Sector Snapshot 2016: B.C. Food and Beverage Manufacturing

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

- The food and beverage processing industry is comprised of about 2,600 establishments and is the second largest manufacturing sector in the province in sales and in GDP.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING KEY FACTS

- **Sales:** $9.8 billion
- **GDP:** $2.8 billion
- **Share of Provincial Total GDP:** 1.3%
- **Exports:** $3.8 billion

- Food and beverage manufacturing in B.C. generated $9.8 billion in 2016 - a seven per cent increase over 2015.
- The sector employed 36,900 people in close to 2,600 establishments in 2016.
- Top Shipments: $1.7 billion in meat and poultry products; $1.4 billion in dairy products; $1.0 billion in seafood products; $0.8 billion in animal food products; $0.8 billion in bakeries and tortillas; $0.7 billion from breweries; $0.6 billion from wineries; $0.5 billion in fruit and vegetable products; and $0.4 billion from soft drink and ice manufacturing.
- Combined sales from B.C. breweries, wineries, and distilleries amounted to $1.3 billion in 2016.
- Food and beverage manufacturing made up 62 per cent of B.C.’s agrifood and seafood GDP in 2016, with contributions of $2.8 billion.
- In 2016 B.C. ranked fourth among provinces in Canada in food and beverage manufacturing sales.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS EXPORT PROFILE

- B.C. exported $3.8 billion worth of agrifood and seafood products in 2016. Processed products comprised 80 per cent of these exports, with the remaining 20 per cent comprised of live and fresh products.
- Top Five Food Exports: $524 million in farmed Atlantic salmon; $307 million in food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products; $293 million in baked goods and cereal products; $200 million in blueberries; and $156 million in mushrooms.
- Top Five Beverage Exports: $35 million in water; $22 million in fruit & vegetable juice; $10 million in wine; $7 million in beer and cider; and $3 million in other non-alcoholic beverages.