



Our Mission

Accelerate the expansion of the agricultural economy by empowering expanded uses and markets of agriculturally derived products

MN meat processors eligible for free benchmarking tool



AURI is helping Minnesota's local and regional meat processors strengthen their bottom line through confidential operational benchmarking. This no-cost opportunity allows plants to compare financial and operational performance with industry peers, identify productivity efficiencies, and make data-driven decisions. Funded by the State of Minnesota, the program includes a free subscription and a stipend for participating processors.

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New report explores potential of winter camelina



MBOLD released a new report offering environmental and agronomic insights on winter camelina, a promising winter annual oilseed crop. The analysis highlights camelina's potential to support soil health and sustainable intensification, and aims to inform growers, agronomists, supply chain partners, and policymakers as they evaluate its fit for diversified production systems. The report was funded with support from the Builders Initiative.

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Applicants wanted! Free food safety assessment program



AURI's new Food Safety Assessment Pilot Program provides free, one-day professional evaluations from a food safety expert with a written assessment providing insights on compliance, risks, and action steps for your business's food safety plan. Additionally, these evaluations will prepare you to take advantage of future food safety improvement funding opportunities (stay tuned to AURI for an announcement soon)!

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**Partners in Ag Innovation Conference
moves to February**



Join us at the 2026 Partners in Ag Innovation Conference on Feb. 26 at MinnWest Technology Campus! Rooted in the future of agriculture, this event unites students, producers, educators, and industry leaders to explore technology, workforce development, business insight, and more. Grow your network, discover innovations, and celebrate the next generation of ag thinkers and doers.

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**Thought leaders gather at MN
Renewable Energy Roundtable**



Last month's Minnesota Renewable Energy Roundtable brought together an engaged audience of approximately 150 energy, agriculture, and policy leaders to explore Minnesota's biogas future and preview AURI's upcoming 2026 biogas roadmap. Held at the Machine Shop in Minneapolis, the event's keynote speakers and interactive panels sparked dynamic discussions on agriculture's potential fit with biogas systems, policy innovation, and waste-to-energy opportunities, underscoring Minnesota's momentum toward a cleaner, more resilient renewable energy economy, while creating new opportunities for the agriculture sector.

Check out the [video here](#).

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February 26, 2026

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