



FOOD NEWS

MAY 2018

Events

IFT18

July 15-18, 2018 | Chicago, IL

IFT18 is where the most creative minds in the science of food come together with purpose and vision to share and challenge one another with the latest research, innovative solutions and forward thinking topics in food science and technology. At IFT18 you will question and discover, break boundaries and redefine, be challenged and inspired. Read [here](#) for more details or to register.

Canada Food Expo – Japan and South Korea

October 1-8, 2018 - Tokyo, Osaka and Seoul

Agriculture and Forestry is currently in the proposal stages for a Canada Food Expo showcase mission to Japan and South Korea. This mission will provide suppliers of innovative, value-added products an opportunity to engage with pre-screened buyers in a tabletop format, as well as conduct market intelligence gathering in each country.

Please contact Katie.Meredith@gov.ab.ca to indicate your interest and receive full details once available.

Tips for Farmers' Market Vendors

Agriculture and Forestry's Explore Local team has produced a series of seven videos that can provide valuable information for vendors selling at farmers' markets:

- [Creating an Image](#)
- [Booth Set Up](#)
- [Product Labelling](#)
- [Signs and Signage](#)
- [Salesmanship](#)
- [Presentation](#)
- [Creating a Memorable Shopping Experience](#)

Canadian Agriculture Partnership Programs

Growing Forward 2 has expired on March 31, 2018 and has been replaced by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada delivers federal programs under the CAP with focus on three key areas:

- *Growing trade and expanding markets*
- *Innovative and sustainable growth of the sector*
- *Supporting diversity and a dynamic, evolving sector*

Application forms and guides for the six [federal programs under the CAP](#) are now available.

In **Alberta**, the CAP represents a federal - provincial investment of \$406 million and will deliver programs under five themes:

- *Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change;*
- *Products, Market Growth and Diversification;*
- *Science and Research;*
- *Risk Management; and*
- *Public Trust.*

The roll-out of the CAP program suite in Alberta began in April 2018 and the 15 programs will be phased over the spring, summer and fall of 2018. Applications and program details consisting of cost-shares and eligible activities and/or items will be released with the opening of each program. The criteria for eligibility will be made available along with the program details.

For information regarding provincial CAP programs or to subscribe to receive program announcements, visit <https://cap.alberta.ca>.

Food Science and Technology Centre

Are you looking to develop a new pet food, kibble or treat for your furry customer?

The Pet Food Program, at the Food Science and Technology Centre in Brooks, Alberta, specializes in creating safe, nutritionally balanced, and flavourful pet foods.

This program can help you develop clean label and specialty formulations, incorporate functional ingredients and meet pet food standards. The Centre uses a twin screw extruder to make kibble or puffed treats, a former to make baked treats and all can be coated in your pet's favourite flavour. If you are interested in developing a pet or fish food product please contact us at 403-362-1365 or email xiangfeng.meng@gov.ab.ca.



Alberta

Regulatory Updates

• Update to the Proposed Safe Food for Canadians Regulations

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) have updated their webpage on the proposed Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) to include the following resources:

- New - [Importing Food: A step-by-step guide](#)
- New - [Food business activities that would require a license under the proposed SFCR](#)
- Updated - [Frequently asked questions: Licensing](#)
- Updated - [Frequently asked questions: Importing](#)
- Updated - [Frequently asked questions: Exporting](#)

Other useful resources on SFCR can be found on our website at www.inspection.gc.ca/SafeFood.

• Updates to the Industry Labelling Tool regarding the December 14, 2016 amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations

The CFIA has updated the [Industry Labelling Tool](#) (ILT) to reflect the December 14, 2016 [amendments to the "Food and Drug Regulations" \(FDR\) related to nutrition labelling, list of ingredients and food colour requirements](#). A [Notice to Industry](#) has been posted on the CFIA website to provide further information on the changes.

Regulated parties currently have a five (5) year transition period ending on December 14, 2021 to meet the new requirements. It is currently being proposed that the transition period be extended to December 14, 2022. Additional information will be provided at a later date. During this transition period, there are two versions of the ILT; the current version reflects the new regulatory requirements, while the former version reflects the former requirements.

The [implementation plan](#) for the transition period that was developed by Health Canada and the CFIA has been updated for the beginning of the second phase of the plan. This phase will be initiated on May 14, 2018, at which point the role of responding to inquiries on the new requirements transitions from Health Canada to the CFIA.

• Restricting the Marketing of Unhealthy Foods to Children

On May 8, 2018, Health Canada published an update on its proposed direction for the development of regulations to restrict the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children. This update reflects policy development since receiving feedback from the 75-day public consultation launched on June 10, 2017. The update is available on the [Canada.ca website](http://Canada.ca).

• The US Food And Drug Administration (FDA) Extends Deadline to Compliance for the Nutrition Labels Rules by 18 months

The FDA extended the compliance dates for the [Nutrition Facts and Supplement Facts label final rule and the Serving Size final rule](#), from July 26, 2018 to January 1, 2020, for manufacturers with \$10 million or more in annual food sales. Manufacturers with less than \$10 million in annual food sales would receive an extra year to comply – until January 1, 2021. When the rules were originally finalized in May 2016 and the FDA gave companies two years to come into compliance.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety and Quality Training – [2018 Course schedule, description and registration forms](#)

Implementing SQF – July 23-24 in Edmonton

Internal Auditor SQF – July 25 in Edmonton

FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food (PCQI) – August 13 - 15– 2.5 days in Calgary

AFPA Workplace Health and Safety - AFPA's free Lunch n' Learns are back for 2018!

May 31 in Calgary and June 14 in Edmonton @ 11:30 AM – 'Competency, a Process of Evaluation', presented by Glyn Jones, EHS Partnerships. Email ed@afpa.com to reserve your spot.

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