

Canada's Meat Processers Need PERMANENT Foreign Workers

OUR MEMBERS HIRE CANADIANS FIRST

Our members advertise & promote jobs to underrepresented groups. They consistently use innovative techniques to attract local workers including: competitive wages, full benefits and union rights. Over the last 14 years, our wages increased by over 50%.

288,000 Canadian Jobs

Red meat consumption and exports supported 288,000 jobs in Canada in 2016, generating \$6 Billion in annual revenues. Meat processing is Canada's largest food and beverage manufacturing employer with 64,500 workers in rural and urban areas across Canada in 2015.



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90% Retention Rate

Our members have a 90% retention rate in rural meat packing plants for TFWs who are allowed to stay.



TFW stay with us for 10 years

TFW who transition to a Permanent Residency, stay in the plants on average for 10 years. Companies also voluntarily fund rural settlement support.

New international trade deals (CPTPP & CETA) have resulted in new and expanded export market opportunities for Canadian meat. With current labor shortage, we are unable to grow to meet new market demands.

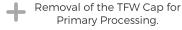
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Provincial Nominee for meat processing Programs Works Well

Only One Province has a for meat processing Successful Nominee Program

CMC Review of Provincial Nominee Program (PNP): Butchers Pathway to Permanent Residency (PR)

BC

259 Jobs | 6 TFW 13 Vacancies

* based on 1 plant

- Process takes 2 years
- NOC C Industrial Butchers may not receive enough points to qualify
- Fed/Prov criteria being used such as education. language, wages is too hiah



AB

5.471 Jobs | 361 TFW 371 Vacancies

* based on 6 plants

- Fed/Prov criteria increased 2017-18 including LICO savings requirement makes immigration out of reach for butchers
- Program used to work well, prior to changes



SK

809 Jobs | 8 TFW 12 Vacancies

* based on 2 plants

- -Provide recruitment strategies for higher skilled positions only
- New Fed/Prov criteria increasing language, education & mandatory LMIA requirements
- No nomination option available for NOC C (Meat cutters) and D (Production Workers)



4.186 Jobs | 348 TFW 268 Vacancies

* based on 3 plants

-Labour shortage proven

- Excellent Pathway to PR for Butchers where employer proves demand and offers job
- 6 month work in Canada required for those on a 1 vear LMIA work permit



ON

5.219 Jobs | 165 TFW 378 Vacancies

* based on 12 plants

- Fed/Prov criteria too high for retail or industrial butchers
- No successful transition yet for retail butchers into an available stream
- New pilot stream for industrial butchers does not allow enough time to transition between TFWP to OINP
- 1 year work experience in Canada required before applying



OC

5.283 Jobs | 16 TFW 628 Vacancies

* based on 9 plants

- NOC code 9617 is mostly used with no provincial path to permanent residency
- Country selection too narrow to support recruitment



ATLANTIC Data N/A

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supported by union locals in solidarity with workers & employers



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Removal of the TFW Cap for Primary Processing.



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Federal Express Entry job offer points were decreased in 2016, therefore butchers no longer qualify with that stream.

National Immigration Demand

Yr I: 2,219 | Yr 2: 2,169 | Yr 3: 1,950 | Yr 4: 1,892 | Yr 5: 1,870

BC Yr 1:10 | Yr 2:10 | Yr 3:10 | Yr 4:10 | Yr 5:10

AB Yr 1:321 | Yr 2:355 | Yr 3:270 | Yr 4:280 | Yr 5:248

SK Yr 1:10 | Yr 2:10 | Yr 3:10 | Yr 4:10 | Yr 5:10

MB Yr 1:500 | Yr 2:500 | Yr 3:450 | Yr 4:450 | Yr 5:450

ON Yr 1:410 | Yr 2:406 | Yr 3:325 | Yr 4:326 | Yr 5:336

OC Yr 1: 960 | Yr 2: 885 | Yr 3: 885 | Yr 4: 815 | Yr 5: 815

- Over the last 14 years, our wages increased by over 50%
- Our members have a 90% retention rate for TFW when there is a path to permanent residency
- TFWs who transition, stay at the plants for 10 years or more. They don't move to urban areas and when they leave, many build businesses in these local communities
- Wages are competitive and full benefits are provided by meat packing companies
- Majority of CMC member plants are unionized

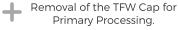
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