

# Sector Snapshot: B.C. Agrifood & Seafood - 2015

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

- Over 200 primary agriculture products and about 100 species of fish, shellfish and marine plants are produced in B.C.
- The food and beverage processing industry is comprised of about 2,500 firms and is one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the province.

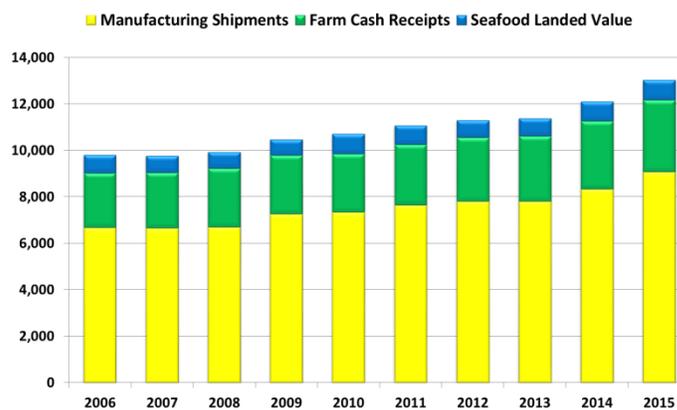
## AGRIFOOD & SEAFOOD KEY FACTS

- ❖ **Sales: \$13.0 billion**
  - ❖ **GDP: \$4.3 billion**
  - ❖ **Share of Provincial Total GDP: 2.1%**
  - ❖ **Exports: \$3.5 billion**
- Total sales of B.C. agrifood & seafood at \$13.029 billion are up 7.6 per cent over 2014.
  - Total sales include \$3.076 billion in agriculture + \$0.867 billion in seafood + \$9.086 billion in manufacturers' shipments.
  - Growth in sales occurred in the food and beverage manufacturing sector (up 9.1 per cent), the combined aquaculture and commercial fishing sector (up 4.7 per cent) and the primary agriculture sector (up 4.5 per cent).
  - Total estimated agrifood and seafood GDP, at \$4.3 billion, rose 7.8 per cent over 2014.
  - B.C.'s agrifood and seafood sector accounts for 2.1 per cent of B.C.'s total GDP which was \$209.1 billion in 2015.

## AGRIFOOD & SEAFOOD PRODUCTS EXPORT PROFILE

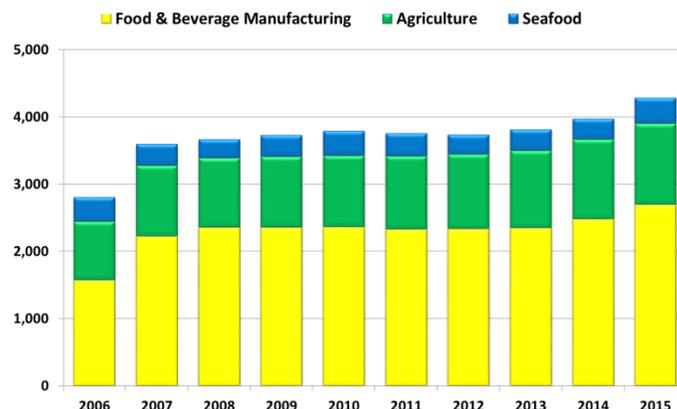
- B.C. exported a record \$3.5 billion in agrifood & seafood products to over 150 markets in 2015. Total agrifood and seafood exports were up 20 per cent over 2014.
- This growth in exports was due to a 23 per cent increase in the value of B.C.'s agrifood product exports and a 15 per cent increase in the value of seafood exports.
- Top Five Export Markets: U.S. (72 per cent), China (10 per cent), Japan (5 per cent), Hong Kong (2 per cent) and South Korea (2 per cent).
- Agrifood shipments contributed 68 per cent and seafood shipments contributed 32 per cent to the total value of provincial agrifood & seafood exports in 2015.
- The fastest growing of the top 10 exports markets in 2015 were South Korea (63 per cent), Ukraine (56 per cent), China (33 per cent), the United Kingdom (25 per cent) and the United States (24 per cent).
- Top Five Exports: \$411 million in cultured Atlantic salmon; \$294 million in food preparations for manufacturing; \$218 million in blueberries; \$159 million in baked goods; and \$131 million in mushrooms.

**Total B.C. Agrifood & Seafood Sales (\$ Millions)**



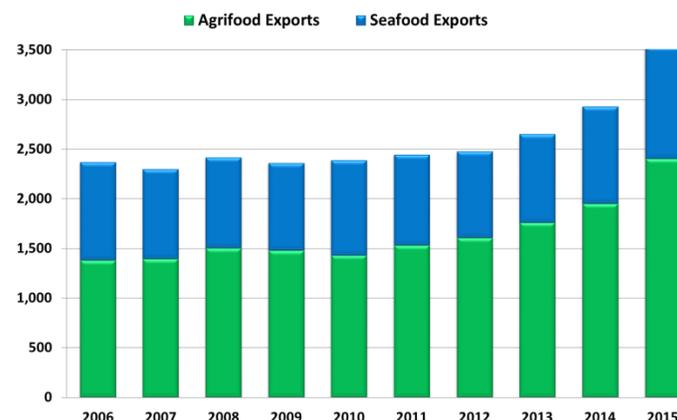
Source: Statistics Canada, Tables 002-000 and 304-0015, CANSIM Database; and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture

**B.C. Agrifood & Seafood GDP (\$ Millions)**



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 379-0030, Cansim Database

**B.C. Agrifood & Seafood Exports (\$ Millions)**



Source: Statistics Canada, CATSNET Analytics