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Federal AgriProcessing Initiative positive news for Ontario food processors

KITCHENER, ONTARIO—Today's AgriProcessing funding announcement by the federal government is positive news for Ontario's food and beverage processors, says the industry association representing more than 300 food and beverage processors across the Province.

The announcement – made by Parliamentary Secretary Pierre Lemieux – is the *AgriProcessing Initiative*, which will deliver \$50 million over five years in repayable contributions to processing facilities. The funds are part of the \$500 million AgriFlexibility fund.

"Food and beverage processors are an integral component of the agri-food value chain," says Jane Graham, Executive Director of the Alliance of Ontario Food Processors. "We are Ontario farmers' best customers, and this announcement will help our members to be competitive by making much-needed Capital investments such as upgrading their equipment."

Ontario food processors buy 70 per cent of the production from Ontario farm families each year.

AOFP is a non-profit organization of food and beverage processing companies and industry organizations. Members have joined together to provide a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to promoting and representing the Ontario food and beverage processing sector on issues of common interest and concern. For more information visit www.aofp.ca.

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