

# Sector Snapshot 2021

## B.C. Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing

British Columbia's agriculture, seafood and food and beverage sectors include 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 FOR 2021

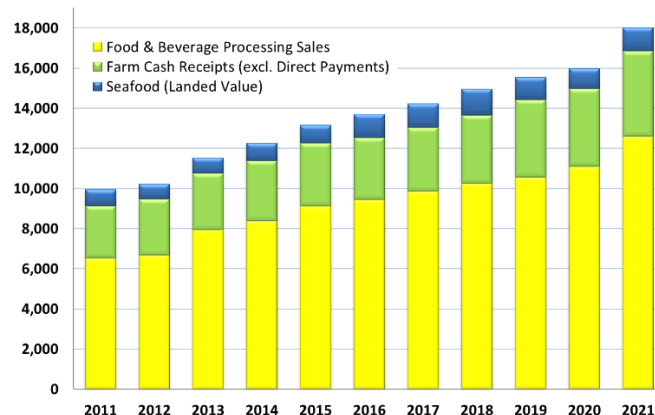
- ◆ Sales: **\$18.05 billion**
  - ◆ GDP: **\$6.01 billion**
  - ◆ Share of Provincial GDP<sup>1</sup>: **2.3%**
  - ◆ International Exports: **\$5.11 billion**
  - ◆ Total Agriculture, Seafood and Food & Beverage Processing Sector Jobs: **79,150**
- B.C. agriculture, seafood, and processed food and beverage sales were \$18.05 billion in 2021, an increase of 12.1% from 2020.
- Total sales included \$4.25 billion in agriculture, \$1.16 billion in seafood, and \$12.6 billion in food and beverage processing.
- Growth in sales was seen across all parts of the sector. Primary agriculture increased by 10.7%, food and beverage processing increased by 13.7%. Seafood sales also expanded by 19.5% in 2021, recovering from a decline in 2020.
- Total agriculture, seafood, and food and beverage processing GDP increased by 7.1% from 2020 to \$6.01 billion. The sector's share of B.C.'s total GDP<sup>1</sup> remained steady at 2.3%.
- Heat dome and flooding events in 2021 negatively impacted the sales of grapes (-4.3%), apples (-4.1%), and greenhouse vegetables (-0.9%).

### INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

- B.C. exported a record \$5.11 billion (5.7% increase) in agriculture, seafood, and processed food and beverage products to 151 different international markets in 2021.
- B.C.'s top five export markets were the U.S (\$3.9 billion), China (\$344 million), Japan (\$218 million), South Korea (\$135 million), and Hong Kong (\$84 million).
- Of the top ten international export markets, the following three had the largest growth from 2020 to 2021: the Philippines (44.5%), Japan (17.0%), and Ukraine (16.7%).
- Top five export commodities: farmed Atlantic salmon (\$519 million); food preparations for manufacturing and natural health products (\$475 million); baked goods (\$338 million); tallow (\$283 million), and mushrooms (\$272 million).

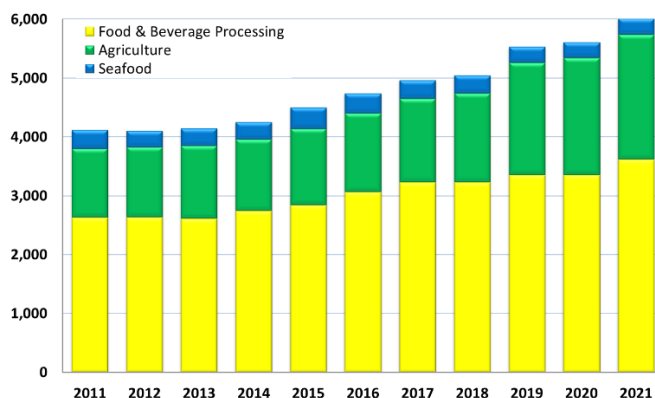
<sup>1</sup> Excluding unlicensed cannabis. GDP at chained 2012 dollars.

Agriculture, Seafood, Food & Beverage Sector Sales (\$ Millions)



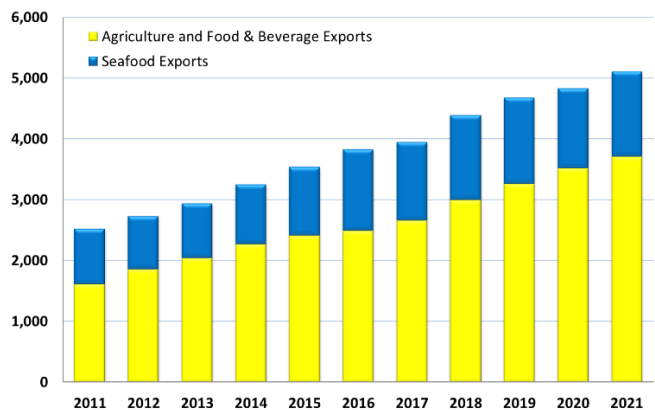
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Agriculture, Seafood, and Food & Beverage Processing GDP (\$ Millions, chained 2012)



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

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



Source: Adapted from Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, CATSNET Analytics.