

# KENTUCKY & CANADA

## An integrated economy



Tomato vines at AppHarvest Richmond. Photo: AppHarvest

### Canadian investment strengthens Appalachian agriculture & jobs

**Mastronardi Produce**, a Canada-based, family-operated leader in high-tech greenhouse farming, has expanded its U.S. presence by acquiring three-quarters of **AppHarvest's** Kentucky-based facilities following the company's 2023 bankruptcy. This investment preserved jobs in central Appalachia, ensuring continued economic stability and food production in the region.

By maintaining greenhouse operations, Mastronardi bolsters food security by reducing reliance on imports and ensuring a steady supply of fresh produce. The company's advanced greenhouse technology, including precision climate control, automated irrigation, and AI-driven crop monitoring, enhances sustainability while improving resource efficiency.

This expansion reinforces the strong economic ties between Canada and the U.S., demonstrating how Canadian investment supports American agriculture, job growth, and sustainable farming innovation. Mastronardi's leadership in high-tech agriculture sets the benchmark for modern farming, advancing regional food production and supply chain resilience.

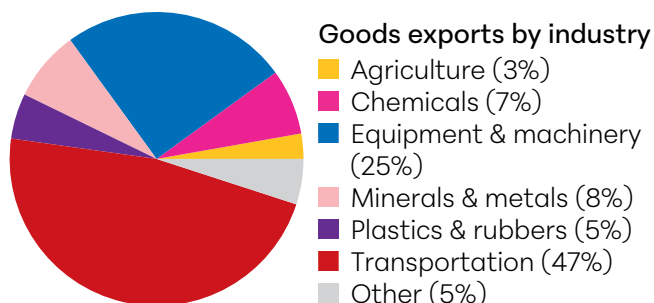


232 Canadian-owned companies employ 5,950 workers in Kentucky



Canada is the #1 export market for Kentucky

Kentucky exports \$9.3 billion in goods to Canada annually



### Kentucky exports \$504 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education).....	\$222 million
Transport.....	\$87 million
Business services.....	\$67 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$41 million
Insurance services.....	\$33 million

### Top Kentucky goods exports to Canada

Trucks.....	\$1.6 billion
Automobiles.....	\$1.5 billion
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$660 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$512 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$452 million
Engines & turbines.....	\$442 million
Computers.....	\$286 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products..	\$254 million
Pharmaceutical products.....	\$199 million
Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$158 million



Vector Corrosion Technologies' new Lexington plant. Photo: Vector

## Longevity in Lexington

In 2022, **Vector Corrosion Technologies Inc.** established its first U.S. manufacturing facility when it invested over \$1 million to open an anode manufacturing plant in Lexington. The 15,200 square-foot facility will enable added manufacturing capacity and service to the growing U.S. infrastructure repair market. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Vector is an established leader in concrete repair and preservation to extend the life of reinforced concrete and masonry structures including bridges, parking garages, buildings, marine structures, and industrial facilities. The company expects to create 20 full-time jobs.

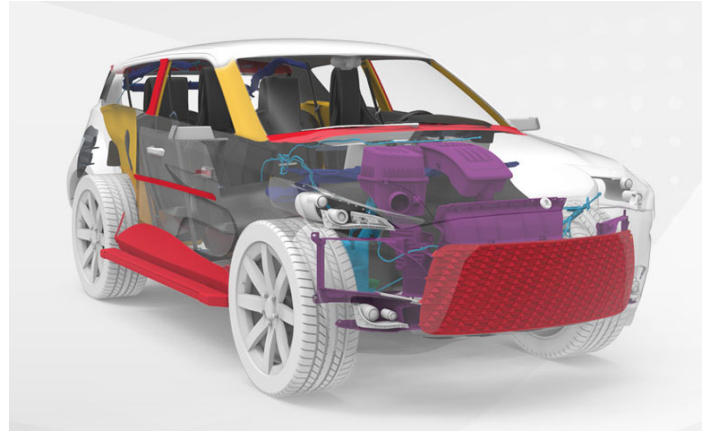


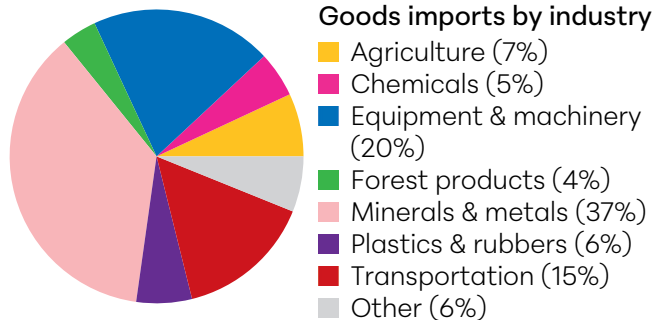
Photo: ABC Automotive Systems

## As easy as ABC

Toronto-based **ABC Technologies** is a supplier of the plastics systems and components to the automotive industry. In 2004, the company established **ABC Automotive Systems** in London, Kentucky, and has remained a fixture in the local economy ever since. Over 100 people work at the Tier 1 supplier's facility located on the vaunted north-south I-75 corridor that connects Canada to Florida. The company is a long-standing part of the thriving Canada-Kentucky auto-making ecosystem.

## Kentucky

# imports \$5.8 billion in goods from Canada annually



## Top Kentucky goods imports from Canada

Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$1.5 billion
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$704 million
Engines & turbines.....	\$683 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$249 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$183 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$167 million
Beverages & alcohol.....	\$132 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$105 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$101 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$96 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2024 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2025 release). **Trade Partnership:** 2023 services trade (12/2024 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2025 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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