

Canada's Premier Food Corridor



Science Commons at the University of Lethbridge helps supply the region with a workforce ready to grow, innovate and succeed.

Collaboration, Innovation, Determination ... more than enough water and sunshine!

For some residents of southern Alberta, the 50 kilometre stretch of Highway 3 between Lethbridge and Taber is just that... a road to get you where you need to go. For those involved in agriculture, food processing, manufacturing, or logistics however, that same 50 kilometres is the lifeline to their business and a gateway to the rest of the world.

Canada's Premier Food Corridor (CPFC) is home to 4.2 million total acres of some of the most fertile land in the world. With nearly 5,000 farms and over 11,000 businesses located within CPFC it's no wonder this region has an annual GDP of 8 billion dollars. Names you'll find every day in your grocery store that are produced locally include global brands such as Cavendish Farms, PepsiCo Foods, McCain, Bonduelle and Richardson working along side small businesses and farms that have been in the area for generations. With years of experience combined with new technologies and innovation, it's no surprise how successful CPFC has been in supporting new investment since forming in 2019.

Where Climate and Investment Come Together

Lethbridge, the largest city in southern Alberta, is the hub for the region which experiences some of the best growing conditions in the world. With over 300 days of sunshine per year and some of the mildest winters in Canada, it's no wonder so many agriculture and agri-food businesses are choosing the region for their investment or expansion.

The City of Lethbridge will soon have a state-of-the-art agri-food hub as construction on Exhibition Park is expected to be completed in 2023. The new 268,000 square foot facility will help highlight the work being done in the area and showcase southern Alberta on a global scale.

Government of all levels have recognized the potential of Canada's Premier Food Corridor and have made investments in the Lethbridge Airport,

local roads and highways as well as committing nearly a billion dollars over the past 2 years to upgrade the region's irrigation system. This priority capital project allows for more storage of water and leverages new irrigation technologies for area producers.

A Workforce for Today and the Future

If optimum growing conditions, strategic government investment, ideal location, and easy access to world markets isn't enough... the region is also home to two world class post-secondary institutions, Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. Each facility understands the importance of preparing graduates (over 3,700 combined in 2021) for

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entering the work world as soon as they leave campus. These award-winning institutions have evolved their curriculums to suit the needs of business and work collaboratively with industry to overcome barriers. Many sector specific opportunities are now being offered in the form of micro-credential courses for individuals looking for a particular set of skills and applied research linked to solving industry challenges.

For more information on Canada's Premier Food Corridor and why, If you're in the business of food, you should be here, visit canadaspremierfoodcorridor.ca

