



## News Release

**PrairiesCan backs New Harvest Canada with CDN\$1 million investment towards Prairie-based food biomanufacturing cellular agriculture project**

**March 4, 2025, Edmonton, Alberta:**

Based in Edmonton, New Harvest Canada is pleased to announce it has received CDN \$1 million in federal funding from Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) to advance the Cellular Agriculture Prairies Ecosystem (CAPE) Project.

This initiative will bring together 12 partners from industry and academia to kickstart a cellular agriculture research and innovation ecosystem to build a more resilient food production system.

Using emerging biomanufacturing practices and technologies, the CAPE project will transform local agricultural resources into biomanufacturing inputs while enhancing talent development, manufacturing, and research capacity to enhance economic opportunities.

"Alberta's farmers and producers work hard to feed our communities and drive our economy," said the Honourable Terry Duguid, Minister for PrairiesCan. "This investment in New Harvest Canada is about supporting innovation that builds on that strength—creating new opportunities for producers, making our food system more resilient, and ensuring a strong, sustainable future for Alberta's agriculture sector."

Funded by PrairiesCan, CAPE is a multi-stakeholder initiative advancing biomanufacturing by transforming agricultural resources and strengthening manufacturing, industry-driven applied research, and talent in the Prairies. It connects agriculture with cellular agriculture to enhance food system resilience and sustainability while supporting start-ups in commercialization.

This \$2.4 million, three-year project includes a fellowship program, economic reports, and builds on prior regional investments in infrastructure, talent, and research.

"CAPE is a step towards ensuring cellular agriculture happens *in* Canada, not *to* Canada," says Isha Datar, Executive Director, New Harvest.

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