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Canadian Food & Beverage Processing Industry Tackles Food Waste

Provision Coalition launches new toolkit for in-plant food waste reduction.

Guelph, Ontario – Today, Provision Coalition, with its food and beverage manufacturing association members across the country, released a new online Canadian-made toolkit to evaluate and reduce food loss and waste at the processing level.

A report commissioned in part by Provision Coalition recently revealed that although not the primary source of waste, Canadian manufacturers and packagers accounted for 20 per cent of the food wasted in 2014.

“Food loss and waste is not just a pressing economic issue it has a direct connection to Canadian food security and environmental impact from wasted resources. Including food loss and waste in the federal government’s new food policy would go a long way to addressing this issue across the supply chain from farm to consumer,” said Cher Mereweather, executive director with Provision Coalition.

Provision’s online food loss and waste toolkit has been developed for specific use in Canada’s 6,000 plus food and beverage manufacturing businesses. The tool offers manufacturers the ability to quantify avoidable food waste in order to develop, implement and measure cost-effective reduction strategies. The tool presents three methods to estimate the amount (quantity and dollars lost) of organic waste generated with each method increasing in level of detail and precision. In addition, users are able to identify the root cause and develop solutions to take action. The toolkit is housed in Provision’s award winning portal and is available at no cost to industry.

Provision Coalition partnered with industry stakeholders across the supply chain in the development of this toolkit. To learn more about food loss and waste and Provision Coalition’s role view the short video in [English](#) or [French](#).

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Provision Coalition is a not-for-profit, national organization committed to food and beverage manufacturer and input supplier sustainability. Coalition members include: Baking Association of Canada, Canadian Beverage Association, Canadian National Millers Association, Canadian Oilseed Processors Association, Food and Beverage Ontario, Food and Consumer Products of Canada, Ontario Agri Business Association, Ontario Craft Brewers, Ontario Dairy

Council, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Processors Association and Wine Council of Ontario. To learn more about Provision Coalition and its sustainability resources including the food loss and waste toolkit visit www.provisioncoalition.com

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