

## Canadian Food Innovation Network unveils winners of inaugural Foodtech Frontier Awards, highlighting homegrown innovators tackling global challenges

*Foodtech Frontier 2025's winners have collectively created over 1,700 jobs and invested more than \$35 million in research and development in the past year.*

**GUELPH, ON, October 1, 2025** – Today, the Canadian Food Innovation Network ([CFIN](#)) has unveiled the winners of [Foodtech Frontier](#), the first program in Canada dedicated to spotlighting companies building transformative solutions for the food industry.

Foodtech Frontier marks a new milestone for Canadian foodtech, highlighting 25 fast-growing companies and 10 established leaders tackling critical global challenges in sustainability, food security, health, and supply chain efficiency.

“Canada’s food sector is under pressure to adapt — groceries are more expensive, manufacturers face supply chain challenges, and small businesses are stretched thin. Yet, our country is also home to some of the most forward-thinking food innovators in the world. With Foodtech Frontier, we’re supporting the growth of these companies to strengthen our economy, create new jobs, and feed more people in a sustainable way,” says Dana McCauley, CEO of CFIN.

As part of the awards program, [Redstick Ventures](#) awarded \$100,000 each to [Cubbi](#) and [Dispension](#), providing a total of \$200,000 in catalytic funding to accelerate their growth and impact.

Beyond funding for Cubbi and Dispension, all of the winners gain national recognition from CFIN and access to a powerful network of potential investors, partners, and customers to accelerate their growth.

### Economic Impact of the Foodtech Frontier 2025

Collectively, these companies are already delivering \$440 million in total sales, have invested \$35 million in R&D over the past year, employ 1,763 people, and have raised \$256 million to date. These metrics highlight the role of Canadian foodtech ventures as economic drivers that invest in innovation and create jobs, positioning the sector as a key contributor to Canada’s competitiveness in the global food economy.

### Winners of the Foodtech Frontier 2025

*Established Foodtech Leaders*

These companies are gaining rapid traction in local and global markets, positioning themselves as emerging leaders with innovative foodtech solutions.

- [SmartSkin Technologies](#) (AC) – Sensor-enabled container monitoring systems
- [Cronometer](#) (BC) – Nutrition tracking app built on verified data
- [EnWave](#) (BC) – Vacuum-microwave REV™ dehydration technology
- [Fresh Prep Foods](#) (BC) – Meal kits with locally sourced, sustainable ingredients
- [FPS Food Process Solutions](#) (BC) – Turn-key freezing and processing systems
- [Enhanced Medical Nutrition](#) (ON) – Medical nutrition products supporting surgery and recovery
- [Food Cycle Science](#) (ON) – Closed-loop food waste solution, FoodCycler™
- [Kitchen Hub](#) (ON) – Tech-enabled food halls for restaurant scale-up
- [P&P Optica](#) (ON) – AI-powered hyperspectral imaging for food safety
- [Qualtech](#) (QC) – Stainless-steel sanitary equipment and processing systems for agri-food

### *Rising Stars*

These companies are building innovative solutions for the food industry. While still early in market adoption, they show strong growth potential and are positioned to become future leaders in foodtech.

- [Cubbi](#) (AB) – All-in-one food service platform for businesses
- [RFINE Biomass Solutions](#) (AC) – Upcycling spent coffee grounds into nutritious ingredients
- [Dispension Industries](#) (AC) – Automated kiosks for canned beer and ready-to-drink beverages
- [Freshr Sustainable Technologies](#) (AC) – Biodegradable active packaging for seafood to prolong shelf life
- [Infusd Nutrition](#) (AC) – Clean-label solubility tech for nutrients and adaptogens
- [Crush Dynamics](#) (BC) – Upcycled grape pomace into multi-function ingredients
- [Maia Farms](#) (BC) – Mycelium-based protein ingredients
- [Renaissance BioScience](#) (BC) – Harnessing the power of microbes to develop sustainable solutions for food production, health, and environmental challenges
- [ThisFish](#) (BC) – AI-enabled seafood traceability and digital workflows
- [mode40](#) (MB) – Digital transformation for food manufacturing
- [Appetronix](#) (ON) – AI-powered autonomous robotic kitchens
- [Gastronomous Technologies](#) (ON) – AI automation for QSR back-of-house
- [Friendlier](#) (ON) – Reusable packaging platform
- [Index Biosystems](#) (ON) – Microscopic BioTags for traceability
- [Jitto](#) (ON) – Fresh produce supply for small communities
- [Local Line](#) (ON) – Farm-to-fork commerce platform for buying and selling local food
- [Myo Palate Corporation](#) (ON) – Cultivated meat via cellular agriculture
- [n!Biomachines](#) (ON) – Scalable bioreactor systems
- [Bioeureka](#) (QC) – AI pathogen identification platform

- [DeepSight Réalité Augmentée](#) (QC) – No-code AR training for manufacturing and industrial industries
- [Laboratoire Innodal](#) (QC) – Natural anti-Listeria biocontrol solution
- [Opalia](#) (QC) – Cell-based milk without cows
- [PULR Technologies](#) (QC) – AIoT for cold chain and logistics
- [Relocalize](#) (QC) – Autonomous micro-factories for hyperlocal food production
- [BetterCart Analytics](#) (SK) – AI-powered price analytics for retailers

“From cutting-edge processing tools to smart AI solutions keeping our food safe, the companies we’re honouring today show how innovation can help the food industry grow strong in a fast-changing world — all while creating jobs, boosting the economy, and putting Canada on the map as a foodtech leader,” says the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Learn more about the Foodtech Frontier awards and the winners at [www.cfin-rcia.ca/about/foodtechfrontier25](http://www.cfin-rcia.ca/about/foodtechfrontier25).

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