

SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

Food and Beverage



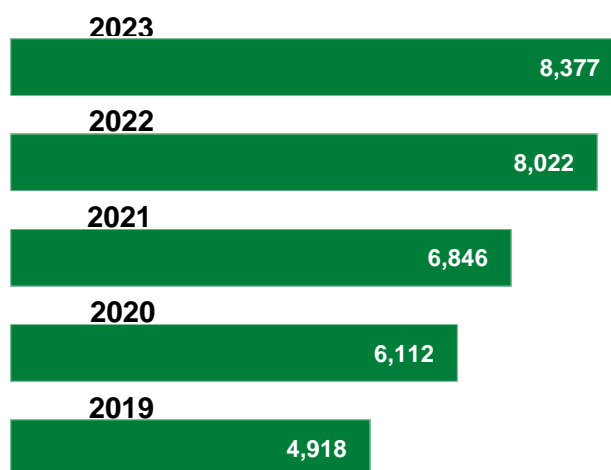
Highlights

- Food and beverage processing is the largest manufacturing sector in Manitoba, accounting for more than 32 per cent of provincial total manufacturing sales in 2023.
- Food manufacturing sales in Manitoba increased 4.4 per cent compared to the previous year, reaching \$8.4 billion in 2023.
- The sector directly employed 16,825 Manitobans in 2022, making it the largest manufacturing employer in the province.
- Exports of processed food products and beverages totaled \$4.51 billion in 2023, an increase of 9.5 per cent, as compared to 2022. This accounts for 53.7 per cent of the total food manufacturing sales in 2023.

Overview

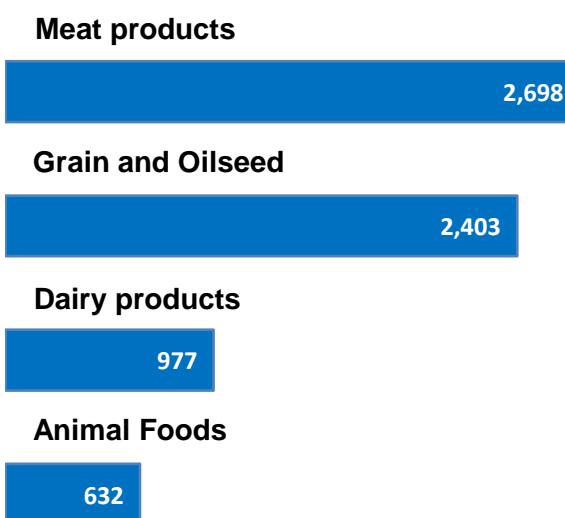
- Manitoba has a vibrant food and beverage sector, with 386 manufacturing facilities.¹
- Manitoba's three largest food processing industries are meat product manufacturing, grain and oilseed milling, and dairy product manufacturing.
- Increasing global demand for healthy, local, organic and functional foods provides growth opportunities for Manitoba's food and beverage processing sector.
- Manitoba has the largest pea-processing plant in the world, contributing to the growth of a protein-focused industry.

Total Sales (millions of dollars)



Source: Statistics Canada

Top Sales (millions of dollars)



Source: Statistics Canada

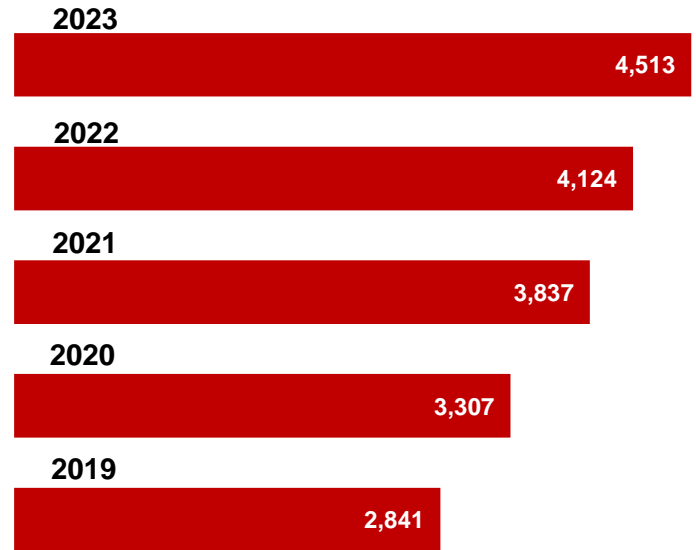
¹ Statistics Canada Tables 33-10-0806-01 and 33-10-0807-01 (March 26, 2024).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Major food processors in Manitoba include:
 - Meat products (Maple Leaf Foods, HyLife, True North Foods, Exceldor Cooperative and Sunrise Farms)
 - Grain and Oilseeds (Bunge Canada, Viterra, Richardson Milling, Roquette and Emerson Milling Inc.)
 - Potato (McCain Foods and Simplot Canada Ltd.)
 - Dairy Products (Lucerne Foods, Groupe Lactalis, Dairyworld Foods and MDI Holdings Corp.)
- Major research institutions and networks that support the sector include: Food Development Centre; Prairie Research Kitchen; The Richardson Centre for Food Technology and Research; Canadian International Grains Institute; Canadian Centre for Agri-Food Research in Health and Medicine; the University of Manitoba; and Brandon University.
- Manitoba food and beverage exports reached 65 countries in 2023.
- Capital expenditures in the sector were \$221 million in 2023.
- The provincial and federal governments support the sector by providing funding opportunities and technical supports.

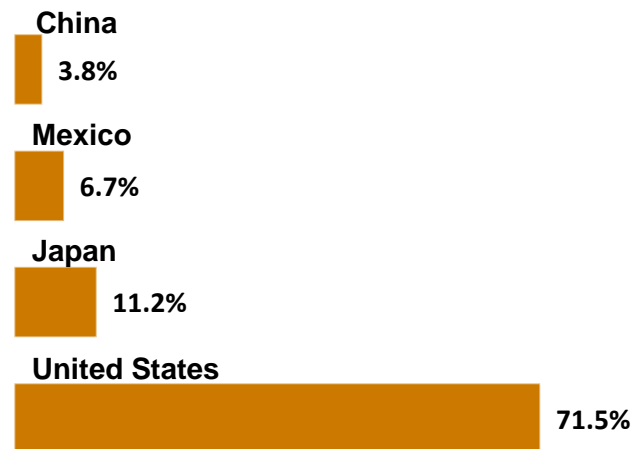
Food and Beverage Exports

(millions of dollars)



Source: Trade Data Online

- Manitoba's food and beverage exports have increased since 2019. In 2023, exports reached \$4.5 billion, an increase of 9.5 per cent, compared to the previous year.
- Manitoba top exports in 2023 include pork (\$1.48 billion) and canola oil (\$1.42 billion).
- The top four markets for provincial food and beverage products in 2023 were the US, Japan, Mexico and China.



Source: Trade Data Online

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