprise Corporation	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.bioenterprise.ca/	The Jara Corporate Centre 120 Research Lane, Ste. 200 Guelph ON N1G 0B4	Tel: 519-821-2960 Toll-free: 1-866-464-4524 Fax: 519-821-7361	info@bioenterprise.ca
			X		Soy 20/20	Assists as a catalyst to bring together government, academic and industry players to seize new global bioscience opportunities for soybeans.	Soy 20/20	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.soy2020.ca	120 Research Lane, Suite #200 Guelph, ON N1G 0B4	Tel: 519-826-6559	N/A
X			X		Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs	Provides business advisory services to assist entrepreneurs with starting, growing and financing their business, as well as hiring new grads for the business to work on R&D.	Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.onebusiness.ca/	For full listing of locations and contact information, see http://www.onebusiness.ca/locations	N/A	N/A
			X		Sustainable Chemistry Alliance	Funds innovative technologies, processes and businesses that are focussed on improved sustainability.	Bioindustrial Innovation Centre at University of Western Ontario	Education	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.suschemalliance.ca/	1086 Modeland Rd. Sarnia, ON N7S 6L2	Tel: 519-383-8303 ext- 237 Fax: 519-332-6862	Dr. Murray McLaughlin, President & CEO murraym@suschemalliance.ca
	X	X	X		Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)	Provides advisory, funding, and networking services for businesses that want to develop and commercialize innovative technologies.	National Research Council Canada	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/index.html	1200 Montreal Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6	Toll-free: 1-877-994-4727 Fax: 613-952-1086	publicinquiries.irap-pari@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca
X			X		CAPI Processed Food Research Program - Cross Case Analysis	Provides diagnosis for problems in the food processing sector, researches success stories and draws on the research to conclude on the industry's competitive advantages.	Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca/proc-food/project/ag-overall.html	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6	Tel: 613-232-8008 Toll-free: 1-866-534-7593 Fax: 613-232-3838	info@capi-icpa.ca
			X	X	Canada's Technology for Food Collaboration (CTFF)	Unites industry and academic partners with the goal of identifying challenges and opportunities for improvement. CTFF matches industry partners with a consortium of solution providers to commercialize technology, optimize processes and grow the food industry.	Waterloo Accelerator Centre	NPO	Waterloo	X	X	X	http://www.techtriangle.ca/en/industrysectors/foodProcessing.asp	260 King Street West 2nd Floor Kitchener, ON N2G 1B6	Tel: 519-747-2541 Toll Free: 1-866-233-5133	N/A
			X	X	Business Innovation Access Program (BIAP)	Provides technical and business advisory services related to R&D.	National Research Council Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/BIAP/index.html	1200 Montreal Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6	Toll-free: 1-877-994-4727 Fax: 613-952-1086	publicinquiries.irap-pari@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

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		X			The Advanced Food and Materials Network (AFMNet)	Develops biology-based technologies through bridging private organizations, research institutions, and government organizations. AFMNet facilitates, leads and commercializes innovative research in the food, health and biomaterials sector.	The Advanced Food and Materials Network (AFMNet)	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.afmnet.ca	PO Box 1368 8911 Jubilee Rd. East Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0	Tel: 250-494-5141	info@afmcanada.ca
	X				Premier's award for agri-food innovation excellence	Recognizes innovators in Ontario's agri-food sector through the form of award and cash reward.	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/	1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1	Tel: 1-877-424-1300 Toll Free: 1-888-466-2372 Fax: 519-826-3442	ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca
	X				SRED tax credit	Provides cash refunds or tax credits on eligible R&D expenses, and provides an incentive for organizations to conduct scientific research.	CRA	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/txcdrt/sred-rsde/menu-eng.html	1 Front Street West, Suite 100 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2X6	Tel: 416-973-1717 Fax: 416-952-8334	N/A
	X				Ontario's R&D tax program	Reduces every \$100 of R&D expenses to about \$56, or \$38 for small and medium sized enterprises. May be claimed with the Ontario Innovation Tax Credit on the same expenditures.	Ontario Ministry of Finance	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/ordtc/	Ministry of Finance 33 King Street West Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1H 8H5	Tel: 1 800 959-5525 TTY: 1 800 665-0354	financecommunications.fin@ontario.ca
	X				Ontario Innovation Tax Credit	Provides a 10% refundable tax credit, up to \$300,000 for qualified R&D expenditures performed in Ontario. It may be claimed with the Ontario R&D tax credit on the same expenditures.	Ontario Ministry of Finance	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oitc/	Ministry of Finance 33 King Street West Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1H 8H5	Tel: 1 800 959-5525 TTY: 1 800 665-0354	financecommunications.fin@ontario.ca
	X				Ontario Business Research Institute Tax Credit	Provides a refundable tax credit up to \$4 million for corporations that partner with a research institution for R&D.	Ontario Business Research Institute Tax Credit	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/obrtic/	Ministry of Finance 33 King Street West Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1H 8H5	Tel: 1 800 959-5525 TTY: 1 800 665-0354	financecommunications.fin@ontario.ca
	X				Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization	Provides a 10-year tax exemption for new corporations that commercializes intellectual property from eligible Canadian universities, colleges or research institutes.	Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	https://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/ontario-tax-exemption-commercialization	Ministry of Research and Innovation Communications and Public Affairs Branch 8th Floor, Hearst Block 900 Bay Street Toronto ON M7A 2E1	Tel: 416-325-6666 Toll-free: 866-658-4249 TTY: 416-325-3408 TTY Toll-free: 1-800-268-7095 Fax: 416-325-6691	N/A
	X				Rural economic development program	Provides funding for planning and implementation of projects that will remove barriers to economic development in rural communities.	OMAFRA	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/	N/A	Tel : 1-877-424-1300 Fax: 1-519-826-4336	red.omafra@ontario.ca
	X				Grain Innovation Fund	Provides funding for up to 60% of project cost, or a max of \$50,000 to support the development of new and reformulated products and processes to make Ontario's grains more competitive.	Grain Farmers of Ontario	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.gfo.ca/Login.aspx	100 Stone Road West, Suite 201 Guelph, ON N1G 5L3	Tel: 1-800-265-0550 Fax: 519-767-9713	N/A
	X				SMART Advanced Technologies for Global Growth program	Provides funding for projects that utilize technology to improve productivity, up to 35% of eligible costs capped at \$100,000. Small - mid size manufacturer in Southern Ontario with 15 - 1000 employees are eligible to apply. Businesses must be exporters or planning to export or sell to exporters, and incorporated for min of 2 years. The program ends in 2017.	Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario	Government	Ontario	X	X		http://www.cme-smart.ca/prosperity-row/funding/how-to-apply.html	N/A	Tel: 1-877-913-4263	info@cme-smart.ca
	X				AgriInnovation Program	Provides a two stream program: 1. Industry-led Research and Development - pre-commercialization R&D and knowledge transfer enabling commercialization. 2. Adoption Stream - pre-commercial demonstration, commercialization and adoption supporting research and development activities in agri-innovations and facilitating the demonstration, commercialization and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies, processes, practices and services. Max funding under the AgriInnovation Program is \$10 million per year. The program ends on March 31, 2018.	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/7id-1154301302625#13	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada AgriInnovation Program 1341 Baseline Road Tower 7, Floor 8, Room 130 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5	Toll Free Number: 1-877-246-4682 Fax: 1-866-309-4255 TDD/TTY: 613-773-2600	AIP-PAI@agr.gc.ca
	X	X	X		Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Food Research and Development Centre's Industrial Program	Assists agri-food companies with small-scale food processing and testing needs and fosters innovation in the area of food research. The program provides access to plant and equipment which clients can lease to test and develop new products. The program also provides advisory services from technical advisors.	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/7id-1299270709562	N/A	Tel: 450-768-3260 TDD/TTY: 613-773-2600	industrial-program@agr.gc.ca
	X	X	X		Growing Forward 2 (GF2)	Provides free workshops, education and funding assistance to support innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agri-food and agri-products sector.	Agriculture Adaptation Council	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/growingforward/gf2-processorfunding.htm	N/A	Toll Free: 1-877-424-1300	growingforward2@ontario.ca
	X				Innovation Portfolio	Provides business advisory services by presenting a portfolio of company approved profiles to large investors. This can increase investment, sales and partnership opportunities for innovators.	Bioenterprise	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.bioenterprise.ca/index.cfm?page=programs	The Jara Corporate Centre 120 Research Lane, Ste. 200 Guelph ON N1G 0B4	Tel: 519-821-2960 Toll-free: 1-866-464-4524 Fax: 519-821-7361	info@bioenterprise.ca
	X				Youth Employment Strategy (Part of Industrial Research Assistance Program)	Provides financial incentive for food processors to hire post-secondary graduates to work on innovating their production processes. Incorporated for-profit, small and medium processors that have 500 or less full-time employees are eligible for the program. Graduates hired must be Canadian citizens/residents between 15 - 30 years old.	National Research Council Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)	Government	Canada	X	X		http://www.nrc-cnr.gc.ca/eng/irap/services/youth_initiatives.html	N/A	Tel: 1-877-994-4727	N/A

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	X				Canadian Food Processing Innovation and Prosperity Cluster	Provides investment to assist the food and beverage processing industry in developing new processes that enhance quality while managing food safety risks, as well as new products that deliver health and wellness attributes marketed to health-conscious consumers.	Canadian Food Innovators (CFI)	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.adaptcouncil.org/program-details.php?id=62v6o0h07r	381 Elmira Road North, Unit 1 Guelph, ON N1K 1H3	Tel: 519-822-7554 Fax: 519-822-6248	info@adaptcouncil.org
			X		Ontario Agri Business Association (OABA)	Promotes Ontario agri business, in particular, the crop input, grain and feed industry, through representation to stakeholders, consumers and government. The association coordinates the services of all member sectors in the areas of food safety, environmental stewardship, education, communication, and operations.	Ontario Agri Business Association (OABA)	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.oaba.on.ca	104-160 Research Lane Guelph, ON N1G 5B2	Tel: 519-822-3004 Fax: 519-822-8862	
X	X				Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	Provides information and financial support on various topics related to agriculture and food, such as research, innovation, and food safety.	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	Government	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/food/industry/funding-prog-index.htm	1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1C 1L0	Tel: 1-877-424-1300 Toll Free: 1-888-466-2372 Fax: 519-826-3442	ag.info@omafr.gov.on.ca
X		X		X	Provision Coalition	Represents the sustainability interests of all sectors of the food and beverage industry in Canada. The coalition works with its member organizations to develop and deliver tools and programs to assess sustainability challenges in the industry and implement solutions.	Provision Coalition	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.provisioncoalition.com/Home	100 Stone Road West, Suite 205 Guelph, Ontario N1G 5L3	Tel: 519-822-2042	
			X		Food & Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC)	Represents the food, beverage and consumer products industry. As the national association, FCPC works with government, regulatory bodies, retail and food service trading partners and stakeholders to find collaborative solutions on issues such as food safety, innovation and supply chain efficiencies, health and wellness and food labelling.	Food & Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC)	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.fcpc.ca/about-fcpc	100 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 600, Toronto, ON M2N 6N5	Tel: (416) 510-8024 Fax: (416) 510-8043	info@fcpc.ca
			X	X	City Toronto Food & Beverage Cluster Specialist	Advises on various issues and needs specific to the food and beverage industry in Toronto. The Cluster Specialist develops partnerships with local businesses, governments, and other stakeholders to support the sector in terms of financial resources, building networks, and expediting municipal issues.	City Toronto Food & Beverage Cluster Specialist	Government	Toronto	X	X	X	http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=67c4c1b5c62ca310vgvcm10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchanneId=401132d0b6d1e310VgVCM1000007160f89RCRD	9th floor, 100 Queen St. W Toronto, ON M5H 2N2	Tel: 416-392-3830 Fax: 416-392-3374	mwoffso@toronto.ca
X			X		The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI)	The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) champions collaboration on research, knowledge sharing and advancing ideas on issues faced by the agri-food sector. CAPI acts as an independent, non-partisan policy catalyst by bringing insight, evidence and balance to emerging issues.	The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI)	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.capi-icpa.ca	960 Carling Avenue, CEF Building 49, Room 318 Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6 See more at: http://www.capi-icpa.ca/contact.html#sthash.0Yk9m6t.dpuf	Telephone: 613-232-8008 or toll-free 1-866-534-7593 Fax: 613-232-3838 - See more at: http://www.capi-icpa.ca/contact.html#sthash.0Yk9m6t.dpuf	info@capi-icpa.ca
X		X		X	Canadian Institute of Food Science & Technology (CIFST)	Represents food industry professionals, such as scientists and technologists from industry, government and academia. The purpose of CIFST is to advocate and promote the quality, safety and wholesomeness of the food supply through the application of science and technology.	Canadian Institute of Food Science & Technology (CIFST)	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.cifst.ca/	3-1750 The Queensway Suite 1311 Toronto, Ontario M9C 5H5	Tel: 905-271-8338 Fax: 905-271-8344	cifst@cifst.ca
			X		Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)	Advises provincial and territorial governments in the development and delivery of policies and programs to support the food production and processing industry in Canada.	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)	Government	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/home/?id=1395690825	1341 Baseline Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5	Toll-free: 1-855-773-0341 Telephone: 613-773-1000 TDD/TTY: 613-773-2600 Fax: 613-773-1081	info@agr.gc.ca
			X		Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance	Comprised of the Niagara Agricultural Policy and Action Committee, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Friends of the Greenbelt, the Ontario Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Regions of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, York and the Cities of Hamilton and Toronto, as well as local representatives from the food and farming value chain. The GHFFA is working towards a more integrated and coordinated approach to food and farming viability in the area to ensure that the Golden Horseshoe retains and expands its role as a leading food and farming cluster.	Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance	NPO	Southern Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.foodandfarming.ca/	N/A	519-925-5975	janet@whitfieldfarms.com
			X		Food and Beverage Ontario	Represents and promotes the Ontario food and beverage processing sector on issues of common interest and concern. FBO is a non-profit organization of food and beverage processing companies and industry organizations.	Food and Beverage Ontario	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	www.foodandbeverageontario.ca	100 Stone Rd West, Suite 106 Guelph, Ontario N1G 5L3	Tel: 519-650-3741 Fax: 519-650-3166	mgushie@foodandbeverageontario.ca
		X			GO Productivity	Assists companies identify and address gaps in productivity, maximize resources and be more efficient. The organization also has a vast network of resources to draw on to ensure that productivity issues can be resolved however complex they may be.	GO Productivity	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://goproductivity.ca/	Suite 301, Cecil Place 10110 - 104 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5J 1A7	Tel: 780 784 6000 Fax: 780 784 6060	N/A

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X		X			Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development	Provides an online, international, peer-reviewed publication focused on the practice and applied research interests of agriculture and food systems development professionals. JAFSCD emphasizes best practices and tools related to the planning, community economic development, and ecological protection of local and regional agriculture and food systems, and works to bridge the interests of practitioners and academics.	Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development	Publishing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.agdevjournal.com/	New Leaf Associates, Inc. 295 Hook Place Ithaca, NY 14850 USA	N/A	journal@newleafnet.com
X			X		Ontario Independent Meat Processors	Assists growth of the meat industry through communications, education, training, promotion, and government support. The organization works closely with the agricultural and commodity organizations and has representation at various levels of government.	Ontario Independent Meat Processors	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.oimp.ca/about/	52 Royal Road, Unit B-1 Guelph, ON. N1H 1G3	Tel: (519) 763-4558 Fax : (519) 763-4164	N/A
X	X		X		Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation	Provides funds, research, support, and publishes several reports each year to better guide grant related activities and to work toward a more complete understanding of Ontario's Greenbelt. Not only does ODC provide a strong united voice for the dairy processors in Ontario, it also keeps members up-to-date on current industry issues, provides access to technical expertise, provides continuing education offerings, and organizes important networking opportunities.	Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation	NPO	Southern Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.greenbelt.ca/	661 Yonge Street, Suite 500 Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1Z9	Phone: (416) 960-0001 Fax: (416) 960-0030	info@greenbelt.ca
X	X	X			Greenbelt Fund	Supports and enhances agriculture in the Greenbelt and throughout Ontario. The Fund's goal is to create systemic change to permanently increase the amount of local food consumed in the province through grants, education, policy, and networking initiatives.	Greenbelt Fund	NPO	Southern Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.greenbelt.ca/grants	8560 Tremaine Road Milton, Ontario L9T 2X3	905-875-2077	info@greenbelt.ca
				X	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)	Advocates for manufacturers and exporters, focusing on building a more competitive business environment.	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)	Manufacturing	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.cme-mec.ca	1 Nicholas Street, Suite 1500 Ottawa ON K1N 7B7	Tel: (613) 238-8888 Fax: (613) 563-9218	N/A
X			X		The Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (GTMA)	Provides a key point of contact for businesses exploring opportunities in the GTA. The Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (GTMA) is a public-private partnership that brings together the 29 municipalities and regions in the Greater Toronto Area, the governments of Ontario and Canada, several not-for-profit organizations, and a cross section of private sector corporations	The Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance	Marketing	Toronto	X	X	X	www.greatertoronto.org	350 Bay Street, Suite 1200 Toronto, Ontario M5H 2S6 Canada	Tel: 416-360-7320 Toll Free North America: 1-800-411-4482 International: 1-800-735-3280	N/A
X			X		Packaging Association of Canada	Provides webinars, seminars, conferences, competitions, facility tours, education programs, trade shows, technical work groups and social activities with the mission to drive progressive change in the industry. The Packaging Association of Canada includes over 2,100 members throughout the packaging value chain.	Packaging Association of Canada	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.pac.ca/index.html	1 Concorde Gate Suite 607 Toronto ON M3C 3N6	416.490.7860	pacinfo@pac.ca
X	X		X	X	Food and Beverage Ontario	Develops and delivers programs, resources and tools to help advance the sector across Ontario's food and beverage manufacturers. FBO also provides resources and information such as economic impact analysis of the sector, marketing guides, etc.	Food and Beverage Ontario	NPO	Ontario	X	X	X	http://www.foodandbeverageontario.ca/	100 Stone Rd West, Suite 106 Guelph, Ontario N1G 5L3	Telephone: 519-826-3741 Fax: 519.826.6166	jstallford@foodandbeverageontario.ca
X				X	Food and Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC)	Assists government, regulatory bodies, retail and foodservice trading partners and stakeholders to find collaborative solutions on issues of importance to Canadians including food safety, innovation and supply chain efficiencies, health and wellness and food labelling, among them. FCPC also develops resources such as health and wellness report for its members and general consumers.	Food and Consumer Products of Ca	NPO	Canada	X	X	X	http://www.fcpc.ca	100 Sheppard Av E, North York, ON M2N 6N5	(416) 510-8024	info@fcpc.ca
	X				The Funding Portal	Provides a funding portal to aggregate government funding as well as capital market funding for key industry sectors in Canada. The portal allows users to search for funding based on a set of criteria, such as size of business, location, purpose of funding to narrow down applicable sources of capital.	The Funding Portal	Private	Canada	X	X	X	http://thefundingportal.com/tportal/#widget	1 Yonge Street, Ste. 1801 Toronto, ON M5E 1W7	Toll-Free in Canada: 1-855-850-FUND (3863) Toronto: (416) 214-7730 Montreal: (514) 419-2695	services@thefundingportal.com

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http://www.conferenceboard.ca/conf/foodsummit/default.asp	Key stakeholders from Canada's food system meet for two days to share the latest research insights, and plan for the future of Canada's food sector. The conference is typically held around the end of October.				x			
See links below for addresses of various research institutes and colleges: http://www.uoguelph.ca/omafra_partnership/research/en/researchstationsfacilities/PartnershipSupportedAnimalResearchFacilities.asp http://www.uoguelph.ca/omafra_partnership/research/en/researchstationsfacilities/PartnershipSupportedCropResearchFacilities.asp	The Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario provides advice to the Minister on strategic directions for research activities in the agricultural and food sectors. Research stations and infrastructure are an important platform for conducting agri-food research. ARIO owns 14 research stations and 3 agricultural colleges located across Ontario. These facilities provide the capacity for research on a wide variety of agri-food issues. An ARIO-led reinvestment strategy is currently being implemented to revitalize research infrastructure to support demand-driven research.	x		x		x		
120 Research Lane, Ste. 200, Guelph Ontario Canada N1G 0B4 Phone: 519.821.2960 Toll Free: 866.464.4524 Fax: 519.821.7361 info@agritechcentre.ca	A cluster of agricultural innovation resources to support launching a business, scaling-up operations or gaining a competitive edge in your existing business.			x			x	x
1540 Cornwall Road, Suite 213 Oakville, Ontario L6J 7W5 For general inquiries: Phone: 905.842.1115 Fax: 905.842.1119 E-mail: BLOOM@bloomcentre.com	BLOOM provides business and technical services: 1. Program design and delivery - Design and deliver programs for government agencies and associations 2. Project development and management - Design, build and execute projects and assemble qualified teams for projects 3. Risk management and decision support services - Third party assessment and performance validation of technologies, products and approaches.		x	x				
3700 Willingdon Avenue Burnaby, British Columbia Canada, V5G 3H2 Phone: 604-434-5734 Toll-free (Can/US): 1-866-434-1610	Food Technology Diploma program (2 year, full time) trains students in the basics of food technology, including food processing, quality control, food testing, and analysis.		x					
1000 - 303 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba Phone: (204) 983-5344 Fax: (204) 983-2642 E-mail: cigi@cigi.ca	CIGI provides technical expertise, training and facilities to promote Canadian field crops.		x					
Centennial College, P.O. Box 631, Station A Toronto, Ontario Canada M1K 5E9 Phone: 416-289-5000	Offers a number of post-secondary program in the food and beverage space. Programs offered include: <i>Food and Nutrition Management</i> - combines food service administration and healthcare to interpret and apply nutritional needs and principles to promote health. <i>Food Service Worker</i> - provides knowledge and skills to be an effective member of an inter-professional food focused healthcare team <i>Food Science Technology</i> - examines the many processes that food undergoes as it travels from the field to your fork		x					
299 Doon Valley Dr Kitchener ON N2G 4M4	Post-secondary programs in the agri-food sector, such as food processing operations, food technology equipment operation and maintenance. The institute also has a research centre, and centre for smart manufacturing.		x					

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850 Fountain Street South Cambridge, ON N3H 0A8 Phone: 519-748-5220 ext. 2499 Email: ifpt@conestogac.on.ca	Engineering and technology centre focused on providing leading edge training in the state-of-the-art food and beverage manufacturing facilities with the latest technology in robotics and automation. IFPT's pilot plant incorporates a full scale assembly line mimicking a real-world facility and develops corporate training based on food processor's requirements. The institute is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.		x					
1610 Champlain Avenue Whitby, ON, Canada L1N 6A7 Sue Todd Dean Phone: 905.721.2000 ext. 2319 susan.todd@durhamcollege.ca	Durham College offers a number of post-secondary, graduate and post-graduate programs. Programs related to food and beverage include <i>advanced baking and pastry arts, chemical laboratory technician, culinary management, culinary skills, food and farming, and pharmaceutical and food science technology.</i>		x					
	The Centre for Food (CFF) is a 36,000-square-foot learning facility which has a food and beverage pairing lab, lecture theatre equipped with a full range of kitchen equipment, a greenhouse, restaurant and retail store. The centre focuses on the field to fork concept, using locally grown produce in the classrooms and labs.			x				
155 Wellington Street West Suite 3120 Toronto ON M5V 3L3 Canada Phone: (416) 349-6515	Export Development Canada supports and develops Canada's export trade by helping Canadian companies respond to international business opportunities. In addition, it also provides insurance and financial services, bonding products and small business solutions to Canadian exporters and investors and their international buyers.			x			x	
Corporate Office 1800 Hamilton Street, P.O. Box 4320 Regina, Saskatchewan Canada S4P 4L3	Farm Credit Canada is Canada's leading agricultural lender. It provides financing, insurance, software, learning programs and business services to Canadian producers and agribusiness and agri-food operators.			x			x	
3rd Floor NE, 1 Stone Rd. W Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2 Phone: 1-877-424-1300 Fax: 519-826-3460 E-mail: foodland@ontario.ca	Foodland Ontario's mission is to promote the great taste, nutrition and economic benefits of buying Ontario food to all people in Ontario. Producers and growers can use this platform to share knowledge and promote their food products.			x	x			
88 McGilvray St., Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1 Canada Tel: (519) 821-1246 Fax: (519) 836-1281	An independent, industry-driven, organization focused on helping food and beverage processing companies, agrifood businesses and food entrepreneurs improve their competitiveness and profitability. Core services offered include: - Research and development - Food safety consulting - Audit and certification - Training - Sustainability GFTC is a member of Foodtech Canada and its the only Foodtech Canada commercialization centre located in Ontario. It is now owned by NSF International, a US-based company.	x	x	x			x	x
P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8 101 Belvedere Ave. Phone: (902) 368-5548 Fax: (902) 368-5549 jim.smith@foodtechcanada.ca	Foodtech Canada is a network of leading innovation and commercialization centres across Canada, committed to turning research and development into innovative products for the food and bio-products industry. Foodtech Canada has the following resources: • 12 Commercialization centres with more than 1000 clients • More than 200 scientists and technical experts • 250,000 square feet of laboratory, pilot and commercial facilities • More than \$65 million in analytical, processing and packaging equipment	x	x	x			x	x

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200 King Street East Toronto, ON M5A 3W8	Offers a number of programs in the food and beverage space. Programs offered include: <i>Chef School</i> - offer a variety of programs at basic, intermediate and advanced levels including programs in baking, cooking, culinary arts and culinary management <i>School of Hospitality and Tourism Management</i> - Includes programs that teach advanced wine and beverage business management, food and beverage management program, culinary tourism management, catering operations management, and kitchen operations management		x					
	The Food Innovation and Research Studio, specializes in consumer creative recipe design and testing, food product development and commercialization. The studio offers small and medium-sized businesses access to technical resources for "concept to commercialization", facilities and networking opportunities. The technical resources include food science applied research, a recipe and product development team, test kitchens and equipment.	x	x	x			x	x
6490 Vipond Drive Mississauga, Ontario, L5T 1W8 Canada Phone: 905 364 3757 Fax: 905 364 0344	GFSI provides thought leadership and guidance on food safety management systems necessary for safety along the supply chain. It brings together food safety experts at conferences and events to share knowledge on the subject matter and to promote approaches for ensuring food safety.			x	x			
City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Second Floor Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 3A1 bizinfo@guelph.ca Phone: 519-837-5600 Fax: 519-837-5636	The Guelph Economic Development Office supports local businesses by providing services such as site location analysis; assistance with expansion projects; advice and referrals to government agencies and organizations as well as manage and market city-owned industrial and commercial lands.		x	x	x		x	
93 Stone Road West Guelph, Ontario N1G 5C9 Phone: 519-829-2400 Fax: 519-829-2602	Two separate facilities: - Molecular Biology Research Unit with equipment and expertise for studying food DNA and the monitoring and tracking of harmful food-borne bacteria. - A food processing pilot plant with traditional and novel processing equipment (high pressure, temperature, ultraviolet, ozone) used to study food processing and product safety.	x						
1 St. Paul Street, 3rd floor, suite A301 St. Catharines, ON L2R 7L2 Phone: 905-685-3460	Innovate Niagara connects innovators in the Niagara region to the people and programs required to bring their innovations to market, grow and succeed. Innovate Niagara facilitates networking, collaboration, prototyping, and business development through: - business advisory services; - entrepreneurial training courses; - business and industry networking events; - business-academic collaboration opportunities; and - additional business tools and resources.		x	x	x		x	
Ivey Business School, Western University 1255 Western Road London, ON N6G 0N1 Phone: 519.661.4253 Fax: 519.661.4297 Email: lawrence@ivey.ca	The Lawrence Centre aims to bridge the gap between business strategy and government policy by focusing on issues where the two overlap most profoundly. Its education, research and outreach programs support the development of evidence-based policy that creates wealth for a healthy economy and simultaneously serves the public interest.	x	x			x		
380 Wellington Street, Suite 701 London Ontario Canada N6A 5B5 Phone: 519-661-4545 Toll free: 800-327-2428 Fax: 519-661-5331	The London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) promotes the growth of London's economy through assisting expansion of local businesses and attracting new businesses to London.			x			x	

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City of Mississauga, Economic Development 300 City Centre Drive, 3rd Floor Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1 Phone: 905-896-5016 or 1-800-456-2181 Email: economic.development@mississauga.ca Fax: 905-896-5931	The Mississauga economic development office provides information and services to help sustain local businesses and to attract new businesses to the city. Services provided include but are not limited to: - Site location assistance - Information and statistics - Industry and business networks - Business and community contacts - Government approval assistance - Business problem-solving			x			x	
135 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0 Phone: 905-641-2252	Works closely with business, industry and community partners to identify challenges that are in need of real-time solutions. The institute conducts research to develop, test or simulate new products or processes. Provides a culinary innovation and food technology co-op program - 2 years	x	x	x				
	Niagara College has a number of facilities dedicated to teaching in the food and beverage space. This includes the <i>teaching winery, teaching brewery</i> and benchmark restaurant. The college offers a number of full time programs related to food and beverage in the <i>Horticulture and Agribusiness; Culinary; and Winery, Viticulture and Brewery streams</i> . A number of part time programs are offered within the same streams offering programs of study such as <i>wine marketing and management, wine making, health care food service and baking</i> .		x					
2201 St. David's Road, 3rd Floor, Campbell East P.O. Box 1042 Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7 Canada Phone: 905-980-6000 Fax: 905-688-5907	Niagara Economic Development (NED) promotes the Niagara region as an ideal location for investment by supporting existing businesses and attracting new businesses to Niagara. NED provides services such as location site services, providing information on infrastructure, business registration assistance, and financing.			x			x	
1545 Maley Drive Greater Sudbury, ON, Canada P3A 4R7 Phone: 705-521-8324 Fax: 705-521-1040	The Innovation Mill partners with community stakeholders to help start and grow innovative companies to drive Canada's economic and social prosperity. The Innovation Mill provides an array of dynamic programs, services, and resources for start-up clients.		x	x			x	
200-120 Research Lane Guelph, Ontario N1G 0B4 Tel: 519-826-4195 Fax: 519-821-7361 info@oaft.org	Assists Ontario food producers to remain competitive by accessing the market to locate the latest and appropriate technology.	x		x				
116 Industrial Park Road North Colborne, Ontario K0K 1S0 Email: oafvc@northumberlandcounty.ca	The OAFVC is a small- batch food processing facility that supports fresh fruit and vegetable processing, recipe development, and food processing start-ups for testing and small batch co-packing.		x	x			x	
156 Front Street West, Suite 200 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2L6 Phone: (416) 861-1092	OCE connects academic and research institutes with industry so that quality research can be commercialized and reach their full potential in industry. OCE drives the development of Ontario's economy by helping create new jobs, products, services, technologies and businesses. 14 facilities in Ontario including: ventureLAB, nGen, RICC, Mars, IDN, Innovation Factory	x	x	x	x		x	
180 Dundas St W, Toronto, ON M5G 1Z8 Phone: (416) 482-5222	The mission of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce is to support economic growth in Ontario by advocating for pro-business policies and defending business priorities at Queen's Park.			x				

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6533 Mississauga Road, Unit D Mississauga, Ontario L5N 1A6 Phone: 905-542-3620 Fax: 905-542-3624	Ontario Dairy Council is a not-for-profit trade association representing the interests and concerns of dairy processors in Ontario. ODC's mission is to promote progressive policy making decisions within government and regulatory bodies to ensure a profitable dairy processing industry responsible to consumer interests. Additionally, it keeps members up to date on industry issues, facilitates access to technical expertise, provides training and networking opportunities.		x	x	x	x		
945 Princess Street Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6 Ontario East Office (Kingston): 613.634.8569 Toll Free: 1.866.641.3278	The Ontario East Economic Development Commission promotes Eastern Ontario as a centre for investment, representing over 200 communities.			x			x	
100 Stone Road West, Suite 206 Guelph, ON N1G 5L3 Phone: (519) 821-8883 Toll-Free: 1 (800) 668-3276 Fax: (519) 821-8810	Advocate for Ontario farmers through government relations, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations. The federation also supports 52 county federations across Ontario, who has similar mandates as OFA, but on a smaller, regional scale.			x				
Located in various cities, see link below for specific addresses: http://www.ontariofoodcluster.com/contact-us/	The Ontario Food Cluster aims to sustain and grow the food sector in Ontario by supporting existing businesses and attracting new businesses to the region.			x				
There are various locations throughout Ontario, for a complete listing, please see link below: http://www.onebusiness.ca/locations	ONE helps entrepreneurs start, grow and finance their businesses. Experts help match up businesses with the programs, services and other supports best suited to their needs.			x			x	
Various office locations. For details, see below: https://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/small-business-enterprise-centre-and-community-based-provider-locations	Various services to help small businesses get off the ground and prosper. Examples of services include but are not limited to: - business registration assistance - market research assistance - seminars, events, networking opportunities - advice on permits, licences - business idea analysis and consultation			x			x	
University of Guelph University of Waterloo Wilfred Laurier University Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning Various local accelerator centres No website found, only source: http://www.foodincanada.com/features/rethinking-innovation/	Technical experts collaborate to solve the problems facing the food processing industry. Specifically, the collaborative aims to improve business efficiency, process innovation, growth and competitiveness.	x	x	x	x			
175 Longwood Rd S #101a Hamilton, ON, L8P 0A1 Phone: 905-667-2611	The Innovation Factory helps individuals and organizations bring innovation to market and move their organization to the next level through the Client Development Program.						x	
Unit 6, 76 Main Street West, Grimsby, ON, L3M 1R6 Tel: 905.945.6791 james@theontariogreenhousealliance.com	Represents Ontario's greenhouse vegetable and flower growers on shared issues and works with the government to find solutions.		x	x				

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1 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M5E 1E5 Tel: 416-395-7474	The Toronto Food Business Incubator (TFBI) provides production space and commercial kitchens to test out new products. TFBI also provides training, business advisory services and access to an industry network to help entrepreneurs and small businesses become established. The provincially inspected food production facility offers shared food production and packaging equipment.	x					x	x
277 Victoria Street, Suite 200 Toronto, Ontario MSB 1W2	The Toronto Food Policy Council works on a variety of food policy initiatives, such as Toronto's Food Strategy, Greater Golden Horseshoe Farm and Food Action Plan.					x		
1600 West Bank Dr Peterborough ON K9J 7B8	Sustainable agriculture and food systems program		x					
50 Stone Rd E Guelph ON N1G 2W1	A key player in research, education, and laboratory services that ensures the competitiveness of Ontario's agriculture and food industry. Offers areas of study including agriculture, environment, food, business & economics, rural communities & planning, landscape architecture, plant science, horticulture, turfgrass, animal science, equine and veterinary technology	x	x					
University of Guelph, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE), J.D. MacLachlan Building, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1	Research focus has been on agricultural economics and agribusiness, food economics, resource economics, and the economics of agricultural development.	x						
27 King's College Circle Toronto ON M5S 1A1	Program for Food Safety, Nutrition and Regulatory Affairs	x	x					
4890 Victoria Avenue N, Box 4000, Vineland Station, ON L0R 2E0 Phone: 905-562-0320	A greenhouse technology centre. Research programs available: - vegetables breeding, - enhancing the quality and production of greenhouse tomatoes, - developing improved traits for horticultural products, and - processes control and automation engineering.	x	x	x			x	
1151 Richmond St London ON N6A 3K7	Food science and technology program leading to a bachelor of science.		x					
4890 Victoria Avenue North P.O. Box 4000 Vineland Station, Ontario, Canada L0R 2E0 Phone: 905.562.8070 ext.0 Fax: 905.562.1993	Promotes the interests of wineries in Ontario and supports the production of local Vintner's Quality Alliance (VQA) wines			x				

Food and Beverage Ontario Innovation Project - Innovation Resources

Based on the interviews and secondary research conducted, a database was established to consolidate the identified innovation resources, which were divided into two categories. The first category includes physical assets, which includes resources that have a physical location where the service is delivered primarily at the physical location. Examples include incubators, accelerators, and post-secondary research or training institutions. The second category is information-based resources, which includes programs and services that are delivered through a variety of channels, including print, online, and in person.

Development of database

The secondary research cast a wide net to include any resources that may be of use to processors who are interested in innovation in its broadest sense.

The web research produced a total of 50 physical assets, with some assets having multiple locations throughout Ontario. Physical assets include incubators, research centres, post-secondary research and education institutions, and economic development offices. Some offer programs and services limited to the region in which they are located. One such example is the Toronto Food Policy Council, whose work is only limited to the Toronto area. However, many physical assets, such as research centres and post-secondary institutions are not limited by their physical locations. While research is being conducted at the physical center, its results can be used by businesses from all over Canada. The same goes for post-secondary programs, where eligible applicants from other provinces can apply to study in the programs offered in Ontario's universities and colleges. Any asset where the service/program is primarily delivered/conducted at the physical location has been characterized as a physical asset.

In addition to the physical assets, the database includes 65 information resources which provide an accurate cross section of the types of resources available online, in print, and in-person. Efforts were made to include all of the most important resources, but the database is not exhaustive and will evolve with the industry. Each resource in the database is categorized according to its capability, geographical region served, and whether it provides business or operational assistance. Resources were classified in these ways to provide a quick understanding of what, who, and where the resource is and to help users narrow down to the resources most useful to them.

A summary of the database structure and findings of the research follows.

Database Structure

1. Physical asset resources are described by their name, physical location and general services available.
2. Information-based resources are described by their various attributes as described below.

The information-based resources primarily fall under five categories –business and/or operational information, financial support, research, advisory and advocacy. The information may be delivered online, in printed material, through webinars, by phone or by in-person sessions. Many resources offer multiple capabilities. The database is intended to be a work-in-progress that evolves with the sector.

Business/operational Information – provides material or programs such as how to start-up or expand a business, industry news, productivity improvements, partnerships, marketing and exporting.

Financial support – provides financial support to processors for investments in innovative projects or equipment. These programs are delivered in the form of cash disbursements, loans or tax incentives.

Research – provides information on research programs aimed to assist with development of new products, technologies, equipment, marketing, and processes that will advance the food industry

Advisory – provides mentoring, training, and advisory services for business related activities and food and beverage research projects.

Advocacy – promotes the sector and/or geographical region through representations to stakeholders; offering programs and services to sustain existing businesses, and attracting new businesses to the region.

Resource – the name of the program, publication, service, or information for identification purposes

Organization – the name of the organization which offers the resource or leads the initiative

Overview – a description of the organization and/or specific resource offered

Sector – the sector the organization offering the resource belongs to

Geographical area – the geographical area which the resources serve

Applicability to small, medium, large businesses – indicates whether the program, publication, service or information is applicable for small, medium and/or large businesses

Website Link – provides the URL of the website for users to access more information about the resource and other programs that might be available.

Contact information – provides the address, phone number, fax, email where available for processors to reach the program/organization for enquiries.