

## Provincial Spotlight: Saskatchewan



### Quick Facts:

Saskatchewan is a powerhouse for Canadian agriculture, producing the majority of a large amount of crops. Some of the provinces most impressive statistics include:

- **40%** of Canada's total crop production
- **47%** of Canada's total field crop area
- **54%** of the total value of the Canadian grain exports in 2020
- Saskatchewan is the **world's leading exporter** of the following commodities: dry peas, lentils, durum, mustard seed, canola seed, canola oil, canola meal, canary seed and oats.

In 2020, Saskatchewan agriculture exports were the largest on record, with total international sales of **\$16.9 billion**. Agricultural exports have increased more than 65 per cent since 2011, accounting for more than 55 per cent of total provincial exports in 2020.

In 2020, Saskatchewan exported more than **\$1.7 billion** in each of our four key crop product sectors: cereal grains, oilseeds, pulses and edible oils.



## **Unique Saskatchewan Agricultural Products**



### **Snow Beef**

Near Caronport, Saskatchewan, an enterprising farmer has cross-bred his Holstein cows with Wagyu bulls, creating what he calls “Snow Beef”.

Snow Beef is the closest Canadian product to the highly coveted Wagyu beef from Japan, famous for its distinctive marbling and fat content and praised by chefs around the world. Snow Beef cows have a similar high-fat content, with a “beefier” flavour provided from the Holstein genes. They are fed a special diet to closely mimic the diet of Wagyu cows in Japan.

Restaurants in Regina who use Snow Beef have praised the meat's texture and flavour.

**[Learn more about Snow Beef here!](#)**

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### **Craft Beers**

Saskatchewan has a very large and diverse craft beer culture that is proud to use Saskatchewan grain and barley in its beers. Regina and Saskatoon are home to the most breweries, but there are also other breweries in small towns.

The breweries also have a great relationship with each other and producers. Many brewers give their spent grain to farmers for free who feed the spent grain to their cattle.

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## Hard Alcohol

Saskatchewan also has a growing and diverse distillery industry that uses Saskatchewan agricultural products like grain and corn for its distilling of spirits.

[Last Mountain Distillery](#), is well-known for its signature dill pickle vodka.

There is also Smooth 42 Distillery in the small village of Brownlee, Saskatchewan. The group bought the village's old skating arena for \$1 and converted it into a distillery. [Smooth 42 was also recently on Dragon's Den](#). The group also struck a deal with Michele Romanow and Arlene Dickinson.