# Agrifood in Brabant

**VERSION 1.0** 





# This is why **Brabant excels**



Easy access to 170 million Europeans within a 300 miles radius



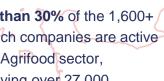
Largest share of Agrifood businesses and jobs in the Netherlands (25%)



The complete Agrifood value chain is represented in Brabant



More than 30% of the 1,600+ hightech companies are active in the Agrifood sector, employing over 27,000



London



Paris

**AGRIFOOD KEY PLAYERS** 





Antwerpen

**Brussel** 



Amsterdam



Düsseldorf



₩ Frankfurt



→ Hamburg

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**KEY FACTS** 

**13,912** companies

15.7% of the total

Agrifood sector in the Netherlands

12%

growth of the sector from 2014-2018

7.3% growth of total Agrifood sector in The Netherlands province in production value

in the Netherland

16.3 billion euros

# BRABANT PATENT SHARE IN THE NETHERLANDS



Animal health



Meat processing

**JOBS** 

34.3%

in the food processing industry

33.5%

in the primary sector (plants & livestock)

141%

job growth in prepared meals and snacks since 2014 81,160

jobs

17.3%

of the total Agrifood sector in the Netherlands

5,370

jobs in the largest primary sector (dairy farming)

30%

of the 1,600+ hightech companies are active in the Agrifood sector (27,000 jobs)

# Cluster size Agrifood

Source: In-depth Analysis Agrifood, 2020 (commissioned by BOM)



### **HISTORY**

100 years in the making. The growth of three remarkable Brabant business families in the past century exemplifies and characterises how the region developed to attain its current strong position and open approach to working and partnerships. In 1891, Frederik Philips built a modest light bulb factory in Eindhoven. Saal van Zwanenberg founded a slaughterhouse for export in 1887 in Oss. Wim Hendrix started off selling chickens in Boxmeer in 1916. Today, these companies are still leading the way, with crossovers between the domains of Life Sciences & Health and High Tech Systems & Materials.

























### **TODAY**

As opposed to many other regions in the Netherlands and beyond, Brabant has a unique opportunity to provide many of the solutions to the challenges echoed by national and international studies. Aside from being a leading Agrifood region, Brabant is also the leading High Tech Systems & Materials (HTSM) region in the Netherlands, and in fact is one of the global leaders in this respect. New solutions are developed in areas such as imaging, monitoring and guided surgery; big data and smart algorithms in animal husbandry; vision and sensor technology for monitoring welfare; needle-free, intradermal vaccination devices.



# Because of this heritage Brabant particularly excels in:



Alternative proteins, both animal and plant-based, from vegetarian butchers, insect breeders and protein breweries



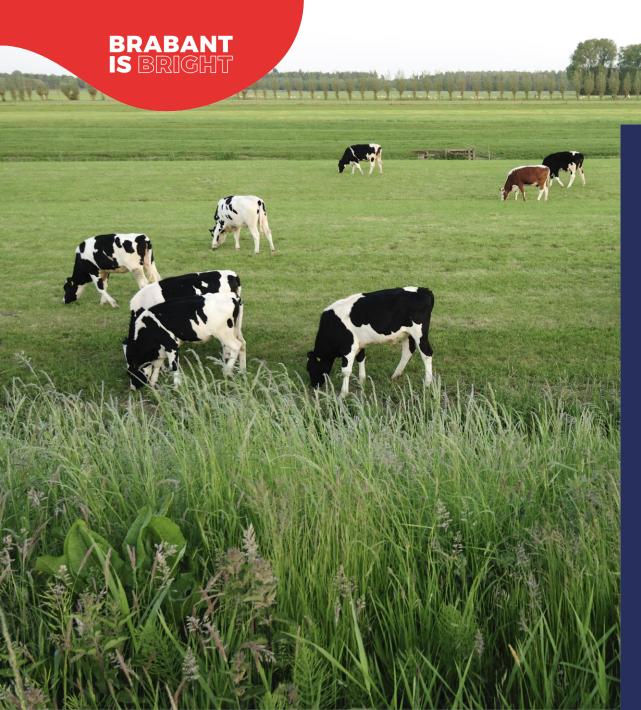
**Agri-tech** as the ideal crossover of strong knowledge in agricultural farming and the hightech sector around Eindhoven



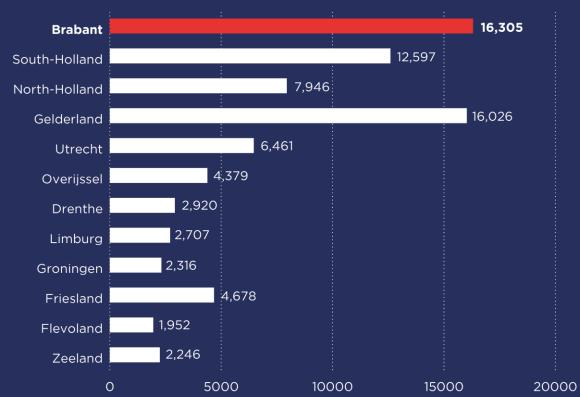
**Food-tech**, component manufacturing and machine building in a strong and innovative food processing cluster



Animal health cluster holds the majority of patents filed in the Netherlands by Brabant companies



# PRODUCTION VALUE TOP SECTOR AGRIFOOD (WHOLESALE NOT INCLUDED) BY PROVINCE

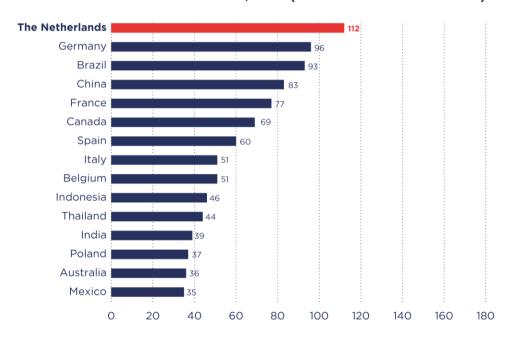


Source: CBS/Monitor Topsectoren, 2017



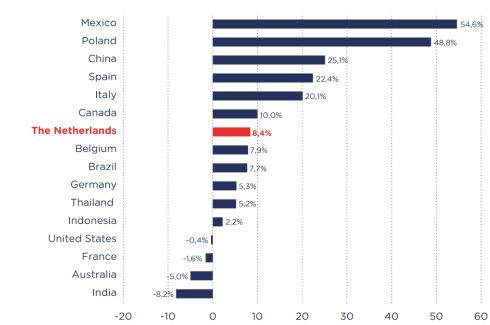
# Impressive export figures

TOP 15 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT EXPORTS PER YEAR, 2018 (IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)





# RISE IN EXPORT VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FOR THE TOP 15 COUNTRIES, 2012-2018



Source: WTO, adapted by Fanion Onderzoek & Advies



# Milestones foreign investment



### **MSD**

(Merck) Animal Health in Boxmeer (1,500 employees) is an all-encompassing animal health development and manufacturing facility. It is also the largest animal vaccine plant in the world.



**MARS** 

### **MARS**

has its chocolate factory with a 1,500-strong workforce in Veghel, the largest chocolate factory on the planet.



### COCA-COLA

invested €90 million 2016 in its Dongen bottling plant, which manufactures 85% of all Coca-Cola products sold in the Netherlands. Dongen is now the pilot plant for its €250 billion investment in sustainability.

2017 ..... 2019



### **CAN-PACK**

invested some €120 million in a new packaging plant (aluminium cans) in Helmond, and it is still growing.



### **DANONE/NUTRICIA**

opened its largest
manufacturing plant in the
world two years ago in
Haps, Brabant, employing
450 people in this state-ofthe-art infant nutrition
production plant.



### LAMBWESTON/MEIJER

Established a Finance and Shared Services Center in Breda after having spent €100 million enlarging its Bergen op Zoom manu-facturing plant (potato chips) in 2016.



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# Agrifood footprint

### **Education or Knowledge Institutes**

- 1. Agrifood Cluster Nieuw Prinsenland, Steenbergen
- 2. Green Chemistry Campus Innovation Center, Bergen op Zoom
- 3. Insectlab, Den Bosch
- 4. Pivot Park, Oss
- 5. JADS, Den Bosch
- 6. Food & Fresh Lab. Den Bosch
- 7. Swine innovation Center, Sterksel
- 8. Wageningen University, Wageningen
- 9. Greenport Venlo, Venlo

- 10. Feed Design Lab, Wanssum
- 11. Tree Port Zundert, Zundert
- 12. HAS University of Applied Agricultural Sciences, Den Bosch
- Avans University of Applied Sciences, Den Bosch/Breda/Tilburg
- 14. Food Tech Park Brainport, Helmond
- 15. Centre of Expertise Biobased Economy (CoE BBE), Breda
- 16. Food connection Point, Helmond
- 17. Helicon, Tilburg/Boxtel/Den Bosch/Eindhoven/Helmond
- 18. Agrifood Plaza, Den Bosch
- 19. Food & Technology Park Brainport, Helmond



# Integrated value chain core





# Integrated value chain functions

Selection of companies



**RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT** 





**QUALITY CONTROL & PRODUCT APPROVAL** 





**MANUFACTURING** 



**SALES & MARKETING** 



LOGISTICS













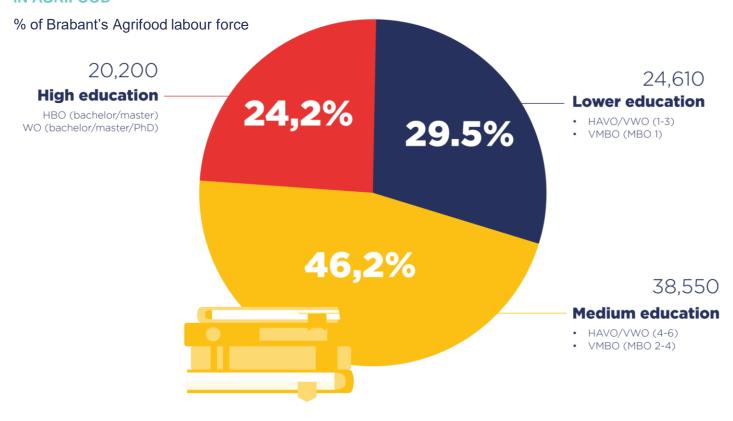
# Integrated value chain support

Selection of companies

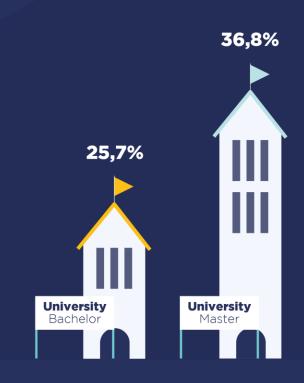


# Highly educated workforce

NUMBER OF JOBS BY EDUCATION LEVEL IN AGRIFOOD



NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN AGRIFOOD
% GROWTH SINCE 2014



Source: DUO, 2020. Adapted by fanion onderzoek & advies

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# **BRABANT** IS BRIGHT versity of Amsterdam VU Amsterdam Leiden University Utrecht 🛑 University **Delft University** of Technology 💆 Wageningen University & Research Erasmus University Rotterdam **Radboud University** Nijmegen JADS Den Bosch HAS Den Bosch **Tilburg University** Fontys Eindhoven **Eindhoven University** of Technology University of Antwerp Ghent University Hasselt KU Leuven Maastricht University **RTWH Aachen** University

# Education – universities closeby

Within a radius of 150 km around Brabant, there are 22 universities in three countries: a total of 605,340 students, 255,680 of which in the field of nature, health or technology.

# BRABANT IS BRIGHT



# **TU/e Eindhoven University of Technology in numbers**

NATIONALITIES

90

**STUDENTS** 

12,000

KNOWLEDGE WORKERS

5,000

DISTINGUISHING LABORATORIES

14

RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS

10

STRATEGIC RESEARCH AREAS

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# **Quality Research Institutes**

# Eindhoven University of Technology

**Eindhoven University of Technology** offers academic education that is driven by fundamental and applied research. The TU/e Campus is in the centre of one of the most powerful technology hubs in the world: Brainport Eindhoven.



# **OBJECTIVES**

- Combining ntifscieic curiosity with a hands-on mentality.
- Fundamental knowledge enables design of solutions for the highly complex problems of today and tomorrow.



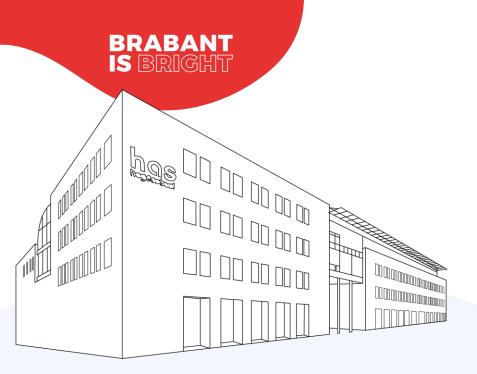
### **APPLICATION AREAS**

- Smart farming
- Smart foods
- Food sustainability

### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

 Spirit of collaboration: the university fosters an open culture where everyone feels free to exchange ideas and take initiatives.





# **HAS Hogeschool**

STAFF MEMBERS

**450** 

**STUDENTS** 

3,000

PARTICIPANTS IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES

**300** 

### **EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH CENTRES**

15

HAS currently has 15 expertise and research centres, and its Sustainable Protein Sources, Precision Livestock Farming and Protein Transition in Food ERCs are all active in fields of great current relevance.

- 1. Design Methods in Food
- 2. Future Food Systems
- 3. Food and Health
- 4. Green Health
- 5. Healthy Farming
- 6. Innovative Bio-Monitoring
- 7. Innovative Entrepreneur ship in Rural Areas
- 8. Location Intelligence
- 9. New Business Models for Agriculture and Food Transition

- 10. New Cultivation Systems
- 11. Plant-Soil Health

Farming

- 12. Sustainable Protein Sources
- Sources 13. Precision Livestock
- 14. Protein Transition in Food
- 15. Sustainable Production

# **Quality Research Institutes**

# **HAS University of Applied Sciences**

**HAS University** distinguishes itself in the Agrifood educational sector because of its focus on working together with farmers and food industry to effectively implement new knowledge and technologies in Agrifood business operations.



## **OBJECTIVES**

HAS University is truly an enterprising, outward-focused university with a comprehensive educational programme in agribusiness, food and the environment. As a result, 70% of HAS graduates are employed within two months of graduating.



### **FACILITIES**

- Insect Lab
- BrightBox Venlo



### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

HAS University knowledge transfer
HAS' knowledge transfer is consequently
another important source of interns for
local companies, thanks to their
understanding of innovation in Agrifood
production and processing. HAS has
initiated a number of programmes to
support companies in themes such as
food, green areas, agribusiness, animal
and the environment.





# State-of-the-art facilities

# Food Tech Brainport

**Food Tech Brainport** is an eco-system offering food grade test facilities, production locations, networks, and access to research and educationalinstitutes for food processing companies and technology providers.



### **OBJECTIVES**

- Accelerates innovation for food processing companies time to market, lower investment and reduce risk;
- 2. Brings technology to the market (TRL 6-8 to 9) with technology providers and research institutes;
- 3. Develops professionals being able to implement innovative technology to the marketplace.



### **FACILITIES**

Food-grade field lab



# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- High Pressure Pascalization (HPP)
- Radio Magnetic Freezing (RMF)
- Pulse Electric Field (PEF)
- Agitated Thin film Dryer (ATFD)
- Membranes
- Spraydrying
- Vacuum drum drying



# **APPLICATION AREAS**

- Mild separation
- Mild preservation
- Total use no waste; Utilising all the raw materials derived from a product
- Smart food processing; Cobots, vision, sensoring, AI etc.





# **Food Park Veghel in numbers**

HECTARES OF BUSINESS PARK NEXT TO THE A50

**30** ha

TOTAL FOOTPRINT

**45,470** acres

**BUSINESS PARKS** 

**1,375** acres

TUE/YEAR TRANSSHIPMENT

80,000

- Inhabitants: 80,000
- Businesses & entrepeneurs: 7,000
- €27 billion total economic turnover employing 45,000 people
- €11 billion in food industry | employing 11,500 people

# State-of-the-art facilities

# Food Park Veghel

**Food Park Veghel** is the ultimate location for the practical application of the concepts developed in Eindhoven and Wageningen.



### **OBJECTIVES**

Food and feed is in the dna of Meierijstad, which is the home of Food Park Veghel. Therefore, the logistic facilities at Food Park Veghel are all aiming to serve that dna of food and feed to the fullest.

Expected growth of more than 10% in labour force in the next 5 years.



### **APPLICATION AREAS**

Food logistics



# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

Its great accessibility by road and water (A50, N279, Zuid-Willems Canal, inland barge terminal) and ideal location between Brainport Eindhoven and Food Valley in Wageningen, makes Food Park Veghel the ultimate logistics hotspot for the practical application of agrifood concepts developed in Eindhoven and Wageningen.

### **LEADING COMPANIES**

Mars, FrieslandCampina, Jumbo, Sligro, Vanderlande, Nutrifeed, Agrifirm, Kuhne Nagel



# State-of-the-art facilities

# The Green Protein Excellence Center (GPEC)

The Green Protein Excellence Center (GPEC) is an open innovation centre founded by Royal Cosun, HAS University of Applied Sciences in Den Bosch and the innovation-focused SME, The Protein Brewery, focusing on the development of alternative (vegetable) proteins.



### **OBJECTIVES**

To focus on the development of alternative (vegetable) proteins and shape it as an innovation cluster around large-scale circular processes and systems in the arable farming and horticultural value chains.



# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

GPEC (together with a number of core partners) plays the role of driver/catalyst for this innovation cluster. HAS Den Bosch and The Protein Brewery are participants and the core project partners in conjunction with Cosun. The setup allows for partnerships with any other company and institutions in this regard.



# **FACILITIES**

Inicio facility is a location specifically designed to house small-scale manufacturing activities and pilot factories. The cosun innovation center houses a range of laboratories (analysis, product development, microbiology and non-food labs), a fully-equipped sensory research space, twelve meeting rooms and an indoor test factory.



# **APPLICATION AREAS**

- Plant-based ingredients and foodstuffs;
- Green biobased applications and energy;
- Animal-free proteins.





# State-of-the-art facilities

**De Jamfabriek ('The Jam Factory')** is the place to be for innovation, partnerships and support in the world of food.



### **OBJECTIVES**

This dynamic location in Den Bosch offers a great mix of startups, scaleups and fully-formed companies in the food and food-related sectors.



# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Food innovation
- Funding opportunities
- · Growth coaching



# **FACILITIES**

A workplace in De Jamfabriek is more than just accommodation, it is a place where companies are part of a dynamic community environment. Support is available for new and innovative companies to, for example, achieve growth objectives, while a range of funding options are also on the table.



# **APPLICATION AREAS**

Food innovation

# **BRABANT** IS BRIGHT **Business Park Nieuw Prinsenland** in numbers FOOTPRINT OF MAXIMUM CONSTRUCTION HEIGHT **GREENHOUSE SITES 261 ha** >40m<sup>1</sup> FOOTPRINT OF BUSINESS PARK

# State-of-the-art facilities

# **Business Park Nieuw Prinsenland**

**Business Park Nieuw Prinsenland** is located in the heart of North-Western Europe. It is right next to the A4, the new north-south connection between the international ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp. Accessi-bility is further enhanced by direct connection to the main waterways of Western Europe.



### **OBJECTIVES**

Nieuw Prinsenland is an industrial estate owned by Royal Cosun (Cosun Beet Company) dedicated specifically to cutting-edge companies active in or associated with the AgriFood industry, the biobased economy, value added logistics, services and research and development. The site is located right next to a related park that is dedicated to greenhouse horticulture.



### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Agrifood
- Biobased economy
- Value addes logistics
- Services and R&D



# **APPLICATION AREAS**

- Food production
- Food logistics
- Food innovation





# Prominent players in Brabant

































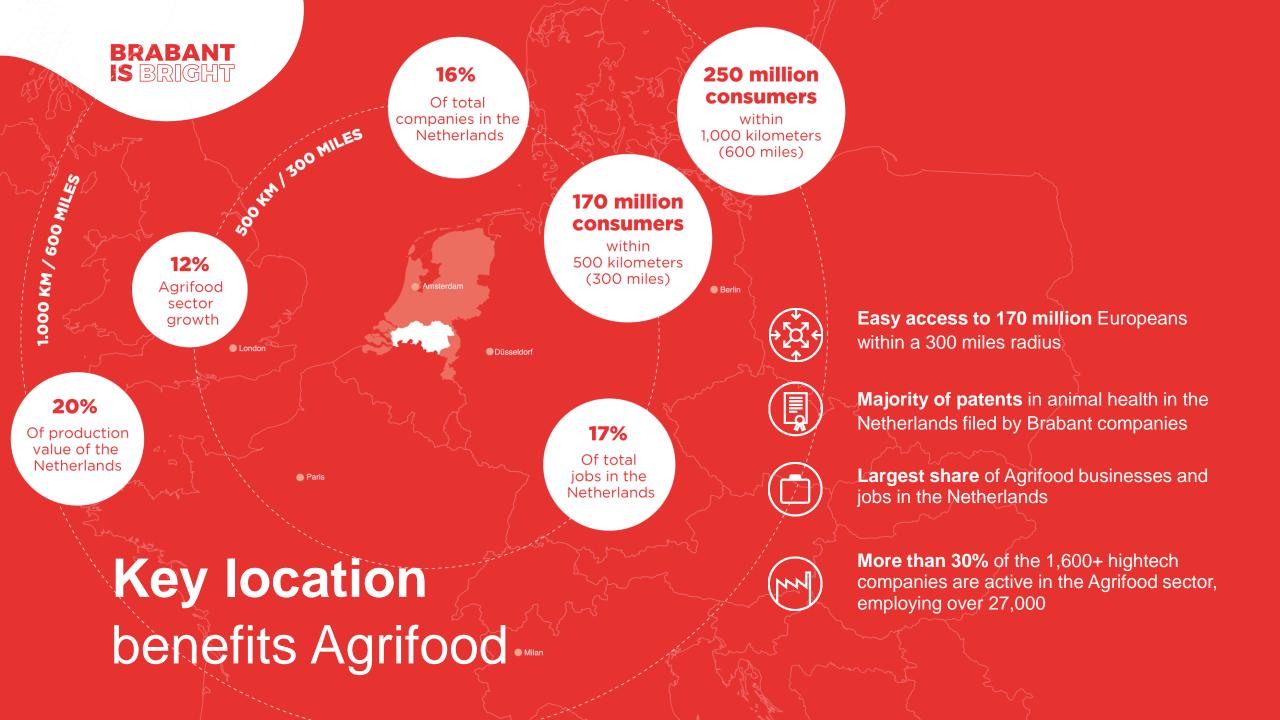














# **Priority** niches



# ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS

both animal and plant-based



## **FOOD-TECH**

component manufacturing and machine building



### **AGRI-TECH**

crossover of agricultural farming and hightech



### **ANIMAL HEALTH**

between biopharma
Oss and hightech
Eindhoven



