



November 22, 2022

## SAVE THE DATE - Convention 2023



ODC is pleased to announce that the ODC Convention 2023 will take place on June 7-9, 2023 at the Marriott Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Save the date and watch for more details.

## Plant Milk Grader (PMG) Refresher Training

ODC is the only authorized organization that can provide certification training for Plant Milk Graders (PMGs) in Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) requires all PMG certificate holders to successfully complete a refresher course every five years in order to renew their certificate. If you or one of your employee's certification is up for renewal, you are urged to book one of the following refresher courses as soon as possible as sessions fill up quickly.

January 24 - afternoon session  
January 25 - morning or afternoon session  
January 26 - morning or afternoon session  
February 7 - morning or afternoon session  
February 9 - afternoon session

Please contact the [office](#) for more information.

## National School Food Policy

The Canadian government is seeking input on how to guide the expansion of school food programs in Canada. An [online consultation](#) has begun where those interested can read the discussion paper online and share input. More background information can be found at the following links prior to completing the survey.

- [Government of Canada launches consultations on a pan-Canadian school food policy](#)
- [Pan-Canadian school food policy – Discussion paper](#)
- [The Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)
- [The Food Policy for Canada](#)

The survey can be found [here](#) and the deadline to participate is December 16.

# Allergen Management Guidelines for Food Manufacturers now available at no costs

Food Allergy Canada and Université Laval released a new publication, *Allergen Management Guidelines for food Manufacturers*. This publication is a consensus-based beverage manufacturing industry guide for allergen risk management and the use of precautionary allergen labelling. This [new guide](#) is available to food and beverage manufacturers across Canada at no charge.

## Funding

### [Supply Management Processing Investment Fund \(SMPIF\)](#)

This fund helps processors of supply-managed commodities 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). Non-repayable contributions help to support investments in dairy processing facilities that improve productivity and/or efficiency through the purchase of new automated equipment and technology. Application intake period is open and will remain open until fund have been fully allocated.

## Upcoming Events

- December 7, 2022 - – [FCC Forum](#) 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – [Future of Food Conference](#) (Ottawa)

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