

Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Food Hub Survey Results

Expansion Opportunitiesfor Processors and Distributors

We sent a survey to food producers, processors, distributors involved in local and sustainable food across Ontario. Canada.

We heard back from 187* operations connected to **food hubs**.

Here's what we learned about **expansion for processors and distributors**.

Food hubs are actual or virtual spaces that collect and distribute food to processors, retailers, restaurant and/or consumers.

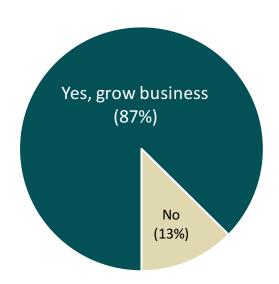
Food hubs can also provide space for other activities including food preparation, handling, processing, education and/or training.

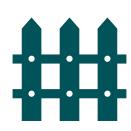
*Our overall sample was 187; response rates for each question may be lower or slightly higher

Almost all processors and distributors wanted to grow their business. (n=95)



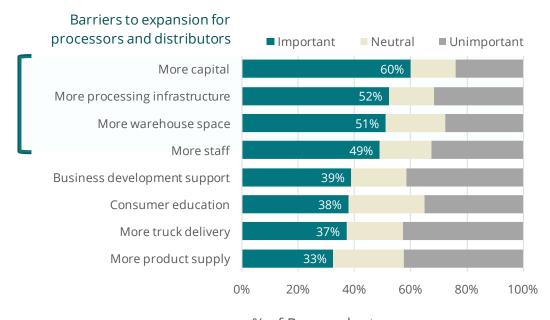






There are barriers to expansion

Access to capital, processing infrastructure, warehouse space, and staff were the biggest barriers to expansion for processors and distributors.



% of Respondents (average n = 42, range = 45 to 50)

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