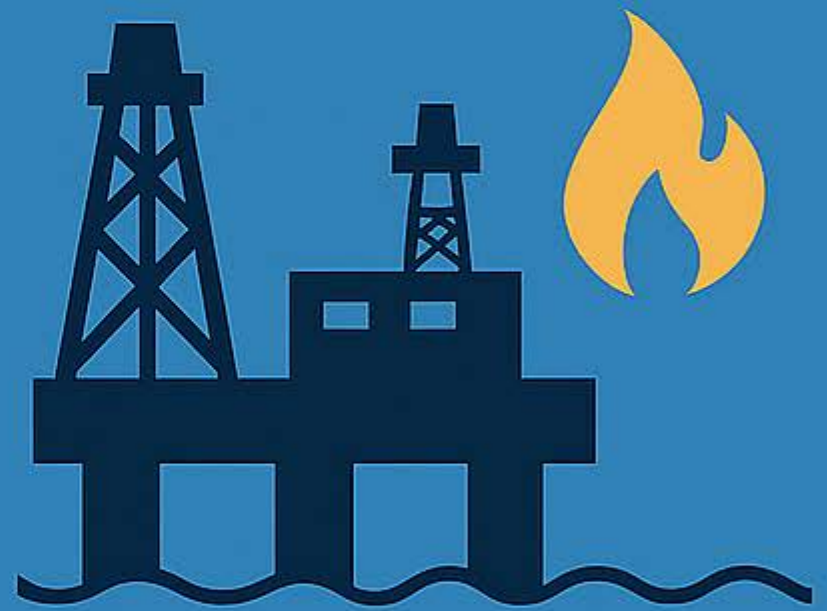
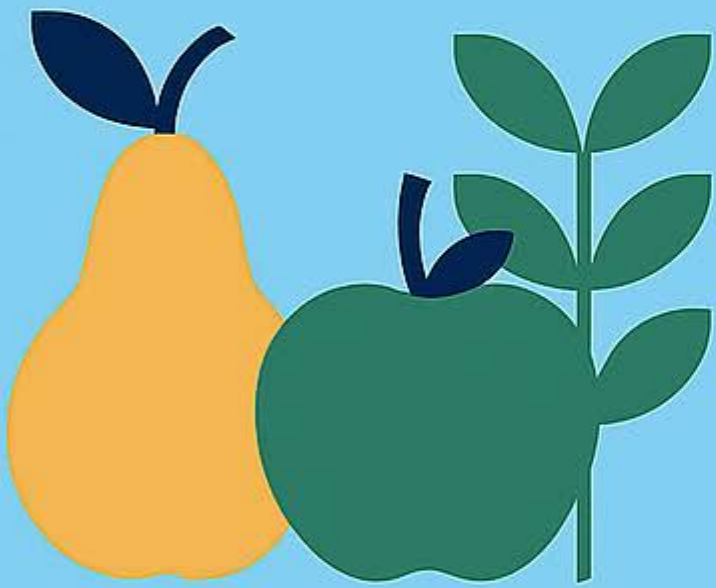


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A RISING FRONTIER FOR
AGRIBUSINESS, ENERGY, AND
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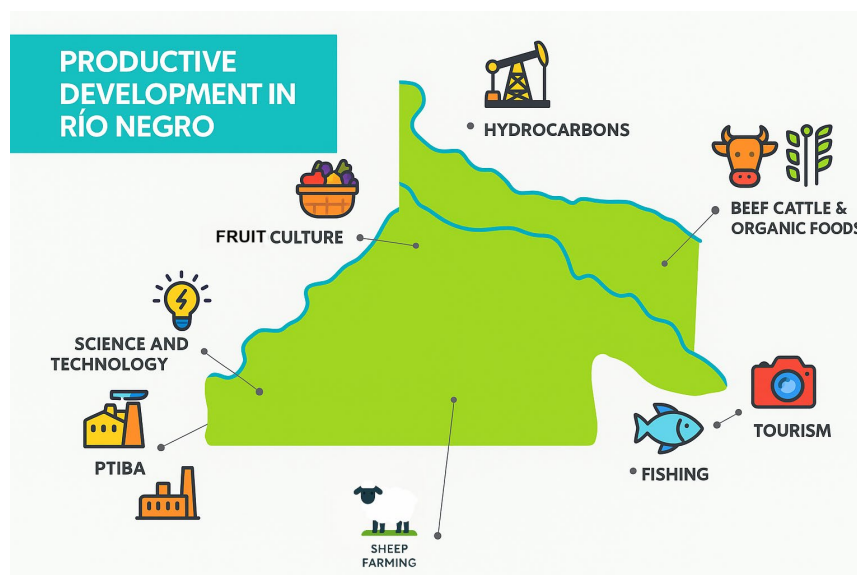


The Economic Pulse of Río Negro: Key Sectors and Business Horizons

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Agriculture & Food Processing

- **Fruit production powerhouse:** Argentina is one of the world's top producers of pome fruits, ranking second globally in pear production—surpassed only by China—and 15th in [apple production](#). In 2022, the province of Río Negro accounted for an impressive 82% of the country's total apple and pear harvest, according to official national statistics. The Alto Valle region (e.g., [Villa Regina](#), [General Roca](#)) supports major canning, bottling, and juice concentrate industries.
- **Value-added processing:** The province's industrial parks offer [expansion potential](#) in food processing, [wine](#), and [sparkling wine](#) production.



Energy & Hydrocarbons

- **LNG export hub development:**
 - A [joint YPF–Petronas plant](#) at Punta Colorada/Sierra Grande is underway, with \$10 billion in investments planned over 10 years.

- A [new pipeline linking Vaca Muerta to Punta Colorada](#) is expected by late 2026–2027 under the [RIGI Incentives framework](#).
 - **Petroleum export terminal and pipeline:** [YPF](#) plans a [mega-port & pipeline](#) from Vaca Muerta via Sierra Grande, generating ~4,000 jobs and targeting 2025 operations.
 - **Shale and pipeline investment incentives:** [Federal support](#) (e.g. under Milei’s RIGI) has opened doors for exploration and infrastructure.
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Renewable & Green Hydrogen

- **Green hydrogen ecosystem growth:**
 - [Fortescue Future Industries](#) has announced a multibillion-dollar green [hydrogen venture](#) in Río Negro.
 - [Provincial strategy](#) includes wind and solar farms (e.g., 300 MW windphase + hydrogen plant).
 - Partnerships with [CONICET](#), local universities, and [global firms](#) (ABO Wind, FFI) drive value chain development.
 - **Infrastructure & industrial parks:**
 - A 50-hectare [industrial park](#) in Los Menucos is being tailored for green-hydrogen-linked manufacturing.
 - Strategic alignment is sought with federal hydrogen roadmaps and regulatory frameworks.
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Manufacturing & Industrial Infrastructure

- **Industrial parks:** Los Menucos and [Villa Regina](#) host modern infrastructure aimed at sectors like wind turbine components, food processing, and hydrogen tech.
 - **Rail & logistics:** Revived freight/passenger rail lines ([Tren Patagónico](#), Tren del Valle) support supply chain flows across the province.
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SME Growth & Competitiveness

- **IDB-backed SME support:** A US \$51.9 million [IADB loan](#) focuses on modernizing SMEs for export competitiveness.
 - **Corporate & business tourism:** The Alto Valle–Neuquén corridor is evolving as a [corporate tourism center](#), with demand for event venues and business travel services.
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Key Business Opportunities

1. **Agribusiness expansion:** Projects in fruit processing, wine, and juice concentrate.
 2. **LNG & petroleum infrastructure:** Engineering, port/logistics, supply chain, and construction services.
 3. **Green hydrogen & renewables:** Manufacturers of electrolyzers, wind/solar components, plus operations & maintenance.
 4. **SME modernization:** Technology providers, exports-oriented business incubators, consulting for competitiveness.
 5. **Corporate tourism:** Event centers, travel services, and hospitality businesses in strategic hubs (Bariloche, Roca).
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Enablers & Considerations

- **Investment incentives:** [RIGI](#) provides tax & regulatory stability for large projects in energy and mining.
 - **Policy backing:** Adoption of federal hydrogen strategy, connectivity infrastructure planning, and [sustainability commitments](#).
 - **Labor & skills:** Local talent through [University of Río Negro](#) and technical training in green-hydrogen, agritech, and industrial domains.
 - **Environmental & social sensitivity:** Projects must navigate wildfire risks, indigenous rights, and ecological impacts.
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Outlook Summary

Río Negro stands at a strategic crossroads—leading in agribusiness, energy exports, and clean-tech—with supportive federal and provincial policies, growing infrastructure, and global investment interest. Priority sectors for explorers and investors include LNG/export logistics, green hydrogen value chains, food processing, SME competitiveness, and corporate tourism.