

**British Columbia's food and beverage processing sector comprises the processing of agriculture and seafood products.**

- There were 3,379 food and beverage manufacturing establishments registered in B.C. in 2022.
- Food and beverage manufacturing is the second-largest manufacturing sector in the province in terms of sales.

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING KEY FACTS for 2022

- ❖ **Sales: \$14.2 Billion**
- ❖ **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)<sup>1</sup>: \$3.68 Billion**
- ❖ **Share of Provincial GDP<sup>1</sup>: 1.36%**
- ❖ **Food & Beverage Processing Sector Jobs<sup>2</sup>: 39,145**

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE PROCESSING

- B.C. remains third among provinces in Canada in beverage processing sales and fourth in food processing sales.
- Processed food and beverage sales in B.C. were \$14.2 billion in 2022 (+13.6% from 2021). Stronger beverage sales and an increase in the number of manufacturing establishments drove the sector's growth.
- Beverage processing sales were \$3.2 billion in 2022 (+14.6% from 2021). The sales growth trend observed since the previous year continues as the industry highlight.
- Total food & beverage processing sector jobs are 39,145 (-2.1% from 2021), driven by food production (-2.9% from 2021), which was slightly offset by beverage and tobacco production (+0.1% from 2021).
- More than 64% of food and beverage processing establishments have 5 or more employees.
- The largest subsectors of food processing were meat processing with \$2.2 billion (+14.8% from 2021), followed by dairy processing with \$2.1 billion (+9.4% from 2021), and animal food manufacturing with \$1.3 billion (+17.5% 2021).

#### INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

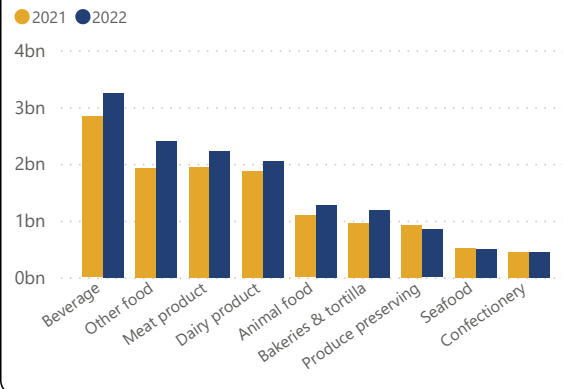
- B.C. exported a record \$3.79 billion (21.6% increase) in processed food and beverage products to 95 different international markets in 2022.
- B.C.'s top five export markets were the US (\$4.8 billion), China (\$400 million), Japan (\$246 million), South Korea (\$139 million), and Hong Kong (\$63 million).
- Top five export commodities: Atlantic salmon (\$649 million), food preparations for manufacturing & natural health products (\$543 million), tallow (\$458 million), baked goods (\$457 million), and blueberries (\$316 million).

Footnote:

1 GDP at chained 2012 dollars. Excluding unlicensed cannabis, including seafood preparation and packaging.

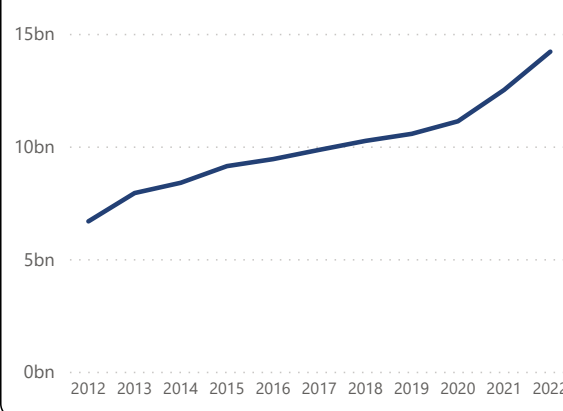
2 Including 2,415 jobs in seafood preparation and packaging.

#### Food & Beverage Processing Sales by Category



Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Sector Tables 2023)

#### Food & Beverage Processing Sales by Year



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