



**INVESTING  
IN CANADA'S  
FUTURE CHEESEMAKERS**

*Say Cheese!*  
*1-2-3 Fromage!*

**INVESTIR DANS  
LES FUTURS  
FROMAGERS CANADIENS**

# WHO?

Conestoga College in Western Ontario and La Cité French-language college in Eastern Ontario with the full support of the Ontario Dairy Council (ODC) representing Ontario dairy processing industry.



## Cheese Bite

- *35% of milk from Ontario farms is used in cheese production*
- *Value of milk processed products in Ontario is \$6 billion annually*



## WHAT?

We are creating  
Canada's only extensive  
hands-on Cheesemaker  
Training Program and  
complementary Dairy  
Centres of Excellence



## Cheese Bite

- *139 Dairy Processing plants in Ontario, many located in rural areas*
- *7,500 direct jobs in processing*



Industry-  
standard  
facilities



**WHY**

# A Cheesemaker Shortage

ODC completed two major studies confirming a shortage of current and future supply of cheesemakers – **over 200** cheesemakers are required just in Ontario over the **next 10 years**.

ODC also confirmed the notable absence of extensive **hands-on training** to help people learn the art and skill of cheesemaking right across Canada.

WHY

Enhancing  
Canadian  
Expertise for  
Cheese  
Manufacturing



# WHY

## Supporting Farms and Rural Development



- ▶ In Ontario, the dairy industry is the largest of the provincial agriculture sectors
- ▶ Ontario farms produce nearly \$2 billion of milk per year, 35% of which is used in cheese production
- ▶ The value of milk processed products in Ontario is **\$6 billion per year**
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