

Sector Snapshot 2018:

B.C. Food and Beverage Processing

Sector Defined: B.C.'s food and beverage processing sector comprises the processing of agriculture, seafood, and food & beverage products in B.C.

- The food and beverage processing industry is comprised of 2,917 establishments and is the second largest processing sector in the province in sales.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING KEY FACTS

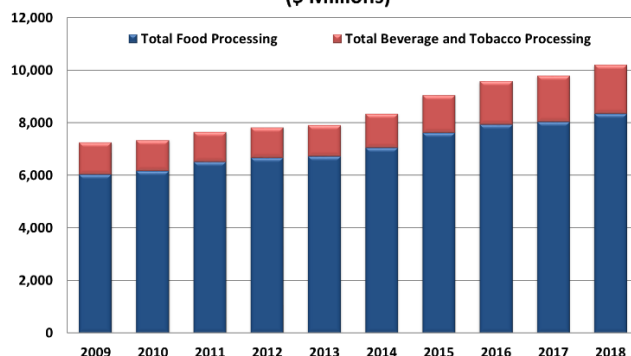
- **Sales: \$10.21 billion**
- **GDP: \$3.2 billion**
- **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 1.3%**
- **Exports: \$4.5 billion**
- **Food and Beverage Processing Jobs: 36,500**
- Food and beverage processing in B.C. generated \$10.21 billion in 2018, a 4.2 percent increase over 2017.
- Top Sales: \$2.0 billion in other food processing products*; \$1.9 billion in beverages; \$1.6 billion in meat and poultry products; \$1.4 billion in dairy products; \$0.9 billion in bakery and tortilla products; and \$0.8 billion in animal food products.
- Combined sales from B.C. breweries, wineries, and distilleries amounted to \$1.4 billion in 2018, up 3 percent over 2017.
- Food and beverage processing accounted for 62 percent of B.C.'s total agriculture, seafood and food & beverage processing industry GDP in 2018, with contributions of \$3.2 billion.
- In 2018 B.C. ranked third among provinces in Canada in beverage processing sales and fourth in food processing sales.

** Other food processing products includes: snack foods; coffees and teas; flavouring syrups & concentrates; seasonings and dressings, cut, peeled, polished or sliced vegetables; manufactured pizzas; soup mixes; prepared meals and sandwiches for the wholesale market; and honey; etc.*

FOOD AND BEVERAGE INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

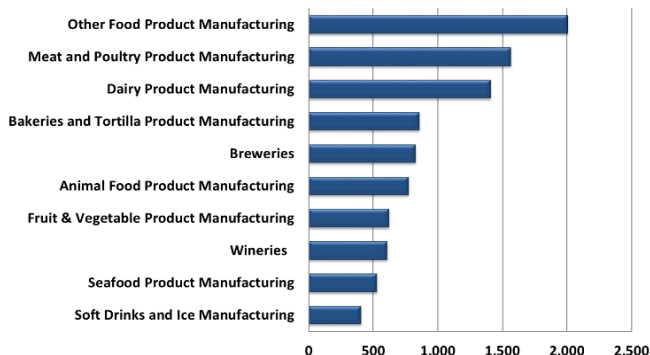
- In 2018 B.C. exported \$4.5 billion worth of agriculture, seafood and food & beverage products to 149 different international markets.
- Top Five Food and Beverage Exports: \$541 million in farmed Atlantic salmon; \$361 million in food preparations for processing and natural health products; \$243 million in blueberries; \$230 million in baked goods; and \$189 million in mushrooms.

B.C. Food and Beverage Processing Sector Sales (\$ Millions)



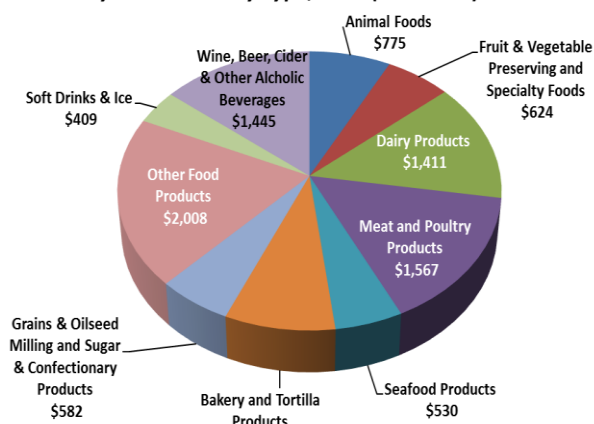
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B.C. Top Food and Beverage Processing Sectors by Sales, 2018 (\$ Millions)



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B.C. FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR SALES by Select Industry Type, 2018 (\$ Millions)



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