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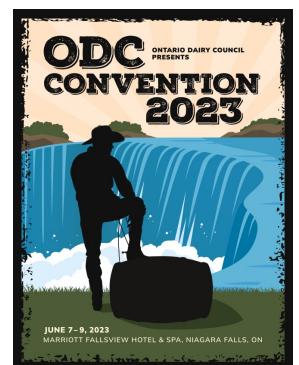


## ODC Convention - June 7 to 9, 2023

ODC is looking forward to welcoming you to Niagara Falls June 7-9 for its annual convention. There is still time to register.

The Marriott Fallsview Hotel is full but a block of rooms has been added at the Radisson Hotel & Suites Fallsview located at 6733 Fallsview Blvd. which is directly across the street. To book your room at the Radisson prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> call 905.356.1944 or 877.325.5784 and identify yourself as being with Ontario Dairy Council. After May 15<sup>th</sup>, any remaining rooms on hold will be released.

More information can be found on the ODC [website](#).



## Thank you Sponsors

Thank you very much to the companies that have already made commitments in support of ODC's 2023 Convention. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact [Mary Beth Holmes](#) for more information.

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## Grocery Code of Conduct

A voluntary Grocery Code of Conduct has been developed by a steering committee comprised of grocery product manufacturers and retailers. A summary of the proposed Code was presented during a May 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar and the public consultation was launched same day. A recorded version of the webinar can be viewed at [www.canadacode.org](http://www.canadacode.org). The website also includes the Draft Code, Frequently Asked Questions and the Consultation Survey.

The proposed Draft Grocery Code of Conduct has been designed to build collaboration and trust between retailers and its suppliers in Canada. This includes dairy processors. While the proposed Code will be voluntary, it has the potential to create an environment that fosters open and fair negotiations and dealings between retailers and suppliers.

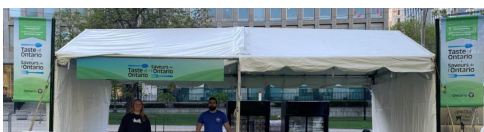
This public consultation process is a critical step in the Code development to ensure that all stakeholder views are heard and included. All ODC Members and Associates are strongly encouraged to take the time to visit [www.canadacode.org](http://www.canadacode.org) and submit feedback by the May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline

## Ontario Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III



Ontario Dairy Council and Dairy Farmers of Ontario worked together to create a dairy space at Ontario's May 6<sup>th</sup> celebration at Queen's Park of the coronation of King Charles III. The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, Speaker Ted Arnott, and Indigenous leaders opened the celebrations at 11:15 with a flag raising ceremony, 21-gun salute, and drum circle. This was followed by a public carnival-style family event with free rides, entertainment and food. Donations of Saputo and Fairlife chocolate milk were handed out at the DFO booth and

Shaw's Ice Cream truck handed out free ice cream. ODC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for assisting in the coordination of the "Taste of Ontario" part of the day. The event was a huge success due to volunteers and donations with a near 18,000 attendance estimated.



**Thank you to the Taste of Ontario sponsors!**





## Welcome a New Member and Associate

ODC is pleased to welcome two new organizations to our community.

New Member - [Great Lakes Goat Dairy](#) Located in Wyoming, Ontario (Lambton County) Great Lakes Goat dairy creates a selection of firm goat cheeses.



New Associate - [Paynel Electrical Contractors Ltd.](#) offers full spectrum electrical contractor services. Located in Cookstown, they started in 1969 with residential electrical work and has grown to over 30 electricians

completing multi million-dollar Process Electrical and Water Treatment Plant projects for world renowned companies.

## Member and Associate Fees

Member and Associate renewal notices were emailed on March 31, 2023 for the April 1, 2023 to the March 31, 2023 period. If you have already submitted your fees, we thank you for your prompt payment. If not, we kindly ask that you please do so as soon as possible. If you didn't receive your notice or need more information, feel free to contact us at [info@ontariodairies.ca](mailto:info@ontariodairies.ca)

## Funding

[Agri-Food Energy Cost Savings Initiative](#) – Applications are being accepted until June 5, 2023 for projects that prioritize reducing greenhouse gas emissions by investing in new technology and equipment as well as building or facility modifications. Projects could receive up to 20 percent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$300,000.

[The Grow Ontario Market Initiative](#) – This program falls under Ontario's [Sustainable CAP](#) program and offers up to 50 percent cost share to a maximum of \$60,000 per food and beverage processor business. Examples of eligible projects include market analysis and planning, product development activities and/or new market-entry promotional efforts to expand opportunities for Ontario food products. Eligible businesses can apply beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Food Processing Skills Canada [Student Work Placement Program](#) – Applications are now being accepted from employers in food and beverage manufacturing, and related businesses, looking to hire domestic students in Canada.

[Technology Investment Program](#) – This program offers 50% funding up to \$50,000 towards the purchase, installation and operation of technology to help Southern Ontario manufacturers automate production, reduce their environmental footprint and become more globally competitive.

## Upcoming Events

- [Bakery Showcase](#) – May 14-15, 2023 (Vancouver)
- [Food and Beverage Ontario Conference](#) – May 25, 2023 (Steam Whistle Brewery, Toronto)



- [U.S. Private Label Webinar](#) – June 7, 2023 (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)
- [New to Exporting Seminar](#) – June 13-14, 2023 (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)
- Ontario Milk Transport Association (OMTA) Golf Tournament - June 15, 2023,(Beaverdale Golf Club, Cambridge, ON)
- [Western Dairy Council Golf Tournament](#) – June 20, 2023 (Inglewood Golf Club, Calgary, Alberta)
- [Export Opportunities to Asia-Pacific Countries](#) Webinar – June 20, 2023
- [International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit](#) - October 16-19, 2023 (Chicago)

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