The Agriculture and Agri-Food sector

**Ontario**

- Leads the greenhouse vegetable sector with 69% of total harvested area in Canada
- Has the 3rd largest food and beverage manufacturing sector in North America
  - Provides 130K direct jobs, generates $41B in revenue and $7.6B in exports/year
- Accounts for 24% of Canada's agricultural exports at $14.8B

**Ontario**

- Generating 1 in 8 jobs in Ontario employing 807,000 people
- Generated more than $37B for the Ontario economy (almost 6% of our GDP)

With more than 14 million residents and 150 million people within a day’s drive, Ontario has access to a large and diverse consumer base.

- 49,600 farms with a total area of 4.98 million hectares
- More than half of all of Canada's Class 1 farmland
- 2 of the best agroclimatic zones in Canada
- Abundant water
- Diverse primary agricultural production

*All data from 2016*