

Aliya's Foods Inc.

Aliya's Foods Inc. was a small company producing and manufacturing Samosas east of Edmonton, Alberta. They recognized the potential growth in Indian cuisine and wanted to expand their operation to include prepared ethnic meals. Accessing the product development and evaluation services of the FPDC and the Division's business support services, they leased a suite in the APBI. Now with sufficient production capacity, Aliya's focused on the US market and successfully increased their sales to the point where they committed to the investment in a new processing facility. In June, 2012, Aliya's graduated to a new \$30M, 40,000 sq. ft. processing facility in the City of Edmonton. They continue to utilize the services of the FPDC for product improvements and line extensions as required. <http://www.chefbombay.com/>

Ceapro Inc.

Ceapro Inc. has developed a number of patented processes for extracting beta glucans and other extracts from Canadian oats. Their products are marketed mainly in the European Union and Japan for use in the cosmetic industry. The processes were developed with assistance from the Food Processing Development Centre (FPDC), and upon early production, Ceapro moved to the Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator (APBI) to establish processing and grow their business. The company has invested heavily in R&D for the development of new extraction processes. These have been commercialized at the APBI for production and sale. Today, Ceapro have invested \$8M in a new facility that includes a production plant and R&D laboratories for future developments. They are currently in the process of graduating to the new facility in the City of Edmonton. <http://ceapro.com/company/>

Siwin Foods Ltd.

Siwin Foods Ltd. (Siwin), a successful meat processor in China wanted to expand into the North American market and was interested in the Soft Landing Program, a program which was designed to attract off shore investment to The Province of Alberta. They applied and began working in the Food Processing Development Centre (FPDC) in 2004, where FPDC staff assisted Siwin in evaluating their products and re-formulating them for North American tastes.

In 2007, Siwin Foods Ltd. entered the Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator (APBI) and continued to expand their product line to include processed meat products, ready meals and meal components. With a successful launch of products in Alberta, they invested \$30M and constructed a new 35,000 sq. ft. processing facility in South East Edmonton. They graduated from APBI to their new facility in April, 2014 and currently supply their products to all the major food retailers in Western Canada. <http://www.siwinfoods.ca/>