



Agrifood

“Take a fresh look at our vital and versatile agrifood sector”

INVEST IN
ZEELAND



Agrifood in Zeeland

The Netherlands is second only to the U.S. for agrifood exports worldwide. In Zeeland too, the agrifood sector plays a vital role in the economy. In fact, the companies in this sector are estimated to represent 1.7 billion euro production value, 800 million euro added value and 15% of all employment opportunities in Zeeland.

Zeeland is the largest arable farming province in the Netherlands with three quarters of the land being used for food production such as onions, the largest export product in the Netherlands. 80% of Dutch onion production and processing takes place in Zeeland. Nowhere in Europe is there a location where the water reaches so far inland and where this is already being put to maximum use for the fishing industry, crustacean and shellfish-farming and aquaculture. And there is still room for development.

A lot of food involves fresh products, which demand rapid transport. By rail, road or inland shipping: Zeeland has surprisingly fast connections to a wide range of countries worldwide. Many large (international) companies like Kloosterboer, Cargill, McCain and Lamb Weston / Meijer have already located to Zeeland. Not only for production, but also for the many possibilities Zeeland offers for the processing, packaging, storage and transshipment and transport of agrifood products.

Zeeland is a smart choice to locate an agrifood company - whether it's a European headquarters, a shared services center, a customer care center, a distribution and logistics operation, or an R&D facility.

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Business locations that offer room to grow

Zeeland has its own Food Port in the Bijleveldhaven in Vlissingen; a flourishing food cluster for specialists in handling food products and reefer containers. The Food Port offers such facilities as stevedores, warehouses, coldstores, packing stations and juice blend stations. One of the many reasons for Chiquita bananas and AFC bananas to choose Zeeland.

- Strong barge connection from/to Antwerp, Zeebrugge and Rotterdam; low transport costs
- Draft: 10.5m llws
- Quay length: 2,000m
- On site rail connection
- Total handling perishables: 1 mio tonnes per year
- All certificates in place
- Besides the food port, there are multiple prime locations available that are particularly interesting for companies in the agrifood industry, such as specialized locations for aquaculture.



Facts & figures

1.7 billion euro

Production value

800 million euro

Added value

15% of total

employment in Zeeland



“Zeeland is the center for (sustainable) aquaculture in the Netherlands”



“Our new location in Colijnsplaat is perfectly situated for logistics and distribution channels for the sale of fish across Europe. We received very good cooperation from local authorities, the international expertise of NFIA (Dutch Foreign Investment Agency) and Invest in Zeeland. So of course the choice for Zeeland was easily made.”

OHAD MAIMAN,
KINGFISH ZEELAND



“Zeeland has a good business climate. The lines of communication with politics are short and personal and Zeeland has hard-working, serious staff. In addition, the ground is relatively inexpensive. Zeeland is well connected by road and water and close to major cities such as Rotterdam, Antwerp and Brussels Airport.”

HUUB BEELEN,
LIMAGRAIN NEDERLAND BV

Leading companies

- Strong aquaculture cluster on land and in shallow water: Seafarm, Topsy Baits, Kingfish Zeeland, Zeewaar, Seaweed Harvest, Zeelands' Roem
- Food production and processing: Coroos, Dacomex, LambWeston/Meijer, McCain, Wiskerke Onions, Monie, Vander Bilt, Zeelandia, Elopak/ Elocoat, Fruit packing Zeeland
- Dedicated terminals for food: Kloosterboer, ZZColdstores, Van Duyn, Kotra Logistics
- Fruit(juices): AMC Juices, Labojuce
- Food technology: Tramper Technologies, Kobobss, Murre Technologies, Advanced Waste Water Solutions, VAM Watertech
- Profitable, high quality residual heat and residual CO2 for greenhouse horticulture through WarmCO2, an initiative of Yara Sluiskil and North Sea Port
- Synergies with companies in other sectors such as industrial companies Dow Benelux, Yara and ICL-IP through the Smart Delta Resources platform



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reduce their environmental footprint and further their economic advancement through Industrial Symbiosis.

Business Case: Residual Heat coupling LambWeston/Meijer & Wiskerke Onions

By transferring residual heat from LWM to JWK an annual reduction of 600.000 – 800.000m³ natural gas can be saved. An additional annual reduction of 800-900 ton CO₂ can be realized. To realize this LWM and JWK have signed an intention to collaborate for the design and building of a network, which makes the sharing of residual heat possible. Through this special partnership, considerable financial and social gain can be made. It is an excellent example for other industries where a residual heat coupling is potentially also a possibility.

New collaboration opportunities

Beyond existing symbiosis options, SDR also takes the lead in the regional agenda for Industrial CO₂ transition. With its regional expertise, SDR is actively on the look-out for new collaboration opportunities, while developing the necessary infrastructure to strengthen and ready the regional industry for transition.

Exclusive opportunities for industrial symbioses through Smart Delta Resources

In the Netherlands, innovation, smart symbiotic solutions and environmental gain have resulted in the establishment of a unique, collaborative platform: Smart Delta Resources (SDR). This groundbreaking alliance, in a promising and economically thriving region, provides an innovative breeding ground for the sustainable development of the region, towards 2050 and beyond.

The Dutch-Belgian 'Delta region' includes the provinces of Zeeland, North-Brabant and Flanders. The Smart Delta Resources platform, established by leading industrial partners, currently consists of 11 international, energy- and resource-intensive industrial organizations in Food, Steel, Energy and Chemical, such as Cargill, Sabic, Lamb Weston/Meyer, and Dow. Through pro-active collaboration, they aim to effectively

The advantages of doing business in Zeeland

Zeeland is home to one of the Netherlands main ports, with direct access to the North Sea and strategically located between the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp.

Zeeland is highly industrialized and is home to one of the largest chemical clusters in Northwestern Europe. Major players in the worldwide chemicals industry, agrifood and offshore industry benefit from the central location, superior logistics infrastructure, relatively low costs for companies, a competitive fiscal climate, reliable and business friendly authorities, the many synergies created here and the favorable living-and-working conditions.

Zeeland offers room for entrepreneurship in a personal, relatively small-scale environment. This allows us to act fast and offer tailor-made advice so you can get started quickly.

Let us guide you

Invest in Zeeland supports companies that are interested in establishing or expanding their business in the Dutch province of Zeeland. Benefit from our knowledge and contacts, free of charge and on a confidential basis. This can involve anything from establishing your business in Zeeland to finding talent and the introduction to public-private partnerships.

Invest in Zeeland is part of the regional development agency NV Economische Impuls Zeeland (Impuls). At home and abroad, Impuls works together with authorities, knowledge institutes, companies and numerous other partner organizations in order to strengthen businesses in Zeeland.

Invest in Zeeland is a partner in the Invest in Holland network: a collaborative team of the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency, regional economic development agencies and several large cities.

We can help you with:

- Building a network in Zeeland
- Fact Finding Trip
- Financing
- Finding Talent
- Incentives & taxes
- Legal and tax affairs
- Licensing procedures
- Market Research
- Setting up your company in Zeeland
- Expanding your company in Zeeland
- Selection of business locations



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