



# FOOD PROCESSING

Food processing is a natural fit in Perth County. Agriculture is the largest sector in the region and local businesses are well supported to grow and thrive.



*“The industry is continually taking on new technologies and innovations. It will rely on young leaders and young ideas.”*

**JANELLE** PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVE,  
GRAY RIDGE EGG FARMS

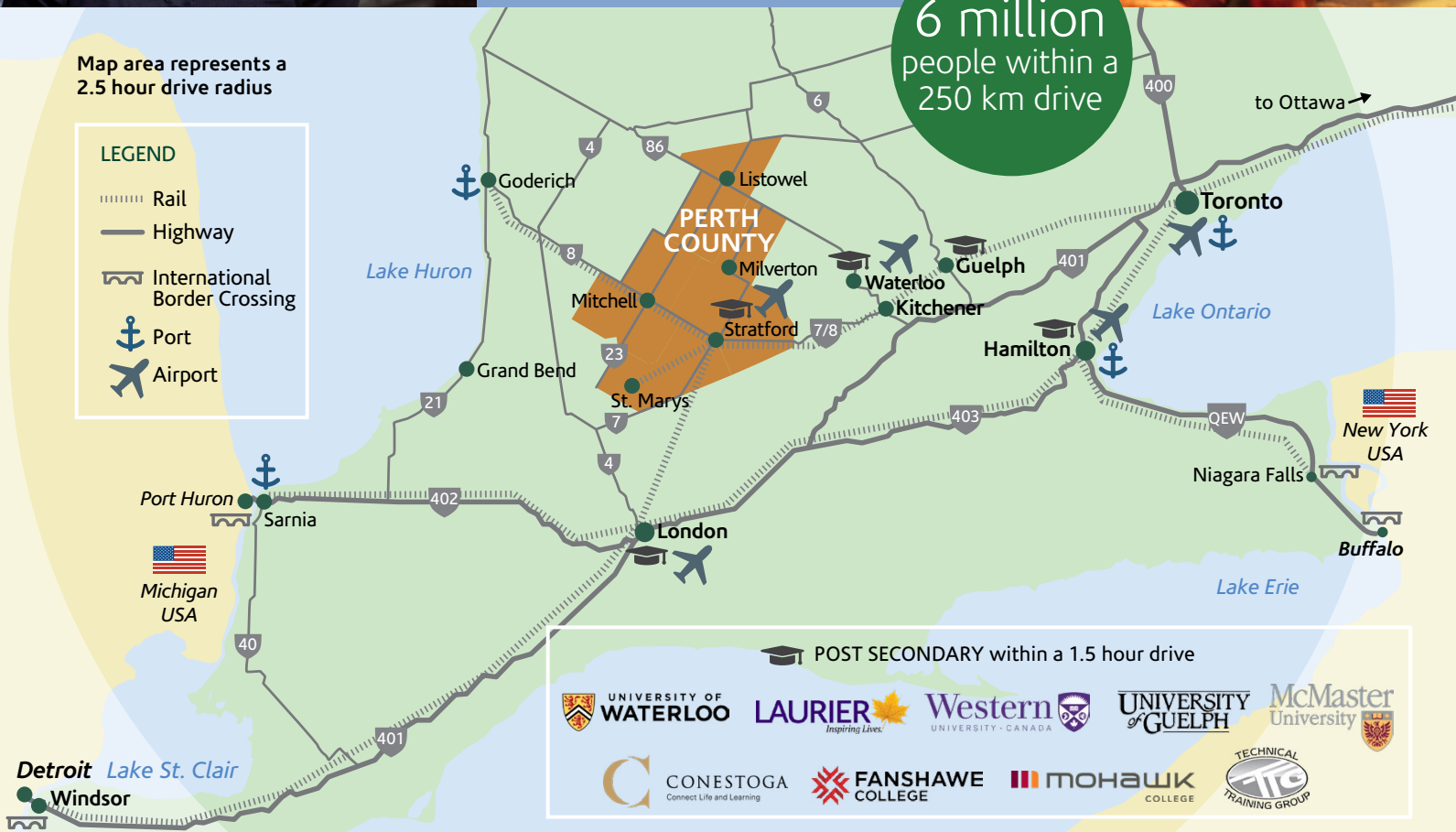


6 million people within a 250 km drive

Map area represents a 2.5 hour drive radius

**LEGEND**

- Rail
- Highway
- International Border Crossing
- Port
- Airport



POST SECONDARY within a 1.5 hour drive

# Doing Business in Ontario

**142 million consumers**  
within a day's drive

Daily two-way goods trade  
between Ontario and US

**\$966 million CDN**

**Population 14.5 million**

If Ontario were a US state,  
it would rank 5th by population

Ontario generates approximately  
**\$41 billion in revenue**  
from food and beverage processing



**101,000+ people**

work directly in the food processing sector

Half of Canada's food processing  
companies are located in Ontario.

**4,400+ businesses**  
in the food and beverage  
processing industry



**Most competitive  
food industries:**

Meat products | Beverage  
Bakery | Sugar and confectionary  
Grain and oilseed processing



## Cultivating Opportunity in Perth County

**2,600+**  
**businesses**  
in the agriculture  
and agri-business  
sector

**108  
businesses**  
in the food  
and beverage  
manufacturing



**3,900+**  
**employees**  
in the agriculture  
and agri-business  
sector

**Employer health costs**  
per year for a typical firm are  
**one third the cost of  
the U.S. average**

Economic Impact of the Ontario  
agri-food value chain represents

**\$3,095 million**

in chained 2012 dollars to the  
Canadian GDP

**11% growth**  
in food processing sector



**10 minutes**  
average commute time

### LOCAL FOOD PROCESSING



Contact us today. **Your business is our pleasure!**

We invite you to contact Perth County's economic  
development and tourism office. We can provide you with  
the guidance you need to locate and grow in Perth County.

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