

AGRICULTURE



How important is the Agriculture Sector in Alberta?

69K ALBERTANS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND AGRI-FOOD SECTOR *

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\$10.2B AGRICULTURE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO ALBERTA'S ECONOMY IN 2022 *

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OVER **25%**

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE SECTOR ACCOUNTS FOR OVER A QUARTER OF CANADA'S TOTAL FARM REVENUE *

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SUBSECTORS

\$16.1B

Agricultural exports totaled over \$16.1 billion, with \$7.3B in primary agricultural products and \$8.8B in value-added products. (2022) *

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\$15.5B

Alberta's largest manufacturing sector with \$15.5 billion in sales was the food processing industry. (2020) *

\$684M

will be invested in Agri-tech by 2024 to enhance and diversify food production and processing. *

1.64M m²

AB greenhouse industry is estimated 1.64M m² spread across 195 greenhouses - concentrated in Red Deer, Edmonton, and Medicine Hat. *

THE SECTOR'S FUTURE

14% of employees in this sector are between the ages of 15-24.

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In 2021, the average age of farm operators in Alberta was 56.5 years old.

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Females account for 32.4% of farm operators in the province.

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AB is investing \$33M in 17 projects (combined value of \$107M in public & private investment) for ongoing growth of sustainable food, offsetting 2.5M tonnes of emissions from agriculture & agri-food sectors.

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Alberta has one of the most educated workforces with 55% of Albertans aged 25-64 having completed a post-secondary education.

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CAREERS IMPACT

CAREERS successfully launched the Agriculture Internship Program in 2020. Since then, almost 750 youth interns have been successfully matched with a wide variety of agriculture related occupations. These internships directly address shortages in agriculture-based occupations across all sectors.

Since the program's inception, CAREERS has matched youth in a variety of agriculture internship with occupations related to:

(Oct 2019 – Feb 2024)

ANIMAL PRODUCTION • **OVER 240**
HORTICULTURE • **OVER 170**
ANIMAL HEALTH • **OVER 140**
FOOD PRODUCTION • **OVER 75**
AGRONOMY • **OVER 70**