

Sector Snapshot: B.C. Agrifoods - 2011

Sector Defined: B.C.'s Agrifoods industry includes primary production in agriculture, aquaculture and commercial fisheries and processing of food and beverages.

- Over 200 primary agriculture products & 100 species of fish, shellfish and marine plants are produced in B.C.
- The food and beverage processing industry is comprised of more than 1,400 small and medium-sized firms and is the largest manufacturing activity in the province.

AGRIFOODS KEY FACTS

- ❖ **Sales: \$10.9 billion**
 - ❖ **GDP: \$3.5 billion**
 - ❖ **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 2.2%**
 - ❖ **Exports: \$2.4 billion**
- Total sales of B.C. Agrifoods at \$10.9 billion are up 3.2 per cent over 2010.
 - Total sales include \$2.6 billion Agriculture + \$0.8 billion Seafood + \$7.5 billion Manufacturers Shipments.
 - Growth in sales occurred in the primary agriculture sector (up 4.4 per cent) and the food and beverage manufacturing sector (up 3.9 per cent), while landed values in the combined aquaculture and commercial fishing sector declined 6.8 per cent in 2011 over 2010.
 - Total estimated Agrifoods GDP at \$3.5 billion, rose 1.1 per cent over 2010.
 - B.C.'s Agrifoods sector accounts for 2.2 per cent of B.C.'s total GDP of \$157.5 billion.

AGRIFOODS EXPORT PROFILE

- B.C. exported \$2.4 billion in Agrifoods products to more than 140 countries in 2011. Total Agrifoods exports were up 2.2 per cent over 2010.
- This growth in exports was due to a 6.9 per cent increase in the value of B.C.'s agriculture product exports, while seafood product exports declined 4.8 per cent.
- Top 5 Markets: United States, Japan, China, Hong Kong and South Korea.
- Agriculture product shipments contributed 63 per cent and seafood product shipments contributed 37 per cent of the total value of provincial Agrifoods exports in 2011.

