Agricultural innovation

Cultivate the next generation of ag-tech here.

Colorado Aerotropolis offers acres of endless possibility in a flourishing agricultural technology (ag-tech) corridor.



We're linking business leaders to a global community of agriculture innovators.

For a planet that needs to do more with limited resources, the time for agricultural innovation is now. Colorado has a deep heritage in agriculture—and today, the state is a vibrant, ever-growing ecosystem of ag-tech startups, researchers, manufacturers and changemakers. Using emerging technologies, groundbreaking data and artificial intelligence (AI), innovators in the state are working across industries to develop new ways to support an expanding global population; these future-looking solutions are designed to use fewer resources and protect the natural environment.

At Colorado Aerotropolis, this critical research is supported by proximity to Denver International Airport. With nonstop flights to other major centers for ag-tech across the United States and around the world, industry pioneers can work with national and international partners, combining their unique advantages to develop a more sustainable global food supply.

Leverage our reputation for discovery: Our region is known for specialized talent and startup experience in the ag-tech industry.1

in the United States²

food processing hub

contributed to Colorado's economy annually4

soil, plant and food scientists in the region³

ag-tech startups in the state⁵



Calling innovators in:

Advanced manufacturing

ΑI

Alternative energy

Animal health

Animal nutrition

Antibiotic resistance

Automated farming equipment

Circular packaging design

Data science

Drone mapping

Engineering

Infrastructure development

Irrigation

Seed genome

Urban planning

... and beyond



We're building on the momentum of ...

The fifth best ag-tech and new food ecosystem in the world¹

Calling agriculture and food entrepreneurs: Colorado ranks seventh in investment volume in the ag-tech and food industry.⁶ Our region is stocked with 110 successful ag-tech startups⁵—including Tortuga AgTech, MycoTechnology, Cloud Agronomics, Smartwyre and Xiant Technologies—as well as industry heavyweights like Nutrien Ag Solutions, the retail arm of Nutrien, which has a large network of trusted crop consultants at more than 1,700 global locations.⁷

A year-round, urban hub for ag-tech discovery and education

Home to the National Western Stock Show and designed to host innovation and research labs, international conferences, farmers markets, outdoor festivals, and more, the National Western Center will soon offer more than 2.2 million square feet of immersive ag-tech exploration.8 The educational anchor of the center is CSU Spur, a three-building campus that offers free, public education focused on animal and human health, food and agriculture, and water.^{9,10}

Future-focused funding and support programs

To ensure the security of our food systems, stewardship of natural resources and equitable food access across communities, the Colorado Department of Agriculture is investing in the next generation of agriculturalists. Supercharge your efforts by tapping into a variety of industry support programs—such as the NextGen Ag Leadership Grant Program, 11 the Agricultural Workforce Development Program 2 and the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program. 13

The strengths and capabilities of Denver International Airport

Denver International Airport (DEN) served 69.3 million passengers in 2022, making it the third busiest airport in the world. With 23 airlines, 181 nonstop destinations in the United States and 28 nonstop international destinations as of December 2023, 15,16 DEN offers immediate access to global multimodal transport networks and supply chains—and connects industry leaders, manufacturers and innovators with the global community.

Colorado Aerotropolis is base camp for your business' next big idea.

For visionaries, manufacturers, industry heavyweights and organizations that seek to move the world forward, Colorado Aerotropolis is the HQ for powerful global change.

Focusing on the industries of tomorrow:

Industry 4.0 makers
Future transport
Agricultural innovation
Healthcare innovation
Resource sustainability



Go from breaking ground to making breakthroughs.

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