Data on all aspects of the food supply chain is critical for good decision-making by the stakeholders of Canada's agriculture and food industry. As such, AAFC engages closely with Statistics Canada on forward plans for Statistics Canada's agriculture and food data programs. Statistics Canada is working on ensuring important data are made available, while at the same time minimizing the imposition of respondent burden on businesses, with respect to direct data collection.

It is AAFC's understanding Statistics Canada is continuing to release the following data products that include data on the Canadian food and beverage processing industry.

- The **Monthly Survey of Manufacturing** provides the value of manufacturing shipments (sales of goods manufactured), inventories, unfilled orders, new orders and capacity utilization rate.
    - Data for March 2020 is expected to be released on May 14.

- The monthly **Industrial Product Price Index,** provides information on prices for products manufactured in Canada, as they leave the plant gate. This product includes data on: meat, fish and dairy products; fruit, vegetables, feed and other food products; and beverages (except juices).
    - Data for March 2020 is expected to be released on April 30.

- The monthly **Raw Materials Price Index** provides information on prices of raw materials purchased by manufacturers, including crop and animal products.
    - Data for March 2020 is expected to be released on April 30.

- The monthly **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Industry** provides information on the GDP contribution of the Canadian food and beverage processing industry.
    - Data for February 2020 is expected to be released on April 30.

- The monthly **International Merchandise Trade** provides information on the value on Canada's merchandise exports and imports by commodity, province or territory, and partner country on a customs basis.
    - Data for March 2020 is expected to be released on May 5.

- Annual **Food Availability** provides estimates of the availability of food for consumption on a per person basis along with supply and disposition data for selected food products.
    - Data for 2019 is expected to be released at the end of May.

- The **Quarterly Financial Statistics for Enterprises** provides data used to measure the financial position and performance of incorporated businesses by industry aggregations. Custom datasets might be required to provide detailed industry-level.
    - Data for Q1-2020 is expected to be released on May 26.

- The monthly **Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH)** provides information on the amount of earnings, as well as the number of jobs (i.e., occupied positions) and hours worked by detailed industry at the national, provincial and territorial levels.
    - Data for February 2020 is expected to be released on April 30.

- The monthly **Labour Force Survey (LFS)** provides estimates of employment and unemployment by industry, capturing data on the entire food supply chain; however, custom datasets might be required to provide detailed industry-level.
    - Data for April 2020 is expected to be released on May 8.

In addition, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will continue to release datasets on Open Data related to:

- Monthly updates on Temporary Foreign Worker work permits by NOC (Canadian National Occupational Classification) and province/territory.
    - Data is currently available for February 2020.

AAFC appreciates any feedback and inquiries from stakeholders.