

ABATE PACKERS

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Abate Packers, a provincially licensed abattoir located in Arthur, Ontario, was originally established in 1967 by Salvatore & Phyllis Abate. Friends and family wanted fresh rabbit and game birds and wanted to know where they came from. Over the years, the company grew as Abate's started to be approached by retailers for the very same reasons. Abate Packers prides themselves in working with family farms for the supply of Ontario grown meat. They are a proud supporter of Homegrown Ontario and 100 Mile Markets.

Today, Abate Packers employs a staff of 45 and is operated by Joe Abate, son of Salvatore & Phyllis, along with his wife Lorraine, Office Manager, daughters Danielle and Allison, Accounts Receivables/Payables, and son, Nico, Sales.

They manufacture an array of specialty game products including rabbit, cornish hens, pheasant, quail, squab, duck, roaster chickens, goose, guinea fowl, and boneless chicken parts for a variety of ethnic

markets, including Chinese, Italian, and Portuguese, specializing in Halal, Natural, and Hong Kong Dressed. They wholesale, retail, supply food service facilities, and provide freezer orders to niche markets across the province.

Abate Packers joined the OIMP in 1996. "OIMP membership is important to me because if you want to be heard you have to do more than yell. The OIMP is the voice of reason in the Ontario meat industry. By being part of this association my family business is able to be independent", says Joe Abate, President Abate Packers.

Joe was elected to the OIMP Board of Directors in 2000. He served as Vice President from 2007-2011 and has just been elected as President for the 2011-2013 term. Joe also sits on the Board of Directors of Ontario Independent Poultry Processors.

Abates has been a long time supporter of the association, attending the various workshops OIMP presents throughout the

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year, is a generous sponsor at the OIMP Conference, and participated in the 'Access Ontario' booth at Grocery Innovations. "Attending OIMP functions has helped my business in various ways. I have improved production, educated myself and my staff in new trends and prepared for the future", says Joe.

Joe Abate and Abate Packers believe in giving back to their community. They belong to the Chamber of Commerce, have been involved with minor hockey and Joe is a service club volunteer.



Joe Abate, Owner of Abate Packers, with Chef Rabiya and Chef Arne at Grocery Innovations



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