



AURI helps businesses take advantage of innovative opportunities in the following two focus areas:



BIOINDUSTRIAL

AURI partners with businesses to replace petroleum-based ingredients with agricultural feedstocks.

AURI develops initiatives and conducts research to use agricultural feedstocks in biobased products and renewable energy.



FOOD

AURI assists businesses and entrepreneurs in commercializing new food products and ingredients.

AURI conducts initiatives to fill information gaps to support innovation and resiliency across Minnesota's food sector.



ABOUT AURI

The Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) is a nonprofit corporation that identifies new, innovative uses for Minnesota's agricultural products through business development, science, and technology while partnering with businesses, farmers, and entrepreneurs to bring value-added ideas to reality.

AURI SERVICES:

- Expert technical assistance
- Applied research
- Analytical capabilities
- Product and process development
- Pilot lab access
- Commercialization services
- Business development
- Market and supply chain insights
- Go-to-market guidance
- Networking and referrals

AURI MISSION

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

Agricultural Innovation

from Idea to Reality



Changing the Field.



Contact AURI by calling **218.281.7600** or visit **auri.org** and complete the online contact form.

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

AURI operates facilities throughout Minnesota. Each offers unique resources for advancing new ideas and commercializing products.

Marshall

AURI operates two complementary laboratories at Southwest Minnesota State University: an Analytical Chemistry Laboratory and a Preparatory and Synthetic Chemistry Laboratory. The facility handles a wide range of material types, including foods and food ingredients, meats, coproducts, biobased chemicals, biomass materials, and renewable fuels.

Waseca

AURI's 21,500 square-foot BioIndustrial Innovation Center specializes in research and development to identify opportunities to add value to agricultural products through new or improved products and processes. The technical staff offers consulting and scientific expertise in product and process development, product evaluation and testing, and sourcing materials, equipment, and services. The Bioindustrial Innovation Center is organized around four laboratories:

- Applied Biology Laboratory
- Biomass and Fiber Processing Laboratory
- Grains and Oilseeds Processing Laboratory
- Anaerobic Digestion Pilot Plant

HOW AURI CAN HELP YOU

Producers, entrepreneurs, and business owners benefit from working with AURI and utilizing its commercialization services, which can be cost prohibitive to start-up entities. Services offered to clients include:

- Access to knowledgeable scientists and business development staff
- Analytical laboratory testing
- Product and process development and improvement
- Access to laboratory space and equipment

Clients and partners may also participate in the organization's AURI Connects program. AURI Connects actively engages audiences on topics related to value-added agricultural opportunities and challenges. The program's vision is to improve the competitiveness of agricultural producers, businesses, and entrepreneurs. Through events like AURI UnTapped and the Fields of Innovation series, AURI collaborates with partners along the value chain to connect resources and increase awareness of opportunities, technologies, and trends.

PROJECT FEES

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, AURI strives to keep its educational and technical services accessible and affordable for all entrepreneurs, producers, businesses, and organizations it serves. To that end, AURI uses a tiered scale to discount client-specific project fees, based upon annual gross revenue for Minnesota companies.

AURI may also provide fee-based educational and technical services to non-Minnesota entities that align with its mission. Please contact AURI for additional details on rates and services.

In addition, AURI provides several free educational and informational resources, conducts industry and educational events, offers initial project consultations, and makes referrals to non-AURI resources.

