



March 29, 2023

## ODC Convention

Registration will open soon for the ODC convention which will be held June 7-9, 2023 at the Niagara Falls Marriott Fallsview Hotel. The Opening Reception will be a wild west theme. Business sessions will include speakers on topics of importance to the dairy industry in Canada such as Grocery Code of Practice, Front of Pack Labelling, how environmental regulations impact dairy processors to name a few. The Denim and Diamonds themed gala will take place on June 8. Stay tuned for registration details coming soon.

## ODC Member Only Webinar - April 6

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is hosting an information session for ODC Members only on April 6 at 1:00 p.m. to provide more information about the [Supply Management Processing Investment Fund](#). This non-repayable funding helps processors adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Eligible projects include investment in processing facilities that improve productivity and/or efficiency through automated equipment and technology purchases. The webinar will take place April 6 at 1 pm. Please rsvp to [info@ontariodairies.ca](mailto:info@ontariodairies.ca) to access the link to this webinar.

## Member Renewals

Member and Associate renewal notices will be sent this week to cover the April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 period. Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

## Queens Park Day - March 7 and 8, 2023

Earlier this month, ODC held its second Queens Park Day. As part of this very successful couple of days, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, joined the ODC Board of Directors for dinner. The Minister renewed her commitment to strengthen the relationship between her office and dairy processors. The next day, a lunch reception was held at the Legislative building which included some ODC Member products. Over 138 attendees participated in the networking luncheon including key Ministers, MPPS and staff. ODC is thrilled with the connections made and the invitation to connect further with key ministries. ODC staff and Board Members also had the

opportunity for individual meetings with key ministers to share the concerns of dairy processors in Ontario. The results of the day are extremely positive and staff and the Board look forward to furthering discussions with the Ontario government.

## The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Fund

The [Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) (Sustainable CAP) is a new \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028), between the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. The Sustainable CAP is replacing the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Full details of the program are expected April 1, 2023.

## IDF Annual Dairy Innovation Awards

International Dairy Federation (IDF) will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dairy Innovation Awards. This competition is designed to encourage and celebrate innovative practices across the dairy sector and their contribution to the UN Sustainable Development goals. Entries are now being accepted until June 1, 2023. Winners will be announced on October 16, 2023 at an awards ceremony at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Chicago, Illinois. More information can be found at [IDF Dairy Innovation Awards](#)

## Hire Canada Job Fair - June 21, 2023

Hire Canada is hosting a Job Fair & Training Expo on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. For more information or to register, please visit [Hire Canada](#).

## CFIA Fee Adjustment

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced a fee increase. CFIA adjusts its service fees annually based on the Consumer Price Index in accordance with the Service Fees Act. This requirement ensures that the CFIA's service fees keep pace with inflation. The next annual adjustment will result in an increase of the service fees by 3.4% as of March 31, 2023. More information can be found at [Adjusting service fees for inflation](#).

## Ontario Pavillion at SIAL Canada - May 9-11, 2023

OMAFRA will once again be hosting Ontario food processors in the **Ontario Pavilion** at [SIAL Canada](#), in Toronto this May. Interested companies can contact [April.schnurr@ontario.ca](mailto:April.schnurr@ontario.ca).

# Student Work Placement Program Funding Available

Applications are now being accepted for employers in food and beverage manufacturing to receive up to \$7,000 to hire a domestic student in Canada. More information can be found at [swpp-fpsc.com](http://swpp-fpsc.com).

## Upcoming Events

[RC Show](#) – April 10-12, 2023

[Market Opportunities in the United Kingdom](#) - April 19, 2023

[Bakery Showcase](#) - May 14 and 15, 2023 (Vancouver)

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