

T A R G E T I N D U S T R Y

# VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE

## FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

The food and beverage industry is comprised of companies involved in the production and sourcing of food, including processing and distribution into the marketplace. This includes fresh, prepared foods as well as packaged foods, and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages.

A variety of factors make the Bismarck-Mandan region an attractive location for companies in the food and beverage industry:

- Ample utilities
- Reliable power
- Quality water
- A well-trained workforce with agriculture experience
- Agriculture/livestock sourcing in rural areas for potential farm-to-fork initiatives

## AGRICULTURE

The Bismarck-Mandan region is in the heart of North Dakota's agriculture sector and is recognized for excellence. Morton County ranks #1 in terms of beef and milk production annually and North Dakota ranks #1 in the production of 10 different crops, including honey, spring wheat and durum wheat. Burleigh and Morton Counties' top crops in terms of acreage include wheat, corn for grain and sunflower seeds.

## SUPPORTING TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

As a primarily rural area with the benefits of modern urban transportation and technology infrastructure, the Bismarck-Mandan region is a natural choice for food and beverage processing ventures. The area's exceptional transportation infrastructure is enhanced by a strategic location in Central North Dakota, providing processors an easy access to markets across the upper Midwest.

Companies that call Bismarck-Mandan home include: Cloverdale Foods Company, Dean Foods, Two Track Malting, M & W Beef Packers, as well as multiple local craft brewers.

Read the Ag Profile to learn more about Bismarck-Mandan as a location for your food and beverage processing business.