



# FOOD NEWS

June 2017

## Export Events and Info

### **Korea Imported Goods Fair**

*June 22-24, 2017*

There is an opportunity to showcase Alberta products at this tradeshow without travelling to Korea. Samples or brochures of your products can be shown to Korean importers. If interested, please contact [Katie Meredith](#) as soon as possible for more information.

### **Mission to SupplySide West**

*September 26-29, 2017*

*Las Vegas, NV United States*

Alberta companies are invited to participate in a walking program to SupplySide West which will include an opportunity to meet with potential US buyers/clients. SupplySide West is the world's largest consumer packaged goods tradeshow targeting supply industries segments including dietary supplements, functional food and beverages, personal care, sports nutrition and novelty ingredients. Qualified Alberta companies may be reimbursed 50% of their return airfare and accommodation costs up to a maximum of C\$900. There are seven grants available for this initiative. If interested, apply to [Dusan Rnjak](#) by June 23, 2017.

### **Health Ingredients Mission to Japan and Korea**

*September 28 - October 6, 2017*

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is in the proposal stages for a health ingredients-focused mission to Korea and Japan, anchored around the HI Japan tradeshow. Suppliers of healthy, functional, natural or organic food ingredients. If you are interested in the mission, please contact [Katie Meredith](#) to receive full details once available.

### **Export Catalogue – Products**

The Agri-Food Products and Services Catalogue profiles Alberta products to international buyers. Export-ready Alberta companies are invited to submit their applications for the catalogue by completing an application form and supplying a product photo and company logo. If you are exporting or export ready, you can apply to be listed in this [catalogue](#).

## Other Events

### **3M Food Safety Symposium**

*June 21, 2017- Calgary, Alberta*

Please join 3M for a half-day seminar presented by guest speakers on product and environmental monitoring. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided. Topics include: trends in food safety, lactic acid bacteria, and preventing food safety failures. To register, please go [here](#).

### **Fun with Financials - Learn and Network- Save the Date!**

*October 18, 2017 - Nisku, AB*

Do you have burning questions about financing and aren't sure where to find the answers? Do you need money to take your agri-processing business to the next level? This **ENGAGING** event will allow you to hear from expert speakers and meet key financial contacts. For more information, please contact [Ron Lyons](#).

## Grant Programs

### **Energy Efficiency Alberta Rebate Program**

Non-profits, co-ops, and businesses can purchase and install eligible energy efficient lighting, heating, and other products to receive a rebate to a maximum of \$60,000 per year, per facility on a first-come, first-served basis.

To learn more, please go to [Energy Efficiency Alberta](#).

### **Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative**

This program is open to applications and will help fund internships for post-secondary graduates and high school students working in the agriculture industry. [Green Internships Stream](#): Employers in the agricultural sector but not directly on farm could receive up to a maximum of \$16,000 to undertake environmental activities, services or research that will benefit the agriculture sector.

### **Productivity Improvement and Retention Grant**

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Workforce Development Program is accepting applications to its Productivity Improvement and Retention Grants for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Visit our [website](#) or contact [Gerard Bos](#) at 780-980-4222 for more information.

# Regulatory Changes

The Government of Canada is seeking input on the following regulatory proposals:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister, Lawrence MacAulay, has announced that the Government of Canada is launching consultations to support the development of *A Food Policy for Canada*.

An [online survey](#) is now open and Canadians are encouraged to share their input to help shape a food policy that will cover the entire food system, from farm to fork. Canadians can share their views on four major themes:

- increasing access to affordable food;
- improving health and food safety;
- conserving our soil, water, and air; and
- growing more high-quality food.

Feedback from the consultations will provide the federal government with a better understanding of Canadians' priorities when it comes to food-related issues. The results will help inform key elements of a food policy, including a long-term vision and identifying actions to take in the near term.



## Alberta Food Processors Association

### Food Processors Find Solutions at “The New Face of Agri-Processing” Conference and Mini Trade Show

AFPA's first-ever sustainability conference, allowed food processors to listen to and learn from some of Canada's leading experts in sustainability, risk management, value chain, employee performance, productivity, strategy development, marketing and reputation management.

### Register Now to Reduce Your Costs with the “Money Down the Drain” Workshop

Sept. 26 - Edmonton; Sept. 27 - Calgary

Find out how some of Canada's biggest food and beverage processors, including Campbell's, Maple Leaf, Kraft Foods, Sleeman Brewery and Andrew Peller have saved and grown. The cost of this workshop will be **\$75 for AFPA members** and **\$125 for non-members**.

### [FEASTival of Fine Chefs](#)

Reserve your tickets early for this sensational foodie event. Early bird ticket prices end July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### [Food Safety and Quality Training](#)

- Safe Quality Food Institute (SQF) Practitioners Bundle - *June 19 - 23 - Calgary*;
  - two days of Examinable HACCP training;
  - two days of SQF Implementing;
  - one day of SQF Internal Auditor

These days can be taken individually as well.

- Recall Planning & Preparation: Developing your Recall Plan – *August 9 - Calgary*
- Food Plant Sanitation – *August 10-11 - Calgary*
- HACCP I Prerequisite Program - *August 14-15 - Lethbridge*
- HACCP II Developing your HACCP Plan - *August 16-17 - Lethbridge*
- HACCP Refresher - *August 18 - Lethbridge*

For more information on any of the above training, please contact [Melody](#) at 403-201-3657 (ext. 21)

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