

Sector Snapshot 2018: B.C. Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing

Sector Defined: British Columbia's agriculture, seafood and food and beverage industry includes primary production in agriculture, aquaculture and commercial fisheries, and processing of food and beverages.

➤ Over 200 primary agriculture products and about 100 fish, shellfish and marine plant species are produced in B.C.

KEY FACTS

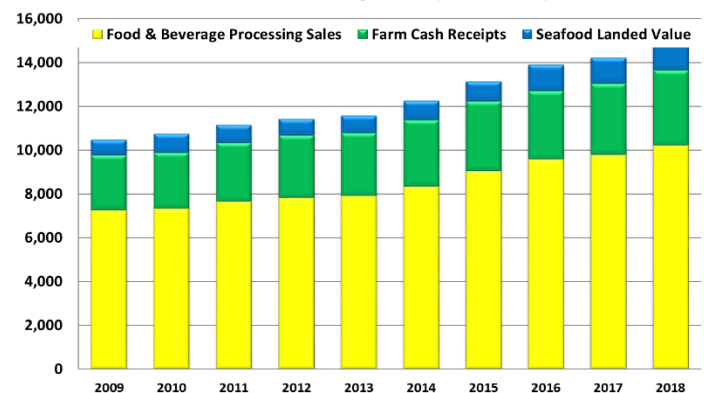
- ◆ Sales: \$14.95 billion
- ◆ GDP: \$5.1 billion
- ◆ Share of Provincial Total GDP: 2.1%
- ◆ International Exports: \$4.5 billion
- ◆ Total Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing Sector Jobs: 63,415

- B.C. agriculture, seafood and processed food & beverage sales were \$14.95 billion in 2018, 5.2 percent higher than sales in 2017.
- Total sales include \$3.45 billion in agriculture, \$1.29 billion in seafood, and \$10.21 billion in food and beverage processing.
- Growth in sales occurred in the primary agriculture sector by 6.0 percent, in the seafood (aquaculture and commercial fishing) sector by 10.5 percent, and in the food and beverage processing sector by 4.2 percent.
- Total estimated agriculture, seafood and food & beverage processing GDP at \$5.1 billion increased 5.2 percent over 2017 and accounted for 2.1 percent of B.C.'s total GDP in 2018.

INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

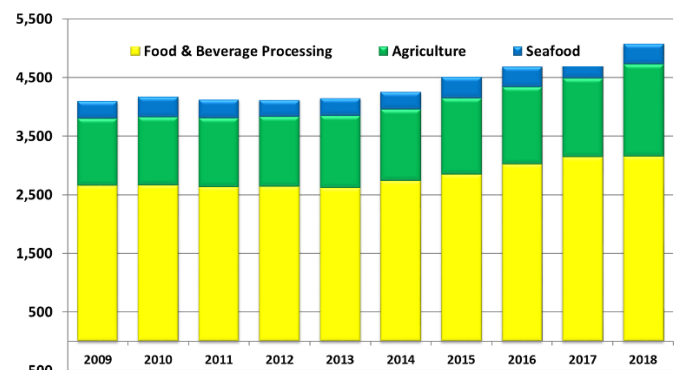
- B.C. exported a record \$4.5 billion in agriculture, seafood and processed food and beverage products to 149 different international markets in 2018.
- Total export sales of \$4.5 billion were almost ten percent higher than the previous year in 2017.
- B.C.'s Top Five Export Markets in 2018: United States \$3.1 billion; China \$533 million; Japan \$224 million; South Korea \$73 million; and Hong Kong \$73 million.
- The fastest growing of the top 10 exports markets were Ukraine (109 percent); Vietnam (39 percent); Taiwan (28 percent); and China (26 percent).
- Top Five Exports: \$541 million in farmed Atlantic salmon; \$361 million in food preparations for processing and natural health products; \$243 million in blueberries; \$230 million in baked goods; and \$189 million in mushrooms.

Total B.C. Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing Sales (\$ Millions)



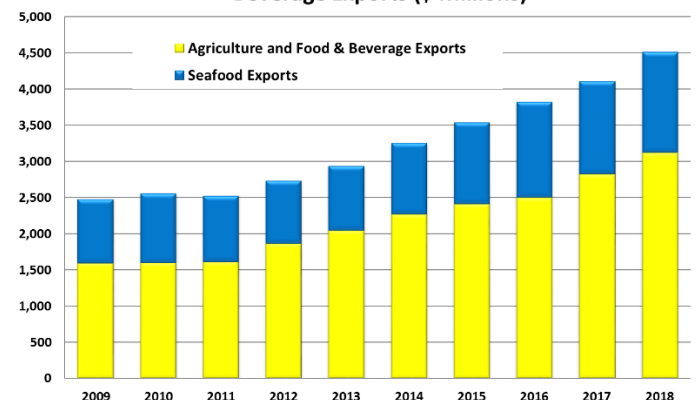
Sources: Adapted from Statistics Canada; and B.C. Ministry of Agriculture 2019.

B.C. Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing GDP (\$ Millions)



Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 36-10-0402-01

B.C. Agriculture, Seafood and Processed Food & Beverage Exports (\$ Millions)



Source: Adapted from Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, CATSNET Analytics