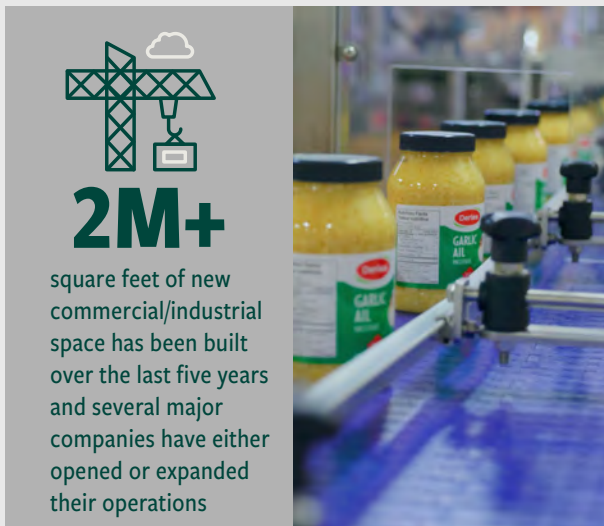


Industry Profile

# AGRI-FOOD



**Agri-food is an increasingly growing industrial sector for the City of Pickering. The City is dedicated to understanding and meeting the needs of its local agri-food businesses, fostering an economic environment that nurtures existing businesses and identifies key opportunities for new investment, such as within the Innovation Corridor, which has attracted internationally recognized companies such as Wonderbrands.**



**2M+**  
square feet of new commercial/industrial space has been built over the last five years and several major companies have either opened or expanded their operations

**4M+**  
number of people in the labour force who reside within 50 kms of Pickering

**36,000+**  
number of jobs in Pickering

## Notable Employers

### FGF Brands

FGF Brands is the largest producer of fresh breads, rolls, croissants, and sweet goods in North America, and has become a global leader by replacing low-tech equipment with robotics, integrated AI systems, machine learning and supply chain innovations.

### Derlea Brand Foods

Derlea products are valued and trusted by Chefs and food manufacturers across North America. Their range of products increase efficiency of operations and flavour in kitchens of all sizes.

### Premier Brands

Since 1993, Premier Brands has built a reputation for bringing exceptionally crafted chocolates, traditional sweets, biscuits and more to Canadian consumers seeking affordable edible treasures, including the well-known line of Waterbridge sweets.

## Jobs in Agri-food

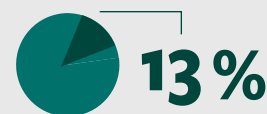
### Durham Region

16500+ jobs

### Pickering

2100+ jobs

(13% of the Durham Region agri-food industry)



percentage of Durham Region manufacturing jobs located in Pickering

## Occupations in Agri-food

### Durham Region

18000+ occupations

### Pickering

3000+ occupations

(17% of the Durham Region agri-food industry)



percentage of Durham Region manufacturing occupations located in Pickering

## Integrated Transportation Network

Pickering offers excellent access to a reliable transportation network of high capacity roads, railways, a deep seaport and proximity to three airports. Businesses can easily transport their products in and out of Pickering on a regional, national and global scale.



Highways 401, 407, 7



CN Rail, CP Rail, GO Transit, Durham Region Transit



Toronto Pearson International Airport, Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Oshawa Municipal Airport

The City of Pickering has developed and nurtured a diverse ecosystem of innovation, infrastructure, talent and resources.



## Post-Secondaries and Specific Programs

The industry specific programs at Durham College and Ontario Tech University provide hands-on training and practical knowledge, producing a highly skilled workforce for local businesses.

### Durham College

- ▶ Horticulture – Food and Farming
- ▶ Nutrition and Food Service Management
- ▶ Manufacturing Leadership Certificate Program (MLCP)
- ▶ Chemical Laboratory Technician

### Ontario Tech University

- ▶ Manufacturing Engineering (Bachelor's Degree)
- ▶ Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor's Degree)
- ▶ Industrial Engineering (Bachelor's Degree)
- ▶ Mechatronics Engineering (Bachelor's Degree)

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