# Alberta Food Data Facts No. 3, Value of Food Exports, 2008-2017

#### What are Food Exports?

Food exports presented in this issue refer to products and by-products of manufacture exported to other countries. These exports include edible food products, beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and animal feed. Edible food products refer to meats, milled and prepared cereals (oat groats, pasta, bakeries), refined oils, processed fruits and vegetables, processed potatoes and such food products as soups, sauces, wheat gluten and stuffed pasta. Food exports do not include raw commodities (animals and crops) and inedible crude animal and plant products. The proportion of food exports as a percentage of food and beverage manufacturing sales (1) is based on the value of food exports which is not adjusted for freight charges to the point of exit, insurance and other costs.

#### Did You Know?



• Over the past decade (2008-2017), Alberta exported on average \$3.1 billion of food and food products or 35% of the total agri-food exports. During the past five years (2013-2017), these exports have grown steadily, averaging

almost \$3.7 billion annually.

 In 2017, for the first time ever, food exports exceeded \$4 billion. It was an increase of 5.6% from \$3.9 billion in 2016. As a percentage of the total agri-food exports, food declined from 39% in 2016 to 36.7% in 2017, mainly due to higher exports of raw agriculture commodities.

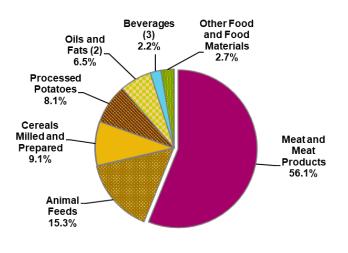


• Meat and meat products at \$2.3 billion continued to account for the largest share of food exports in 2017 (56.6% of the total). Beef, at \$1.7 billion, remained the largest meat

export, with pork in second place. The next largest food exports were animal feeds, cereals milled and prepared, processed potatoes, oils and fats and beverages.

- Food exports represented 28.6% of food and beverage manufacturing sales in 2017, marginally down from 29.4% in 2016.
- The United States remained Alberta's largest food export market, followed by China and Japan.

#### Distribution of Alberta Food Exports by Product, Average Value (2013-2017) - Per Cent



Annual food exports averaged \$3.7 billion



Alberta Agri-Food Exports							Manufacturing Sales (1)	
Years	Total =	Agriculture	+	Fo	od Export	s	Total	Food Exports
Value	\$ Millions	\$ Millions		\$ Millions	% Change	% of Total	\$ Millions	% of Total
2008	8,386	5,684		2,702	23.8	32.2	10,251	26.4
2009	7,429	4,893		2,536	-6.1	34.1	10,115	25.1
2010	6,775	4,252		2,523	-0.5	37.2	10,637	23.7
2011	8,061	5,528		2,533	0.4	31.4	11,073	22.9
2012	9,210	6,620		2,590	2.2	28.1	12,600	20.6
2013	8,712	5,994		2,717	4.9	31.2	11,971	22.7
2014	9,754	6,229		3,525	29.7	36.1	12,265	28.7
2015r	10,181	6,190		3,991	13.2	39.2	13,242	30.1
2016r	10,006	6,099		3,907	-2.1	39.0	13,282	29.4
2017p	11,238	7,113		4,124	5.6	36.7	14,402	28.6
Average								
2013 - 2017	9,978	6,325		3,653		36.6	13,032	28.0
2008 - 2017	8,975	5,860		3,115		34.7	11,984	26.0

#### Alberta Agri-Food Exports and Manufacturing Sales, 2008-2017

Food Exports by Product	2017p	Five-Yr. Avg. ('13 -'17)		
	\$ Millions	\$ Millions	% of Total	
Meat and Meat Products	2,334	2,049	56.1	
- Beef and Veal	1,735	1,499	41.0	
- Pork	493	450	12.3	
- Other Meat and Preparations	106	101	2.8	
Animal Feeds	678	557	15.3	
Cereals Milled and Prepared	366	333	9.1	
Processed Potatoes	328	296	8.1	
Oils and Fats (2)	211	238	6.5	
Beverages (3)	83	80	2.2	
Other Food and Food Materials	124	99	2.7	
Total (All Products)	4,124	3,653	100.0	

### The source of data is Statistics Canada, International Trade Division

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(1) Food and beverage manufacturing sales refer to the value of processed goods shipped at the factory gate.

(2) Oils exclude crude canola oil.

(3) Beverages include alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and exclude juices.

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