



## MINNESOTA

Farm and Food in Focus



# Twenty-six Metro Area FOOD AND AGRICULTURE EMPLOYERS

AN UPDATE FOR CANDIDATES AND VOTERS REGARDING THE MAJOR IMPACT AND TRANSFORMATION OF MINNESOTA'S FARM/FOOD SECTOR



Although many may think of agriculture and food as a rural industry, there is a very large and diverse list of food and agribusinesses located in the Twin Cities providing quality jobs to tens of thousands of Minnesotans. Here's a sample of these metro employers – large and small.

### AGRIBANK

A wholesale bank owned by 14 farm credit associations providing loans and financial services to more than 375,000 farmers and ranchers across 15 states

Location: St. Paul

### ANGIE'S BOOMCHICKAPOP

Popcorn manufacturer

Location: Minneapolis

### BREMER BANK

Consistently among the top agriculture lenders in the U.S., most recently ranked the 11th-largest farm lender in the country based on dollar volume

Location: St. Paul

### C.H. ROBINSON

Global shipping, logistics and warehousing

Location: Eden Prairie

### CARGILL

Global food producer, livestock, animal feed, nutrition, pharmaceuticals, financial risk management

Location: Minnetonka

### CATALIA MEXICAN FOODS

Manufacturer of tortillas for food service, retail and packaged foods

Location: Eagan

### CHS

Farmer-owned cooperative specializing in food processing, farm supply, Cenex brand fuel, financial services and retail businesses

Location: Inver Grove Heights

### DAIRY QUEEN

Multi-national chain of fast food restaurants including DQ and Orange Julius

Location: Edina

### ECOLAB

Producer of water, hygiene and infection prevention solutions and services to the food, healthcare, hospitality and industrial markets

Location: St. Paul

### GENERAL MILLS

Global manufacturer and marketer of food products including Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Haagen-Dazs, Pillsbury and Annie's

Location: Golden Valley

### GRAIN MILLERS

Whole grain manufacturing and merchandising, organic and conventional consumer food products, and the import and export of commodities

Location: Eden Prairie

### GREAT RIVER ENERGY

Wholesale electric power cooperative, provides electricity to 28 member-owner distribution cooperatives that collectively serve 700,000 families, farms and businesses in Minnesota

Location: Maple Grove

### JONNYPOPS

Manufacturer of frozen fruit bars

Location: Minneapolis

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## LAND O' LAKES

One of the nation's largest agriculture cooperatives, Land O' Lakes was founded in St. Paul in 1921 by dairy farmers from creameries across the state. Seeking to create more dependable markets for dairy farmers, this action had a significant positive impact on the Minnesota agriculture and food sector that has grown many times larger today.

Not only are Land O' Lakes' brands recognized globally – from its signature butter and cheese products in the grocery dairy case to animal nutrition, seed and crop protection – the cooperative is a source of great pride for Minnesotans.

It's inspiring to realize that a small cooperative formed by dairy farmers in the 1920's has grown to become a global company – #232 on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest companies with nearly \$14 billion in revenue and 8,000 employees.

Many Twin Cities area employees owe their jobs to the foresight of Minnesota's early dairy farmers. Dairy has played a key role in the growth and expansion of Minnesota's agriculture and food sectors.

Location: Arden Hills



## LUNDS & BYERLYS

Operator of gourmet food and wine markets

Location: Edina

## MICHAEL FOODS

Manufacturer and distributor of food service, food ingredient and retail foods, including a variety of egg products, Simply Potatoes, and Bob Evans sausage products

Location: Minnetonka

## MILK SPECIALTIES GLOBAL

Manufacturer of dairy-based protein ingredients for people and animals

Location: Eden Prairie

## MN DEPARTMENT OF AG

State agency that oversees the integrity of the state's food supply, the health of natural resources and the strength of the agriculture economy

Location: St. Paul

## OLD DUTCH

Manufacturer of potato chips, tortilla chips and salsa

Location: Roseville

## SCHWAN'S

Started as an ice cream manufacturer in Southwest Minnesota, it is now a large manufacturer and retail distributor of frozen foods, including its signature home delivery

Location: Eden Prairie

## SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

Minnesota's largest food bank served more than half a million people last year and helped provide them with more than 97 million meals

Location: Brooklyn Park

## SUMMIT BREWING

Beer manufacturer

Location: St. Paul

## SUNOPTA

Sourcing, processing and packaging of organic and non-GMO food products

Location: Edina

## SUPERVALU

A major food distribution and retail grocery store operator now part of United Natural Foods Inc.

Location: Golden Valley

## SYNGENTA

Seed and crop protection

Location: Minneapolis

## UMN COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCES (CFANS)

Students and faculty bringing the University's land grant mission to life by studying science related to food, agriculture and natural resources.

- 12 academic departments and
- 10 research centers offering
- 14 majors and 13 graduate programs.

Location: St. Paul; Chanhassen