Sector Snapshot: B.C. Food and Beverage Manufacturing - 2015

Sector Defined: B.C.’s food and beverage manufacturing sector comprises agrifood, seafood, beverage and tobacco.

- Food and beverage manufacturing was the second largest manufacturing sector in B.C. in shipments and GDP.

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING KEY FACTS

- Shipments: $9.1 billion
- GDP: $2.7 billion
- Share of Provincial Total GDP: 1.2%
- Exports: $3.5 billion

- Food and beverage manufacturing in B.C. generated $9.086 billion in 2015, a 9.1 per cent increase over 2014.
- The sector employed 33,000 persons across almost 2,500 establishments in 2015.
- Top five shipments were: $1.6 billion in Meat and Poultry Products, $1.3 billion in Dairy Products, $1.1 billion in Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries, $0.8 billion in Seafood Products, and $0.8 billion in Animal Food Products.
- From 2006 to 2015 B.C.’s food and beverage manufacturing shipments averaged $7.5 billion a year.
- In 2015 B.C. ranked fourth among provinces in Canada in terms of shipments.
- Food and beverage manufacturing made up 63 per cent of B.C.’s agrifood and seafood GDP in 2015, with contributions of $2.7 billion.

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS EXPORT PROFILE

- B.C. exported $3.5 billion worth of agrifood and seafood products in 2015. Processed products comprised 94 per cent of these exports, with the remaining six per cent comprised of live and fresh products.
- Top Five Beverage Exports: $50 million in water; $25 million in fruit & vegetable juice; $12 million in beer and cider; $9 million in wine; and $2 million in other non-alcoholic beverages.
- Top Five Food 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.