

COMPANY PROFILE

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What does your company do and what services do you offer?

Gordon Food Service is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan and has been family owned and managed since 1897. Gordon Food Service is renowned for integrity, teamwork, innovation & customer service excellence.

Gordon Food Service USA is the largest privately held foodservice distributor in North America. GFS has over 6,500 employees, and operates with leading edge technology, in-house programming and a fully automated warehouse.

In 1994, Gordon Food Service entered the Canadian marketplace by purchasing Maple Leaf Food Service in Ontario and Quebec. In 1995 Gordon Food Service merged with Distal of Beauport, Quebec in order to serve the Quebec market and later that year with Finlay Greenwood of Hamilton to expand their Ontario base.

In December 2001 Gordon Food Service announced the letter of intent to acquire Bridge Brand Food Services, a family owned business which began in the 1930's. Bridge Brand is a broad line distributor based in Calgary, and serves over 3,000 customers in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In March 2002, Gordon Food Service sought to expand their services from coast to coast, and acquired the Vancouver based SERCA Pacific. This new addition took back the original name of Neptune Food Service, which originally began in 1965.

Gordon Food Service now operates from coast to coast, with offices in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ontario, Quebec City, Montreal, Amherst Nova Scotia and via Atlantic Grocery Distributors in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

Our warehouses are designed to service restaurants, cafeterias, industrial caterers, convenience stores, hospitals and nursing homes with everything from grocery, frozen food, beverages, fresh produce, fresh meat & seafood, and dairy product to equipment & smallwares.

Our Ontario office and warehouse is located in Milton, Ontario.

How many people do you employ and what is the scope of your operation?

We employ 650 in Ontario, of which approximately 425 work directly out of our Milton facility

What is your building size in square feet?

240,000 square feet of warehouse