



**Innovation in Action:**  
Supporting Nova Scotia's  
Bioeconomy

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**OVERLAND**  
agriscience

**Location:**  
Halifax, NS

**Industry:**  
Alternative  
Protein

**Resource:**  
Organic Wastes  
& By-products

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## Overview

Founded in 2017, Oberland Agriculture uses a novel waste stabilization process to turn pre-consumer organic waste into a feedstock used to grow black soldier fly larvae. These larvae are nutrient-rich and are sold as an ingredient to pet, aquaculture and agricultural feed manufacturers. Or, if you happen to have an insectivore pet such as a reptile, frog or hedgehog, Oberland sells the larvae as live feeder insects through their Obie's brand.

## How did we help?

In 2019, Oberland was seeking to expand its pre-consumer organic feedstock supply and worked with the Nova Scotia Innovation Hub (NSIH) to engage potential suppliers. The goal of this project was to help map and set the stage to secure the feedstock volumes required to develop a large scale, commercial production facility.

Recognizing the potential environmental and economic benefits of the project for the province, this project will look at the range of potential sources for the feedstock, including: food processors, grocery stores, alcoholic beverage manufacturers, industrial farms, commercial food and beverage suppliers, municipal composting facilities, and other sources. Engaging feedstock suppliers to understand available volumes and how to access them is an important step in Oberland's successful commercialization and expansion.

## Testimonials

NSIH helped Oberland on two fronts, finding and funding. Finding an expert to assist the company in creating a feedstock map, and funding a portion of the cost of the expert consultant. NSIH brought informed stakeholders to the table and worked collaboratively with Oberland to launch the project.

The Nova Scotia Innovation Hub works directly with bioeconomy businesses to establish or grow their operations in the province. We provide information on access to feedstocks, non-repayable financial support to achieve specific project milestones, and an expansive network of partners positioned to help our clients achieve success. Learn more at [NovaScotiaInnovationHub.com](http://NovaScotiaInnovationHub.com).