Introduction

Real growth in the food industry lies in value-added products, technologies and services. For the agri-food and fisheries sector, this means increasing the actual "value" of primary products and stimulating the emergence of an entire new generation of processors and entrepreneurs producing new innovative products, services and technologies.

The following directory is an overview of product and quality development services to the Nova Scotia food industry. It covers regulatory agencies, product development services, government support, packaging and design services, life sciences, industry associations, organic certifying agencies and how a company becomes labelled kosher. While most of the services are available within Nova Scotia, the directory also lists service providers in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Ontario, which can be accessed by Nova Scotia companies.

The Product and Quality Development Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is committed to the encouragement and support of the value-added agri-food sector.

The Product and Quality Development offers a variety of services based on the following goals:

- to strengthen the capacity for development of value-added agricultural and seafood products, services and technologies.
- to increase opportunities for government and industry quality and innovation initiatives in the agri-food and seafood sectors.
- to address barriers to the development and commercialization of agricultural, seafood and food products, technologies and services.
- to identify, develop and promote value-added opportunities through co-ordinated and facilitated partnerships and strategic alliances at the community level.

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