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- 26 national federations, including 3 observers;
- 28 EU sector associations;
- 19 major food and drink companies.

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This report presents EU-27 data unless otherwise specified.

# At a glance

## the EU-27 Food and Drink Industry in 2007

<p><b>Turnover</b></p> <p><b>€ 913 billion</b> (+4.2% compared to 2006)</p> <p>Largest manufacturing sector in the EU (13.4%), ahead of the automobile and chemical industries</p>	<p><b>Employment</b></p> <p><b>4.3 million people</b> (-0.6% compared to 2006)</p> <p>Leading employer in the EU (13.5%), ahead of the fabricated metal and machinery &amp; equipment industries</p>	<p><b>SMEs</b></p> <p><b>48.5%</b> of the food and drink turnover</p> <p><b>63.0%</b> of the food and drink employment</p>	
<p><b>External trade</b></p> <p><b>Exports € 54.7 billion</b> (+5.1% compared to 2006)</p> <p><b>Imports € 52.7 billion</b> (+9.2% compared to 2006)</p> <p><b>Trade balance € 2.0 billion</b></p> <p>Net exporter of food and drink products</p>	<p><b>Number of companies</b></p> <p><b>308,000<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>Fragmented industry</p>	<p><b>Value added</b> (% of EU GDP)</p> <p><b>2%</b></p>	<p><b>Consumption</b> (% of household expenditure)</p> <p><b>12.6%</b></p> <p>Declining share</p>
<p><b>EU market share of global export market</b></p> <p><b>19.8%</b> (24.6% in 1998)</p> <p>Shrinking share of EU exports in global markets</p>		<p><b>R&amp;D</b> (% of food and drink output)</p> <p><b>0.24%<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>Insufficient R&amp;D expenditure</p>	

(1) 2006 data

(2) EU-15 figure in 2004

# Structure of the food and drink industry

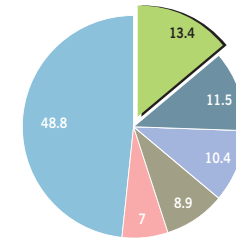
## The food and drink industry in the EU

	2006	2007/2006*	2007*	
<b>Turnover</b>	€ billion	876	↗4.2%	913
<b>Value added</b>	€ billion	188	-	-
<b>Employees</b>	million	4.3	↘-0.6%	4.3
<b>Companies</b>	thousand	308	-	-

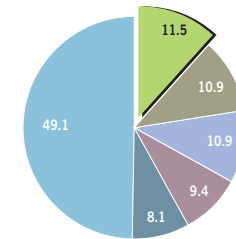
(\*) CIAA estimates based on Eurostat figures  
(-) not available

Source: Eurostat, SBS and CIAA calculation

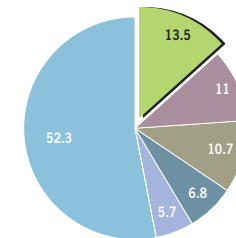
Share of turnover in manufacturing industry (%)



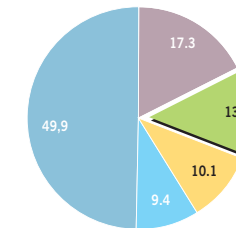
Share of value added in manufacturing industry (%)



Share of employment in manufacturing industry (%)



Share of the number of companies in manufacturing industry (%)



■ Food and drink      ■ Automobile      ■ Chemicals  
■ Machinery and equipment      ■ Fabricated metal products      ■ Others  
■ Coke and refined petroleum products      ■ Publishing and printing      ■ Furniture

Note: the manufacturing sectors are defined at 2-digit level of the NACE-Rev.1 (food and drink industry; division DA 15).

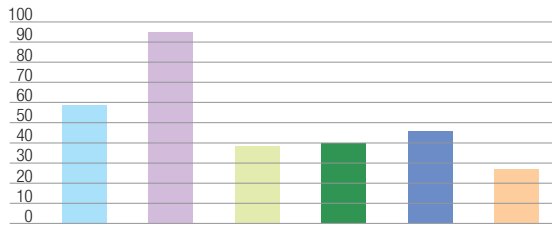
Source: Eurostat, SBS, 2005 data

# The food and drink industry in the manufacturing sector

- The food and drink industry is the single largest manufacturing sector in the EU in turnover, value added and employment terms, ahead of automobile, chemicals and machinery industries. It is the second leading manufacturing sector (after fabricated metal products) in terms of number of companies in the EU.
- The share of the food and drink industry in the manufacturing industry registered slight variations, of one percentage point as a maximum, since 1999.
- The growth of the food and drink industry's turnover is on average similar to the one of the manufacturing industry over the period 2000-2007. The number of employees decreased less in the food and drink industry than in the manufacturing industry over the same period (-2.8% and -7.1% respectively).

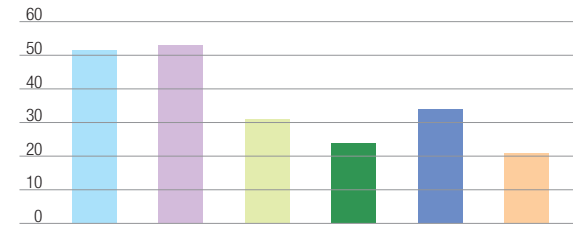
## Labour productivity, labour cost, profitability and investment in the manufacturing industry

Labour productivity<sup>1</sup> (€1000)

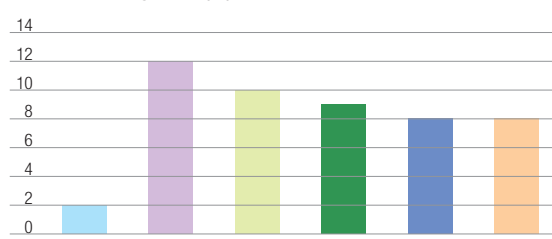


(1) Value added per employee

Labour cost per employee (€1000)

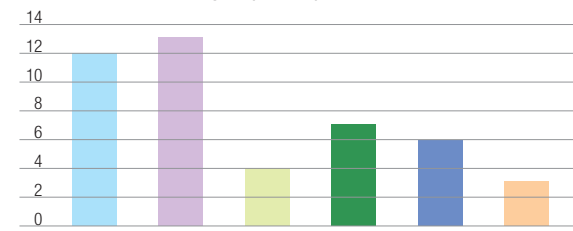


Gross operating rate<sup>2</sup> (%)



(2) The gross operating rate is the gross operating surplus expressed as a percentage of the turnover generated. The gross operating surplus is value added minus personnel costs. It is an indicator of profitability.

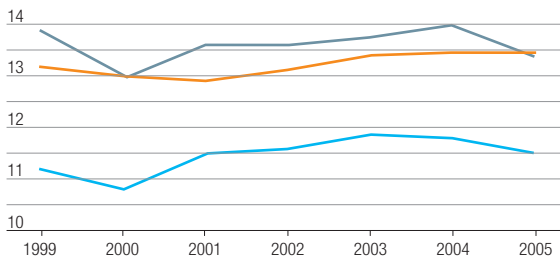
Investment per employee (€1000)



Source: Eurostat, SBS, 2005 data

Automobile Chemicals Fabricated metal products Food and drink products Manufacturing Textiles

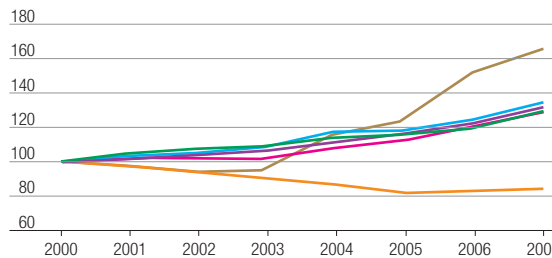
## Share of food and drink industry turnover, value added and employment in manufacturing industry, 2000-2005, EU-25<sup>1</sup> (%)



Share of turnover in manufacturing industry  
Share of employment in manufacturing industry  
Share of value added in manufacturing industry

(1) EU-27 data for 2005  
Source: Eurostat, SBS

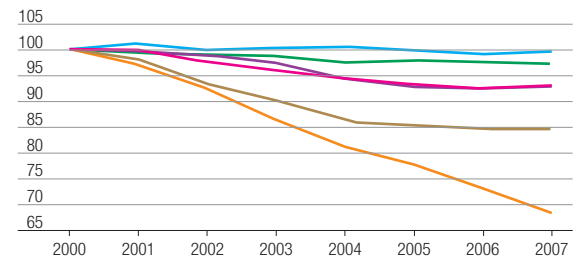
## Evolution of turnover in the manufacturing industry, 2000-2007, (2000=100)



Manufacturing Food and drink products  
Textiles Chemicals  
Basic metals Automobile

Source: Eurostat, Short-term Business Statistics

## Evolution of employment in the manufacturing industry, 2000-2007, (2000=100)



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# SMEs in the food and drink industry

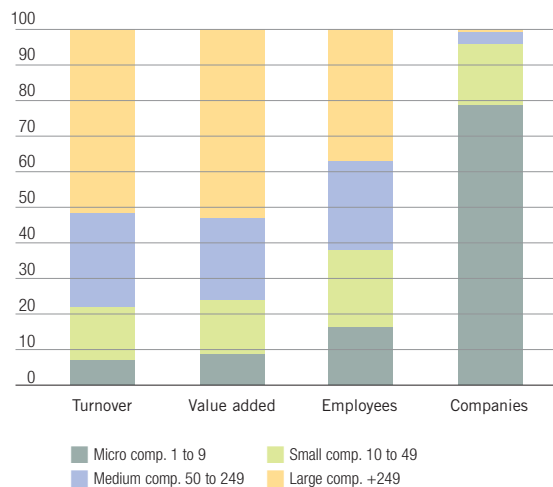
- The food and drink sector includes approximately 308,000 companies.
- The food and drink industry is composed of a diverse range of companies from SMEs (defined as having less than 250 employees) to large companies.
- The food and drink industry is a fragmented industry. SMEs make up 99.1% of the food and drink business population. These companies generate 48.5% of food and drink turnover and employ 63% of the sectorial workforce.
- Large companies account for 0.9% of all food and drink enterprises but they provide 51.5% of the turnover, 52.9% of the value added and contribute to 37% of the employment.

**Turnover, value added, employees and number of companies in the food and drink industry and in the manufacturing industry by size (%)**

		<i>Micro comp.</i>	<i>Small comp.</i>	<i>Medium comp.</i>	<i>SMEs</i>	<i>Large comp.</i>
		<b>1 to 9</b>	<b>10 to 49</b>	<b>50 to 249</b>		<b>+ 249</b>
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	6.0	12.7	21.0	39.7	60.3
	<b>Food and drink</b>	7.0	14.8	26.7	48.5	51.5
<b>Value added</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	7.4	15.5	22.4	45.3	54.7
	<b>Food and drink</b>	8.7	15.2	23.2	47.1	52.9
<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	14.0	20.6	24.7	59.3	40.7
	<b>Food and drink</b>	16.2	21.8	25.0	63.0	37.0
<b>Number of enterprises</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	80.6	15.0	3.6	99.2	0.8
	<b>Food and drink</b>	78.5	17.0	3.6	99.1	0.9

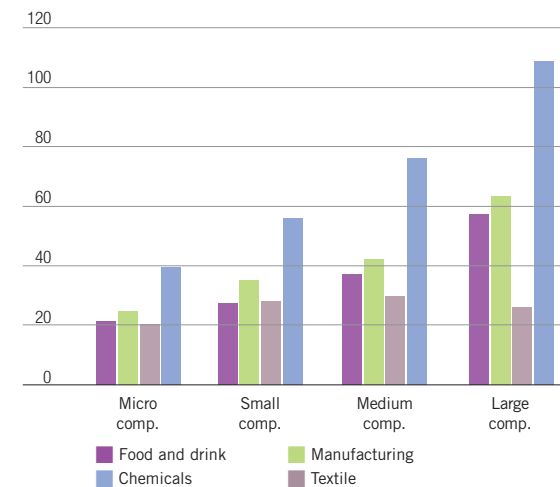
Source: Eurostat, SBS size-class, 2005 data

**Turnover, value added, employees and number of companies by size in the food and drink industry (%)**



Source: Eurostat, SBS size-class, 2005 data

**Labour productivity<sup>1</sup> by size in the manufacturing industry (€1000)**



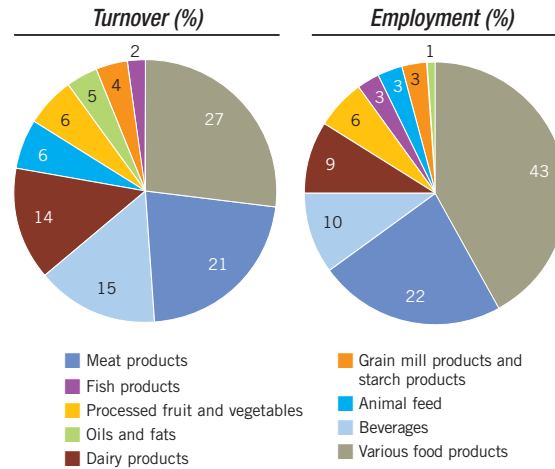
(1) Value added per employee

Source: Eurostat, SBS size-class, 2005 data

# Sectors of the food and drink industry

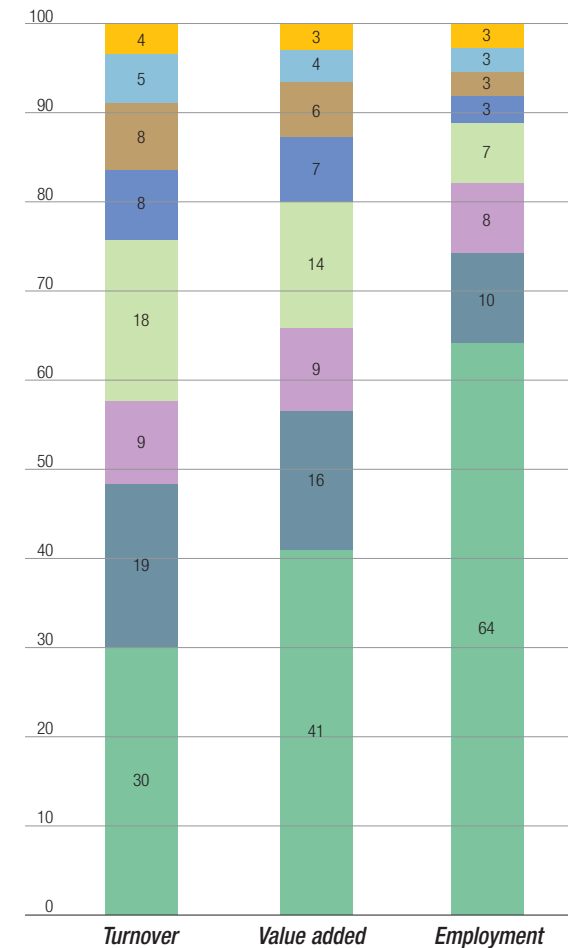
- The “various food products” category is the largest sub-sector, representing 27% of total turnover and 43% of the workforce. It is a heterogeneous group which includes bakery, pastry, chocolate and confectionery products as well as pasta and baby food.
- The meat sector, beverages and dairy products are also key branches of the industry and, together with the “various food products” category, they represent 77% of the total turnover and 84% of the total number of employees.

Distribution of turnover and employment in sub-sectors



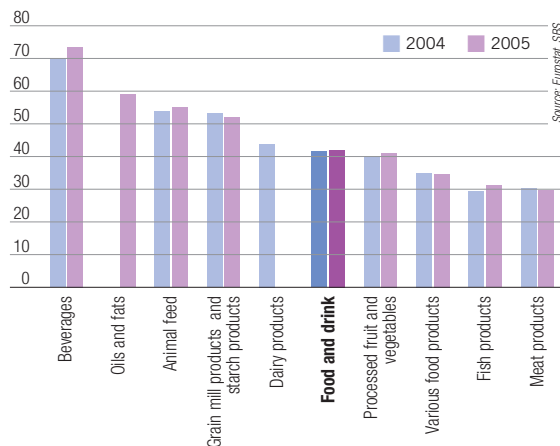
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Breakdown of the composition of the “various food products” category (% in terms of turnover, value added and employment)



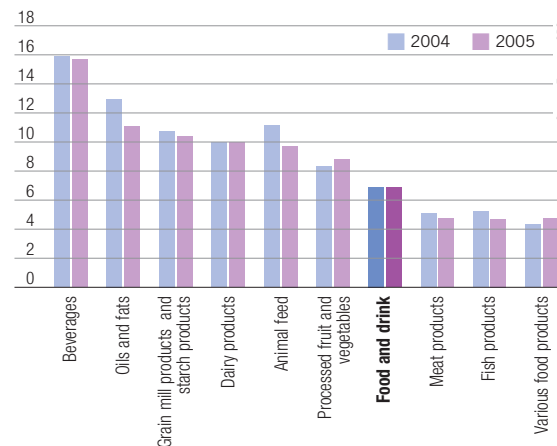
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Labour productivity<sup>1</sup>, 2004-2005 (€1000)



(1) Value added per employee

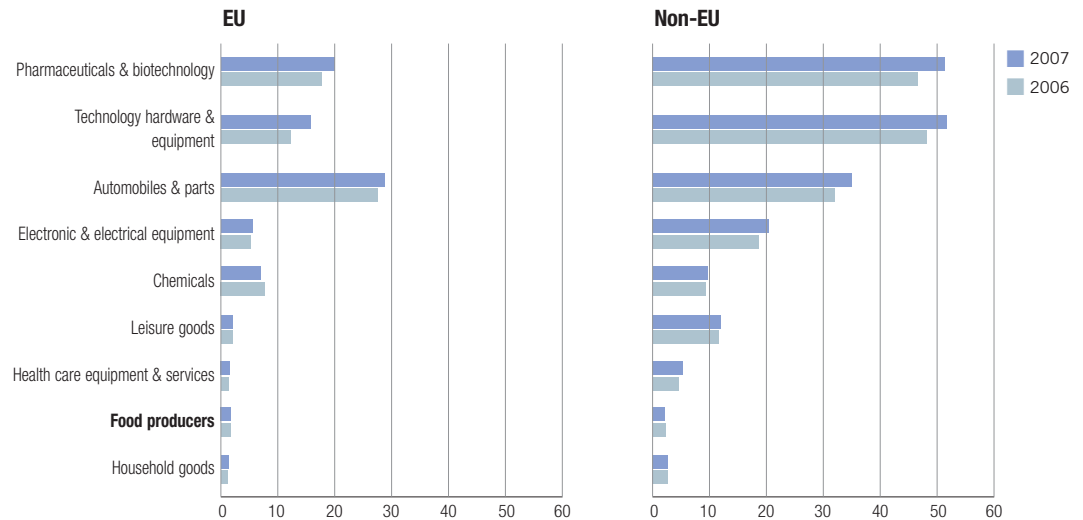
Investment per employee, 2004-2005 (€1000)



# R&D and innovation

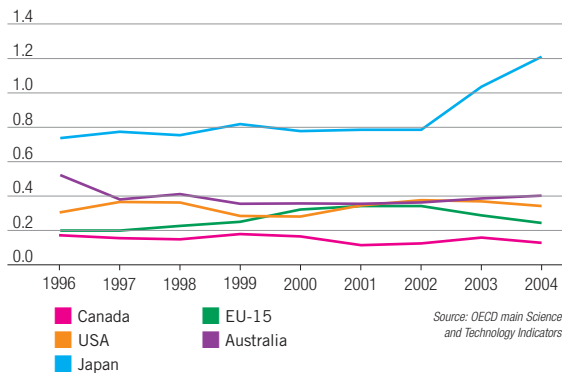
- R&D investment is traditionally very low in the food and drink industry, both in and outside the EU. In comparison with most other industries, R&D investment does not increase over the years.
- In 2004, Research and Development (R&D) investment by the EU-15 food and drink industry reached 0.24% of the total output, as compared to 0.29% in 2003, and it was below the R&D spending of the food and drink industries in most other developed countries.
- When comparing the research intensity of the largest EU and non-EU food and drink companies, the same trend emerges. There is, however, a substantial level of diverse innovation activity in the sector, much linked to small changes in products and processes. The sectors that are most active in innovation among the food and drink industry are dairy products, water and soft drinks, frozen foods, biscuits, snacks and cheeses with 5-10% product innovation.

R&D investment in EU and non-EU countries (€ billion)



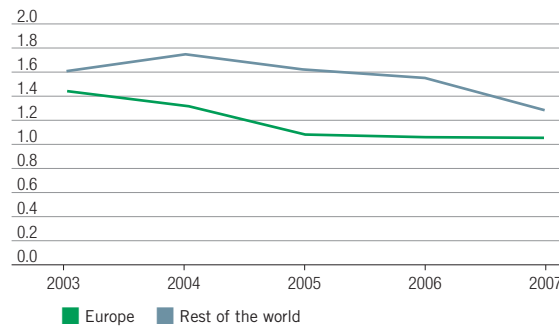
Source: 2008 EU R&D investment scoreboard, European Commission, JRC and DG RTD

R&D as a percentage of industry output for food and drink industries in various countries (%)



Source: OECD main Science and Technology Indicators

R&D intensity in EU and non-EU food and drink companies (%)



2006 & 2007: top 1000 EU and top 1000 non-EU companies, 2005: top 700 EU and top 700 non EU companies.

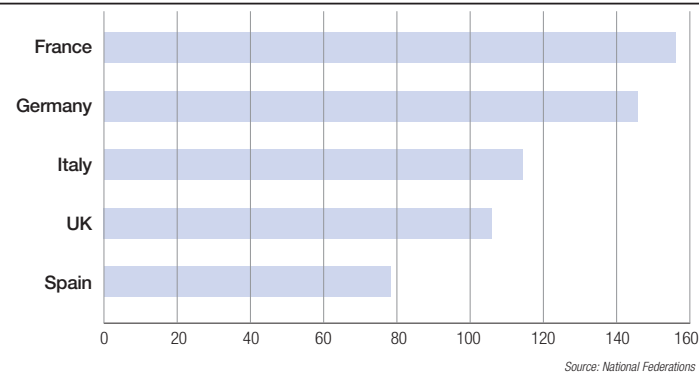
Source: Industrial R&D investment scoreboard, 2008.



# The food and drink industry in the 27 Member States

- The food and drink industry is a pillar of the EU economy. This sector features in the top 3 manufacturing activities in terms of sales in several Member States.
- France, Germany, Italy, the UK and Spain are the largest EU food and drink producers. Together they account for almost 70% of the total EU turnover.
- The table presents key available data. The sales growth rate registered important discrepancies between Member States. The number of employees pursued its downward trends in almost all Member States.

Top 5 Member States in terms of food and drink industry sales, 2007 (€ billion)



## Food and drink industry data as published by National Federations<sup>1</sup>

	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	GR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	UK	
<b>Net sales<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(€ billion)</b>																												
2006	10.4	33.2	2.8*	1.3*	9.7	138.2	21.0	1.1	77.4	9.0	144.3	11.2	7.4	23.3	110.0	2.5	0.7*	1.6	0.3	57.2	-	12.0	8.4	15.7	1.9	2.9	106.8	
2007	11.0	36.9	-	-	10.3	146.8	22.7	1.2	78.2	9.6	154.4	11.5	8.0	-	113.0	-	-	1.8	0.3	-	41.6	12.3	10.1	16.4	2.0	-	106.2	
2007/2006 (%)	↗5.7	↗11.2			↗6.2	↗6.2	↗8.1	↗4.5	↗0.9	↗6.7	↗7.0	↗2.7	↗7.6		↗2.7			↗14.0	↘-19.7			↗2.5	↗20.9	↗4.5	↗6.4		↘-0.6	
Rank <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

## Employment (thousand)

2006	58.9	90.0	101.0*	12.3*	126.5	532.1	68.4	17.3	486.0	35.3	414.0	72.0	107.0	44.3	260.0	50.7	4.4*	35.2	3.0	122.2	-	107.1	203.8	57.2	16.7	35.0	440.0
2007	58.0	89.6			121.9	531.5	66.0	17.3	487.6	34.8	415.0	72.1	101.5		256.0			33.0	2.9		420.0	108.5	206.7	55.9	15.2		438.0
2007/2006 (%)	↘-1.5	↘-0.4			↘-3.6	↘-0.1	↘-3.5		↗0.3	↘-1.4	↗0.2	↗0.1	↘-5.1		↘-1.5			↘-6.3	↘-5.1			↗1.3	↗1.4	↘-2.3	↘-8.8		↘-0.5

(1) or by National Statistics Institutes or Eurostat

(2) or production value (in current prices)

(3) Rank of the food and drink industry in the manufacturing activities in terms of turnover at national level

(\*) 2005 data

Source: National Federations and CIAA (details available on request)

# Markets and consumption

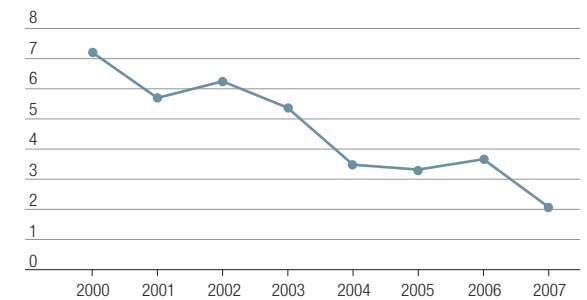
## EU key trade figures (€ million)

	2005	2006/2005	2006	2007/2006	2007
<b>Export</b>	46,929	↗10.8%	51,998	↗5.1%	54,672
<b>Import</b>	43,602	↗10.6%	48,237	↗9.2%	52,655
<b>Balance</b>	3,327		3,761		2,017

Source: Eurostat, Comext

- The EU is a net exporter of food and drink products with a positive trade balance of €2 billion in 2007, which is significantly lower than previous years. The trade surplus decreased by 46% compared to last year, resulting from a significantly higher increase of imports (9%) than of exports (5%).
- With 21% of all EU exports, the US is the number one customer of the European food and drink industries. Exports to China continue to increase rapidly with an increase of 28% in 2007, corresponding to approximately €1,25 billion. Even though exports to Russia continue to increase, they grew less rapidly than during previous years: only 12% in 2007 compared to 24% in 2006.
- Imports from Brazil and Argentina remain important and account for 20% of total EU food and drink imports. Emerging economies present the steepest growth of imports to the EU, in particular Malaysia (24%), Vietnam (21%) and Thailand (19%).
- EU food and drink imports decreased only for a couple of countries such as Canada (-8%) and the US (-2%).

## EU food and drink trade surplus, 2000-2007 (€billion)



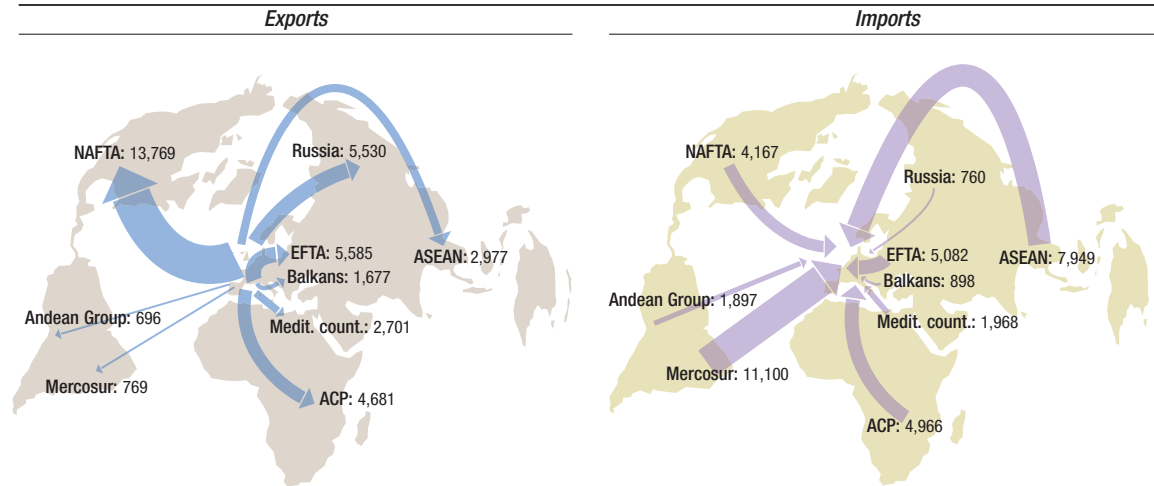
Source: Eurostat, Comext

## Top EU trading partners, 2007 (€ million)

Export			Import		
		'07/'06			'07/'06
USA	11,251	-3.0%	Brazil	5,945	13.4%
Russia	5,530	11.9%	Argentina	4,828	10.9%
Switzerland	3,555	6.5%	China	3,201	17.5%
Japan	3,251	-5.9%	USA	3,122	-2.1%
Canada	1,888	2.6%	Switzerland	2,364	18.7%
Norway	1,831	12.1%	Thailand	1,917	18.6%
Australia	1,287	9.0%	Turkey	1,732	1.0%
China	1,245	28.4%	Indonesia	1,666	14.7%
Saudi Arabia	1,193	8.4%	New Zealand	1,609	0.6%
South Korea	1,118	4.0%	Norway	1,567	6.2%

Source: Eurostat, Comext

## EU trade by region, 2007 (€ million)



Note: ACP: Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries; Andean Group: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela; ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations; EFTA: European Free Trade Area; Mercosur: Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay; NAFTA: Canada, USA, Mexico.

Source: Eurostat, Comext

## Exports to emerging countries, 2000-2007

	Rank <sup>1</sup>	2007 € million	2007/2000
China	8	1,245	183%
South Korea	10	1,118	49%
Ukraine	15	767	136%
South Africa	19	631	117%
Mexico	20	629	0%
Brazil	21	625	24%
Thailand	25	460	16%
Malaysia	28	337	19%
Indonesia	34	285	-4%
Vietnam	37	234	126%
India	49	159	80%
Chile	60	117	41%
Argentina	80	77	-58%

(1) Rank in top countries of destination for EU food and drink exports

Source: Eurostat, Comext

## Imports from emerging countries, 2000-2007

	Rank <sup>2</sup>	2007 € million	2007/2000
Brazil	1	5,945	52%
Argentina	2	4,828	63%
China	3	3,201	110%
Thailand	6	1,917	52%
Indonesia	8	1,666	49%
Malaysia	11	1,467	118%
Chile	12	1,354	100%
India	14	1,168	79%
Ukraine	17	843	248%
South Africa	18	787	34%
Vietnam	21	724	321%
Mexico	30	323	71%
South Korea	53	121	10%

(2) Rank in top countries of origin for EU food and drink imports

Source: Eurostat, Comext

# Extra-EU trade by sector in 2007

## Top EU food and drink products exports and imports, 2007 (€ million)

Exports			Imports		
		Rank <sup>1</sup> in 2000			Rank <sup>2</sup> in 2000
Spirits	6,642	1	Oilcake (soybean)	4,894	1
Wine	6,012	2	Fish filets	4,276	3
Food preparations	3,184	6	Frozen, cooked crustaceans	3,999	2
Cheese	2,438	5	Palm oil	2,857	15
Concentrated milk	2,069	3	Wine	2,712	4
Animal feed/pet foods	2,019	9	Prepared fish	1,976	6
Malting beer	2,003	7	Fruit juices	1,670	5
Pork meat fresh, frozen	1,993	4	Fresh, frozen beef meat	1,565	10
Malt extract, prepared	1,857	10	Frozen fish	1,461	7
Chocolate	1,847	12	Sugars	1,375	8
Soft drinks	1,669	31	Other prepared fruit	1,268	12
Pastries or biscuits	1,664	11	Coconut oil	1,253	17
Olive oil	1,262	14	Prepared meat	1,162	20
			Meat of sheep or goats	1,093	9

Source: Eurostat, Comext  
(1) Rank of the same product within top exports in 2000

(2) rank of the same product within top imports in 2000

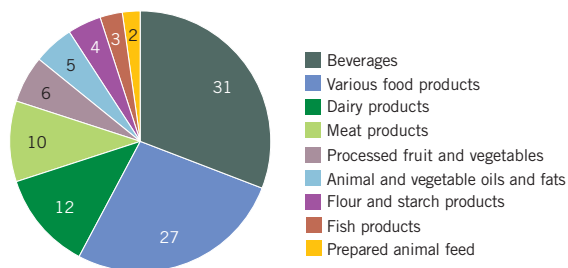
- “Beverages” and “various food products” (including goods like chocolate, biscuits, confectionery, pasta, prepared meals, etc..) accounted for almost 60% of EU food and drink exports. Together, they generated a trade balance of almost €22 billion.
- After record growth rates in 2006, exports of spirits and wine grew at lower, though still significant rates of 3% and 8% respectively.
- The greatest export growth rate was recorded by the dairy sector (20%), which stands in sharp contrast to the decrease of dairy exports of 5% in 2006.
- Animal feed exports increased by 17%, while exports of chocolate and sugar confectionery (9%), mineral waters and soft drinks (7%) also grew significantly.
- It is worth noting that, in each sector, high value added products, such as cheese and soft drinks, recorded significant sales' growth on non-EU country markets at the expense of goods with lower added value.

## Exports by sector 2006-2007 (€ million)

	2006	2007	'07/'06
<b>Beverages</b>	16,767	17,832	↗6%
<i>of which</i> spirits	6,388	6,610	↗3%
wines	5,482	5,936	↗8%
mineral waters and soft drinks	2,124	2,290	↗7%
<b>Various food products</b>	15,943	15,565	↘-2%
<i>of which</i> biscuits, preserved pastry goods	1,327	1,314	↘-1%
Chocolate and sugar confectionery	2,731	3,001	↗9%
<b>Dairy products</b>	5,244	6,552	↗20%
<b>Meat products</b>	5,383	5,386	↗0%
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>	3,073	3,236	↗5%
<b>Animal and vegetable oils and fats</b>	2,561	2,540	↘-1%
<b>Flour and starch products</b>	1,925	1,973	↗2%
<b>Fish products</b>	2,039	1,773	↘-15%
<b>Animal feeds</b>	938	1,128	↗17%

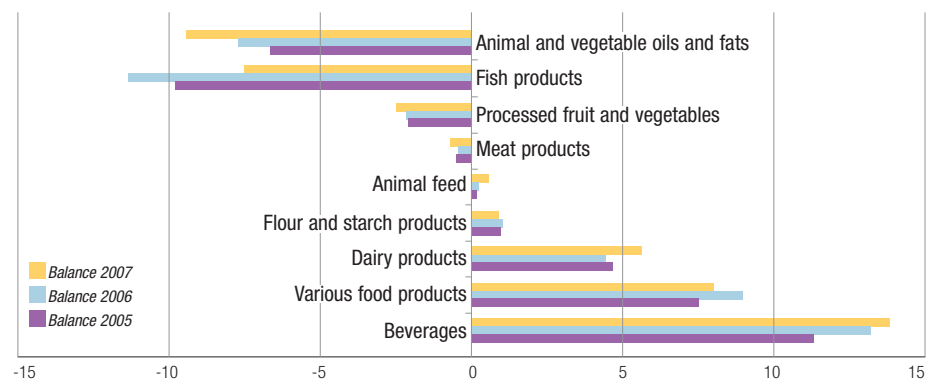
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## Share of main sectors in the EU food and drink exports in 2007 (%)



Source: Eurostat, Comext

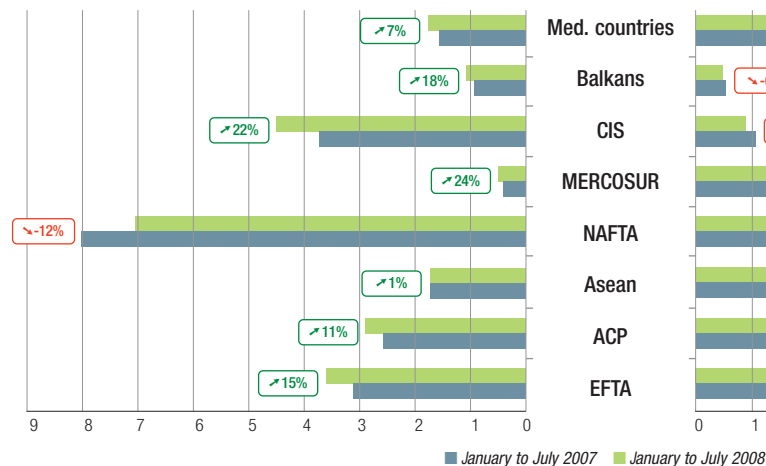
## EU food and drink sectors' balance, 2005-2007 (€ billion)



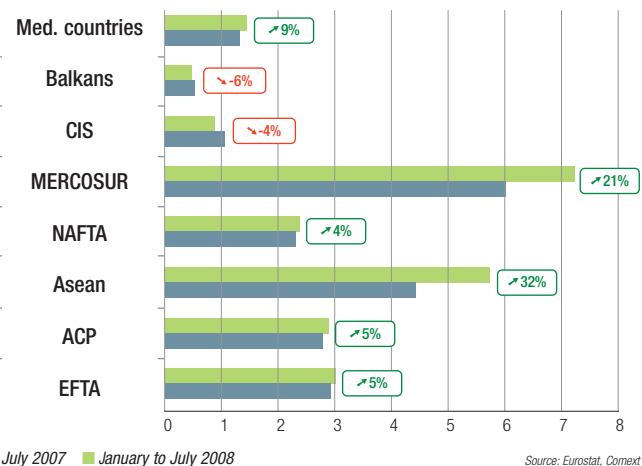
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- During the first 7 months of 2008, the value of EU food and drink sales outside the EU increased significantly, reaching a growth rate of almost 9%. However, during the same period, food and drink imports into the EU grew even more (14%). As a result, the EU balance presents a trade deficit of €305 million for the first 7 months of 2008.
- The steep increase in imports results almost entirely from increased imports from ASEAN and Mercosur economies. This can in particular be explained by increased imports of oilcake and palm oil (75% and 63%). Other food products also show important growth rates of imports (prepared meat and fruit notably).
- While exports of beverages decreased during the first 7 months of 2007, exports of dairy products (5%), wines (7%), meat (16%) and animal and vegetable oils (20%) increased significantly.

### Exports to major trading blocs (€ billion)



### Imports from major trading blocs (€ billion)



Source: Eurostat, Comext

### EU key trade figures (€ million)

	2007	January to July 2008	2008/2007
Export	30,328	32,971	+8.7%
Import	29,239	33,276	+13.8%
Balance	1,089	-305	

Source: Eurostat, Comext

### Top EU food and drink products' exports and imports, January to July 2007-2008 (€ million)

	Exports		
	2007	January to July 2008	2008/2007
Wine	3,288	3,528	+7%
Spirits	3,662	3,377	-8%
Food preparations	1,857	1,865	0%
Concentrated milk	1,262	1,502	+19%
Pork meat	1,112	1,493	+34%
Cheese	1,321	1,480	+12%
Malt extract	1,036	1,215	+17%
Beer	1,191	1,184	-1%
Chocolate	847	868	+3%
Soft drinks	980	857	-13%
Olive oil	747	732	-2%
Frozen fish	501	638	+27%
Prepared vegetables	522	552	+6%

Source: Eurostat, Comext

	Imports		
	2007	January to July 2008	2008/2007
Oilcake (soybean)	2,170	3,797	+75%
Fish fillets	2,087	2,332	+12%
Palm oil	1,260	2,058	+63%
Processed crustaceans	1,840	2,046	+11%
Wine	1,314	1,361	+4%
Prepared fish	1,000	1,242	+24%
Coconut oil	611	832	+36%
Fruit juices	822	824	0%
Prepared meat	567	793	+40%
Prepared fruit	571	788	+38%
Cane or beet sugar	636	776	+22%
Frozen fish	758	759	0%
Meat of sheep, goats	640	756	+18%

Source: Eurostat, Comext

# Prices of agricultural raw materials and food products

- In 2006, prices of key raw materials increased significantly resulting in rising costs throughout the food supply chain. Raw material prices continued to go up in 2007 often doubling their pre-2006 levels. Mid-2007 the prices of dairy products started to go down dramatically. The prices of almost all other raw materials continued to increase until the end of 2007. At the beginning of 2008, their prices started to decline as well. Only the cost of oilseeds and oilseed products continued to increase until the spring of 2008. Currently most raw material prices are lower than last year, but still higher than in 2006. The prices of cocoa and coffee remain high.
- Food prices have on average risen more than the all-items inflation rate during the last year, even though it appears that growth rates are getting closer to each other. Currently the all-items inflation between October 2006 and October 2007 is 3.7%, while the food prices have gone up by 5.6%.

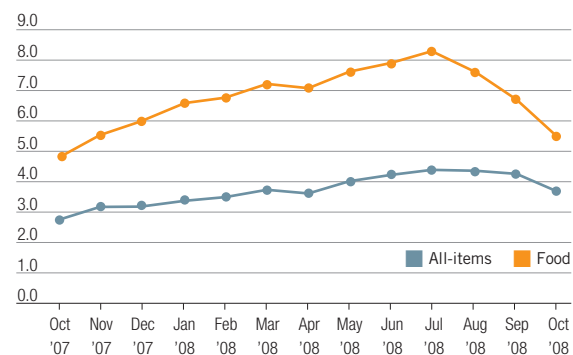
There are considerable price variations between Member States. Consumers in new Member States face the highest inflation rates, both for food and all-items.

## World and EU market prices for selected commodities and agricultural raw materials, 2007-2008

Market Price for	Oct '08 / Oct '07
Skimmed milk powder, fob Oceania	-48.3%
Skimmed milk powder, EU	-42.0%
Butter, fob Oceania	-21.3%
Butter, EU	-43.3%
Maize, fob US Gulf	8.5%
Wheat, fob US Gulf	-42.4%
Wheat, EU	-32.4%
Soybeans, US, cif Rotterdam	-13.5%
Sunflower seed, EU	-44.5%
Rape seed, EU	-16.7%
Soybean oil, EU	-9.6%
Rapeseed oil, EU	-12.9%
Sunflower seed oil, EU	-30.9%
Sugar, London daily Nr.5	37.8%
Beef, Australia, Cif US*	26.0%
Beef, EU	12.3%
Pork, US**	-10.8%
Pork, EU	23.8%
Poultry, US*	13.4%
Poultry, EU*	-5.4%
World price for coffee	8.2%
World price for cocoa	16.2%

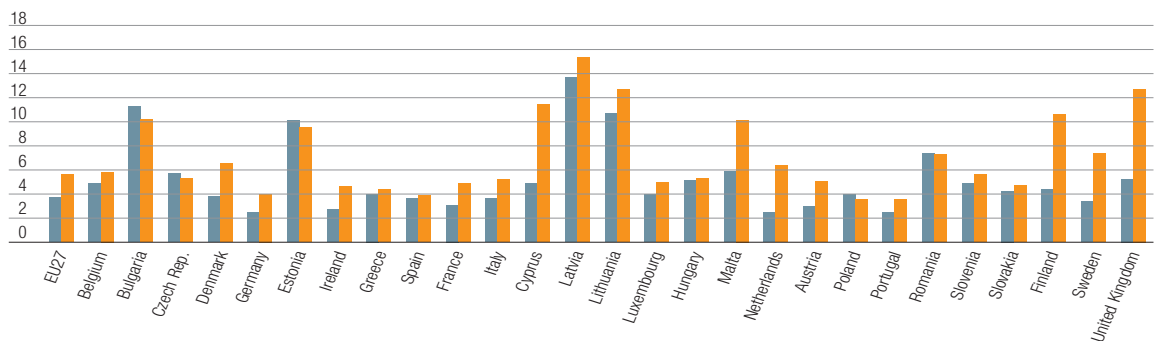
(\*) Sept '08/Sept '07 (\*\*) May'08/May '07 Source: CIAA (details available on request). For the EU, different EU market references have been used. Growth rates are based on prices in euro for EU markets and in dollar for non-EU markets.

## Monthly comparison between food prices and consumer price inflation<sup>1</sup> in the EU, 2007-2008 (month/month-12)



(1) Inflation measured by the annual average rate of change of the harmonised index of consumer prices for all items Sources: Eurostat, Harmonised indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)

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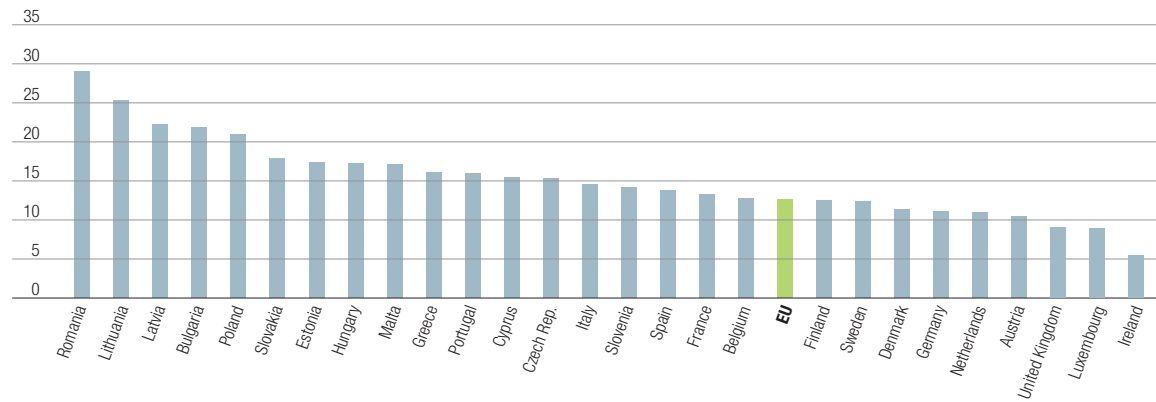
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# Consumption of food and drink products

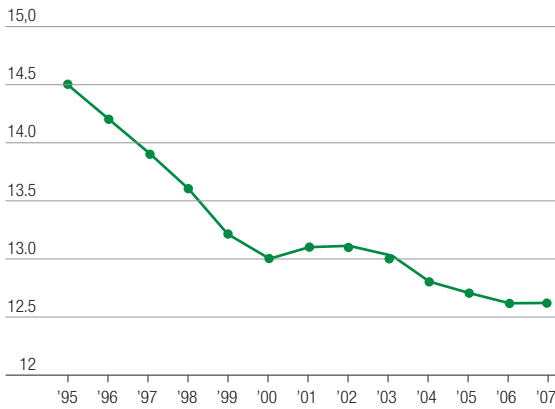
- In 2007, households spent on average 12.6% of their expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages. This is similar to the 2006 percentage. Since 1995, this percentage has declined by 2 percentage points.
- Foodstuffs rank third in the consumption expenditure of households by category, after “housing, water and energy” and “transport” (21.5% and 13.6% respectively in 2007).
- The highest share of food expenditure is found in new Member States where the budget spent on food varies from 14.2% to 29.1%.

**Household consumption expenditure in the EU: food and non-alcoholic beverages, 2007<sup>1</sup>**  
(% of total household consumption expenditure)



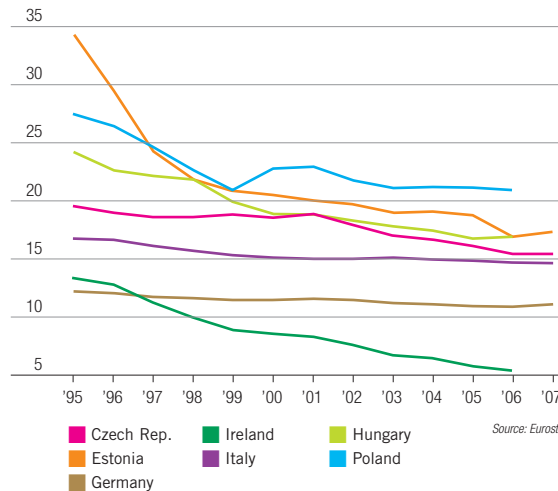
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**Share of the household expenditure spent on food and non-alcoholic beverages in the EU, 1995-2007 (%)**



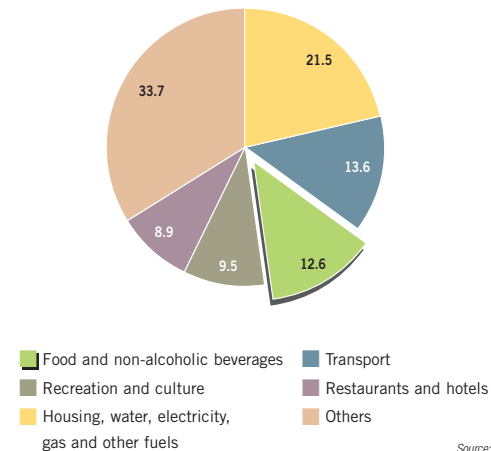
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**Share of the household expenditure spent on food and non-alcoholic beverages in some Member States, 1995-2007 (%)**



Source: Eurostat

**Consumption expenditure of households on goods and services, 2007 (% of total household consumption expenditure)**



Source: Eurostat

- The food chain connects three economically important sectors: the agricultural sector, the food and drink industry and the retail sector. Together they account for 6% of the EU value added and 12% of the EU employment.
- In 2005, they generated a total value added of about €650 billion and provided employment for 32 million people.
- The food and drink industry generates more than one quarter of the turnover and the value added of the whole food chain whereas its share in terms of employment is much less.

## Structural overview of the food chain

		<i>Agricultural holdings</i>	<i>Food and drink manufacturers</i>	<i>Wholesale of food and drinks</i>	<i>Specialised food and drink retailers</i>	<i>Non-specialised food and drink retailers</i>	<i>Restaurants, bars, canteens, catering</i>
<b>Number of operators</b>	x 1000	14,406	310	211	443	475	1,392
<b>Number of persons employed</b>	million	12.7 <sup>1</sup>	4.7	1.8	1.3	5.1	6.7
<b>Turnover</b>	€ billion	319	850	717	104	800	279
<b>Value added</b>	€ billion	149	188	72	21	110	110

<sup>(1)</sup> expressed in annual work units, which are full-time labour equivalents.

Source: Eurostat and CIAA, 2005 (details available on request)

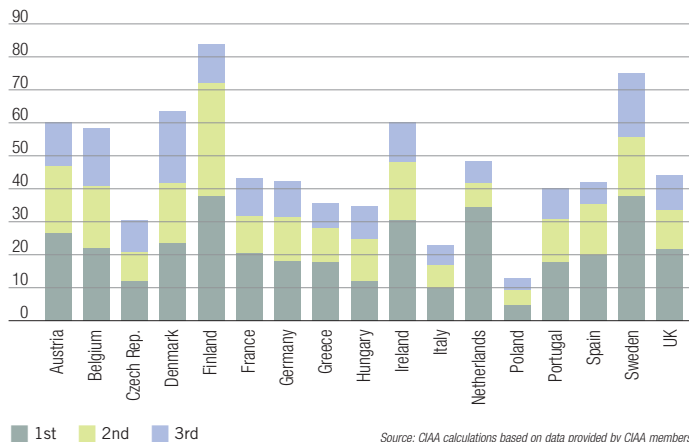


■ In Europe, the food retail markets are very concentrated. In almost every EU country the three largest retailers represent at least 30% percent of the market. In many countries they actually account for 40% reaching up to 60 % in Western European countries such as Austria and Belgium and over 70 and even 80 % in the Nordic countries.

These high concentration rates stand in contrast to the very fragmented food and drink processing industry. Food and drink industries, particularly SMEs, face considerable pressure from retailers on product prices.

■ During recent years the share of private label products (labels developed by retailers or wholesalers) has increased significantly reaching 48% in traditional retailers and 94% in discounters. Between 2006 and 2007 the share of private labels increased in almost every top 30 retailer. Retailers selling private labels have more control over pricing. As a result the bargaining power of the food and drink industry declines when the share of private labels of a retailer increases.

**Current market share of the three largest retailers in various Member States**



**Private label share of the world's top 30 retailers by retail banner sales**

Rank	Company	Private label share 2007* (%)	Change 07/06
1	Wal-Mart	38	↗
2	Carrefour	35	↗
3	Metro Group	17	↗
4	Tesco	48	↗
5	Ahold	24	↗
6	Seven & I <sup>1</sup>	28	↗
7	Costco	16	↗
8	Sears	42	=
9	Kroger	25	=
10	Target	17	↗
11	Rewe	27	↗
12	Schwarz Group	61	↗
13	Auchan	25	↗
14	Casino	32	↗
15	AEON	21	↗
16	Walgreens	12	=
17	Aldi	94	=
18	CVS	13	=
19	Edeka	14	↗
20	Leclerc	32	↗
21	Safeway (USA)	25	=
22	SuperValu	18	↗
23	Best Buy	8	=
24	ITM (Intermarché)	37	↗
25	Sainsbury	46	↗
26	Woolworths (AUS)	13	↗
27	Tengelmann	35	↗
28	Coles Group	15	↗
29	Rite Aid	13	=
30	El Corte Inglés	23	↗

(\*) estimate.  
(1) Seven & I includes consolidated operations only.

Source: Planet Retail Ltd - www.planetretail.net

# World trends

## Food and drink industry worldwide, 2007

	<i>Total sales* (€ billion)</i>	<i>Total sales compared to previous year (%)</i>	<i>% of total manufacturing sales</i>	<i>Employees (x1000)</i>
<b>Australia</b>	49	1.1	21.2	191
<b>Brazil</b>	87	10.7	17.7	1,323
<b>Canada</b>	56	2.2	13.5	272
<b>China</b>	234	12.4	7.3	5,358
<b>Japan</b>	200	1.2	10.0	1,352
<b>Mexico</b>	38	11.2	23.9	374
<b>New Zealand</b>	17	1.0	31.0	76
<b>United States</b>	496	0.5	12.4	1,542

(\*) For Mexico and the US 2006

Source: CIAA (details available on request)

- Over recent years, the EU food and drink industry's sales have been growing by around 3% per annum. International comparisons show that, contrary to the EU or the US, other food and drink producers are expanding considerably. This is in particular the case in Asia where the Chinese food processing industry recorded a double digit growth rate over the same period.

## Productivity of the food and drink industry worldwide, 2007<sup>1</sup>

	<i>Productivity (output in € per employee)</i>
USA	322
Australia	256
New Zealand	220
Canada	205
<b>EU</b>	<b>157</b>
Japan	148
Mexico	103
Brazil	59
China	42

(\*) For Mexico and the US 2006

Source: CIAA (details available on request)

# EU food and drink products on world markets

- EU plays a key role in world trade. It is the world largest exporter and importer in food and drink products worldwide (excluding intra-EU trade).
- The EU share of the global export market for food and drink products has been shrinking over the last ten years (from 24.6% to 19.8%) due to strong competition from other exporters such as Brazil and China.
- Compared to the US, the EU external trade balance has resisted over the last ten years much better to the pressure from emerging economies. However, in 2007, the EU trade surplus decreased significantly (from \$7.1 to \$3.4 billion), while the US deficit decreased (from \$-23.5 to \$-20.4 billion).
- The performance of EU products in expanding markets like China and Brazil, measured as the share of food and drink imports originating from the EU compared to the share of imports originating from other countries, remains stable in most countries, except in Brazil, where a considerable decrease of market share occurred.

**Top 15 exporters of food and drink products, 2007**

	Exports (\$ billion)	Share in world (%)
EU	74.3	19.8
United States	43.0	11.5
Brazil	27.6	7.4
China	24.5	6.5
Argentina	17.7	4.7
Canada	17.1	4.6
Thailand	16.7	4.5
Australia	13.7	3.6
New Zealand	0.5	3.3
Indonesia	10.5	2.8
Malaysia	10.0	2.7
Mexico	8.3	2.2
India	7.5	2.0
Vietnam	7.0	1.9
Norway	4.2	1.1

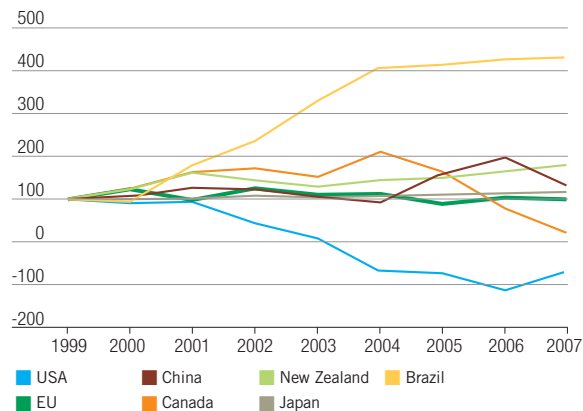
**Top 15 importers of food and drink products, 2007**

	Imports (\$ billion)	Share in world (%)
EU	70.9	18.8
United States	63.4	16.8
Japan	36.2	9.6
China	19.3	5.1
Russia	17.5	4.6
Canada	16.6	4.4
Mexico	10.8	2.9
South Korea	10.7	2.8
Hong Kong, China	8.0	2.1
Saudi Arabia	6.9	1.8
Australia	6.7	1.8
Switzerland	6.2	1.6
Singapore	5.4	1.4
Malaysia	4.6	1.2
Taiwan	4.5	1.2

*Intra-EU is excluded from world trade*

*Source: WITS database*

**Evolution of the external trade balance of various food and drink industries (1999=100)**

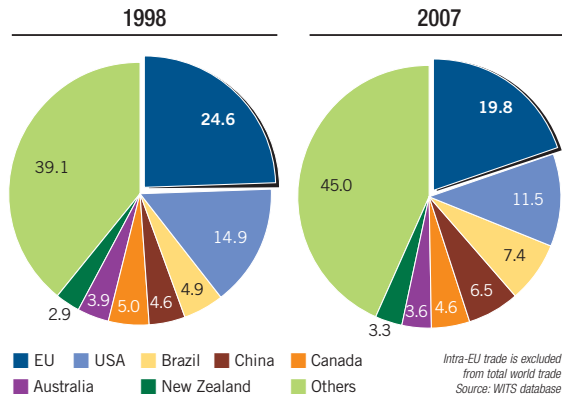


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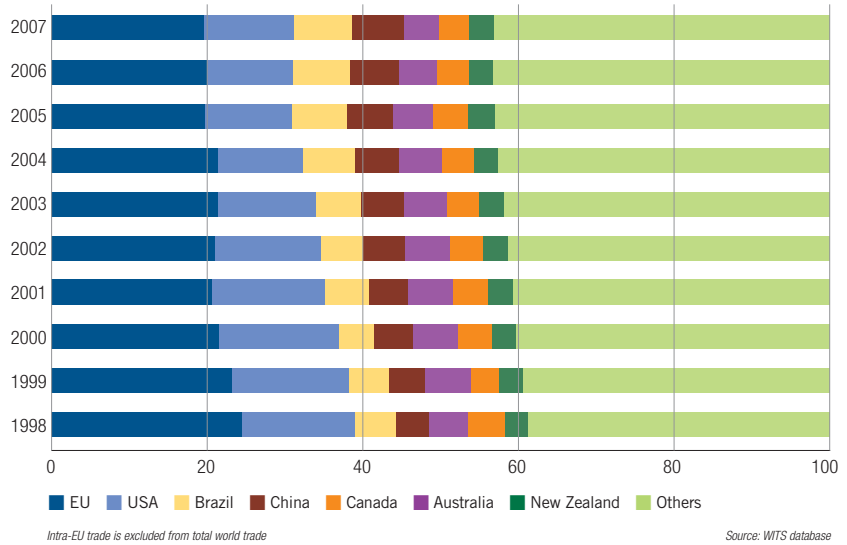
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# EU food and drink products on world markets

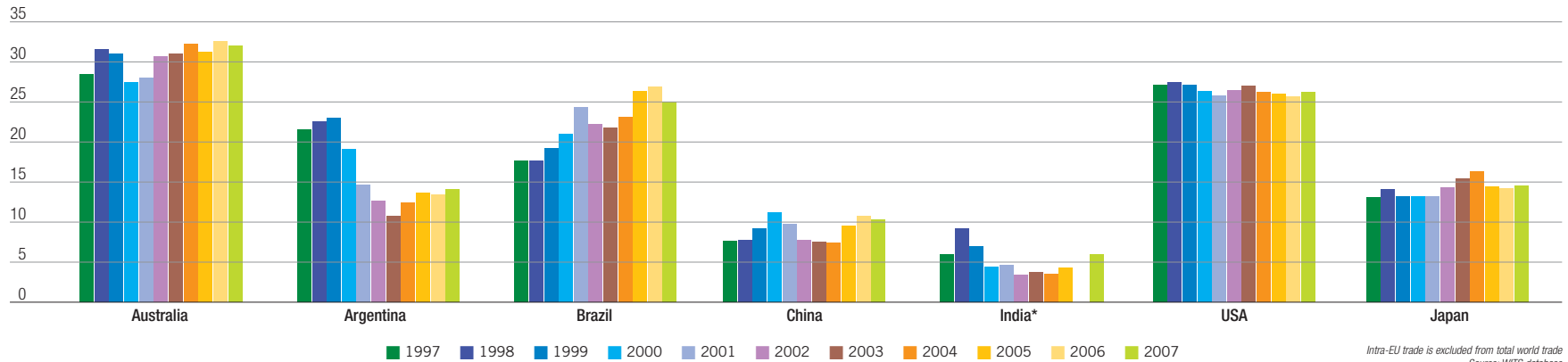
Market shares of world food and drink exports, 1998-2007 (%)



Share of various countries in world food and drink exports (% of total)



Share of EU-25 products in total food and drink imports of various countries, 1997-2007 (%)



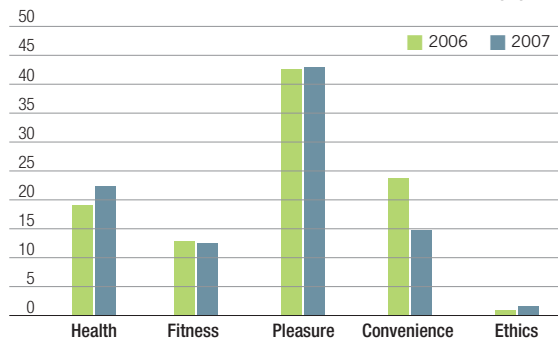
- Innovation can be divided into 15 trends, grouped together in 5 categories: pleasure, health, fitness, convenience and ethics.
- Pleasure-driven innovation is dominant in Europe (43%). It is followed by the health category (22.5%) that overtook the convenience category in 2007.
- In 2007, at European and world level, the health axis as a driver for innovation had the largest increase. The concepts with naturality boosted the health axis. The pleasure axis progressed in 2007, thanks to the sophistication and variety of senses trends.
- Worldwide, dairy sectors confirm their place as leaders in innovation. Biscuits, chocolated products and ready meals registered increases while sweets, cheeses and soft drinks showed downward trends in innovation.

Share of the main trends within the categories for innovation in Europe, 2006-2007 (%)

Category	Trends	2006	2007
Pleasure	Sophistication	18.6	19.8
	Exotism	7.8	5.8
	Variety of senses	10.2	12.2
	Fun	6.1	5.2
Health	Medical	10.1	11.1
	Naturality	7.8	9.4
	Vegetarianism	1.0	2.0
Fitness	Diet	11.3	10.7
	Energy, well-being	1.8	1.9
	Cosmetics	0.1	0.3
Convenience	Easy to handle	11.4	11.4
	Time saving	8.9	6.2
	Nomadism	3.7	2.3
Ethics	Ecology/citizenship	1.1	1.5

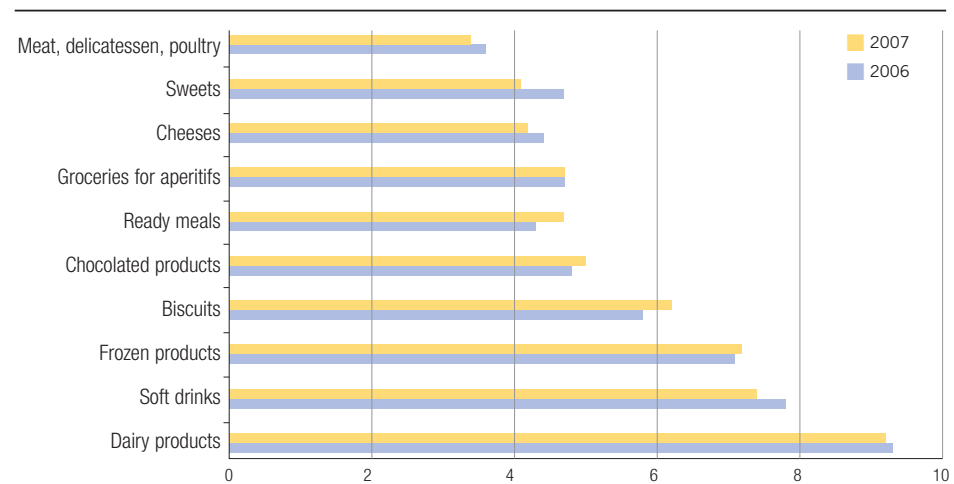
Source: XTC world innovation 2008 (www.xtcworldinnovation.com)

Share of the drivers for innovation in Europe, 2006-2007 (%)



Source: XTC world innovation 2008 (www.xtcworldinnovation.com)

The most innovating sectors worldwide, 2006-2007 (share in %)



Source: XTC world innovation 2008 (www.xtcworldinnovation.com)

# The top world and EU food and drink companies

## Ranking of world agri-food companies by global food and drink sales

Name	Head-quarter	Year end	Sales in € billion	Growth to previous year (%)	Employees (x1000)	Main sectors
Cargill*	US	May07	79.4	36.0	160.0	Multi-product
Nestlé	CH	Dec07	53.2	-9.1	265.0	Multi-product
PepsiCo Inc.	US	Dec07	28.9	12.0	185.0	Beverages, snacks
Kraft Foods Inc.	US	Dec07	27.3	8.4	103.0	dairy, snacks, beverages
The Coca-Cola Company	US	Dec07	21.1	9.7	94.0	Beverages
Unilever Plc/Unilever NV	NL/UK	Dec07	19.8	-7.8	49.0	Multi-product
Tyson Foods Inc.	US	Sep07	19.7	-3.7	179.0	Meat
Mars Inc.	US	Dec07	17.7	5.6	48.0	Prepared foods, confectionery
Archer Daniels Midland	US	Jun07	14.6	-46.6	27.0	Cereal processing
InBev SA	BE	Dec07	13.6	2.1	86.0	Beer
Groupe Danone	FR	Dec07	12.8	9.7	76.0	Dairy, waters, baby & med. nutrition
SABMiller Plc	US	Mar07	12.6	2.9	60.0	Beer
Heineken N.V.	NL	Dec07	12.6	6.2	54.0	Beer
Anheuser-Busch Company Inc.	US	Dec07	11.7	-7.2	30.8	Beer, beverages
Cadbury Plc	UK	Dec07	11.6	6.1	50.0	Beer, confectionery
General Mills Inc.	US	May08	10.9	10.6	29.5	Prepared foods
Diageo Plc	UK	Jun07	10.0	-30.1	22.0	Alcoholic beverages
Kirin Brewery Company Ltd	JP	Dec07	9.6	-12.4	34.5	Beer, alcoholic beverages
Lactalis	FR	Dec07	8.7	15.0	34.5	Dairy products
Dean Foods Company	US	Dec07	8.6	22.5	26.0	Dairy products
Kellogg Company	US	Dec07	8.6	8.0	32.0	Breakfast Cereals, convenience foods
Asahi Breweries Ltd.	JP	Dec07	8.5	-8.0	16.6	Beer, alcoholic beverages
ConAgra Foods Inc.	US	May08	8.5	-27.1	25.0	Prepared foods
Suntory Ltd.	JP	Dec07	8.3	-18.5	20.8	Alcoholic beverages
Smithfield Foods Inc.	US	Apr08	7.6	-16.5	57.0	Meat, processed foods
Associated British Food	UK	Sep07	7.5	8.5	96.0	Sugar, starch, prepared foods
Sara Lee Corporation	US	Jun07	7.5	-18.5	44.0	Prepared foods
Fonterra	NZL	May07	7.4	9.0	11.0	Dairy products
HJ Heinz Company	US	Apr08	7.1	3.0	35.1	Prepared foods
Vion	NL	Dec07	7.0	2.6	26.0	Multi-products, ingredients

(\*) Cargill sales include food, agricultural and risk management products and services.

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Name	Head-quarter	Year end	Sales in € billion	Growth to previous year (%)	Employees (x1000)	Main sectors
Nestlé	CH	Dec07	19.5	-14.1	54.4	Multi-product
Heineken N.V.	NL	Dec07	9.1	4.9	36.7	Beer
Unilever Plc/Unilever NV	NL/UK	Dec07	8.8	2.8	43.0	Multi-product
Lactalis	FR	Dec07	8.5	33.5	30.7	Dairy products
Groupe Danone	FR	Dec07	7.4	7.4	32.4	Dairy, waters, baby & med. nutrition
Vion	NL	Dec07	6.4	-0.1	23.8	Multi-products, ingredients
Danish Crown	DK	Oct07	6.3	-3.5	25.0	Meat products
Sudzucker	DE	Feb08	5.8	0.3	18.6	Sugar, multi-product
Carlsberg	DK	Dec07	5.7	9.0	17.0	Beer
Royal Friesland Foods N.V.	NL	Dec07	5.1	8.6	9.3	Dairy products
Associated British Food	UK	Sept06	5.0	18.4	46.0	Sugar, starch, prepared foods
Ferrero	IT	Dec07	5.0	8.7	19.0	Confectionery
Campina	NL	Dec07	4.0	11.3	6.9	Dairy products
Nutreco	NL	Dec07	4.0	32.1	9.1	Meat products
Diageo Plc	UK	June08	3.9	11.6	0.7	Alcoholic beverages
Barilla	IT	Dec07	3.8	6.2	17.0	Beverages, confectionery
Oetker-Group	DE	Dec07	3.6	1.1	15.7	Multi-product
Kerry Group	IR	Dec07	3.1	1.5	14.3	Multi-product
Cadbury Plc	UK	Dec07	3.0	5.7	23.5	Confectionery
Pernod Ricard	FR	June08	2.9	8.6	8.9	Alcoholic beverages
Tate&Lyle	UK	March08	2.8	4.2	6.3	Ingredients, prepared foods
Bongrain	FR	Dec07	2.7	8.4	15.5	Dairy products
InBev SA	BE	Dec07	2.6	5.7	5.6	Beer
Danisco	DK	April08	2.5	0.0	4.2	Ingredients
Ebro Puleva	ES	Dec07	2.1	5.5	7.2	Rice, sugar, dairy

# CIAA members

## National Federations

### **Austria**

FIAA – Fachverband Lebensmittelindustrie

### **Belgium**

FEVIA – Fédération de l'Industrie Alimentaire /  
Federatie Voedingsindustrie

### **Czech Republic**

PKCR – Potravinářská Komora České Republiky

### **Denmark**

FI – Foedevareindustrien

### **Estonia**

ETL – Eesti Toiduainetööstuse Liit

### **Finland**

ETL – Elintarviketeollisuusliitto

### **France**

ANIA – Association Nationale des Industries Alimentaires

### **Germany**

BLL – Bund für Lebensmittelrecht und  
Lebensmittelkunde  
BVE – Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen  
Ernährungsindustrie

### **Greece**

SEVT – Σύνδεσμος Ελληνικών Βιομηχανιών Τροφίμων /  
Federation of Hellenic Food Industries

### **Hungary**

EFO SZ – Élelmiszerfeldolgozók Országos Szövetsége

### **Ireland**

FDII – Food & Drink Industry Ireland

### **Italy**

FEDERALIMENTARE – Federazione Italiana dell'industria  
Alimentare

### **Latvia**

LPUF – Latvijas Pārtikas Uzņēmumu Federācija

### **Luxembourg**

FIAL – Fédération des Industries Agro-alimentaires  
Luxembourgeoises

### **Poland**

PFZ – Polska Federacja Producentów Żywności

### **Portugal**

FIPA – Federação das Indústrias Portuguesas Agro-  
alimentares

### **Romania**

Romalimenta – Federatia Patronala din Industria  
Alimentara

### **Slovakia**

UPZPPS – Unia podnikatel'ov a zamestnávateľ'ov  
v potravinárskom priemysle na Slovensku  
PKS – Potravinárska Komora Slovenska

## National Federations

### **Slovenia**

GZS – Zbornica kmetijskih in zivilskih podjetij

### **Spain**

FIAB – Federación Española de Industrias de la  
Alimentación y Bebidas

### **Sweden**

LI – Livsmedelsföretagen

### **The Netherlands**

FNLI – Federatie Nederlandse Levensmiddelen  
Industrie

### **United Kingdom**

FDF – Food & Drink Federation

### **Observers:**

### **Croatia**

HUP – Hrvatska udruga poslodavaca

### **Norway**

NHO – Mat og Drikke

### **Turkey**

GDF – Türkiye Gıda ve İçecek Sanayii Dernekleri  
Federasyonu

## Sectors

### **Bakery**

AIBI

### **Beer**

THE BREWERS OF EUROPE

### **Bottled waters**

EFBW

### **Breakfast cereal**

CEEREAL

### **Broth & soup**

FAIBP

### **Chocolate, biscuits & confectionery**

CAOBISCO

### **Dairy products**

EDA

### **Dietetic products**

IDACE

### **Fruit & vegetable juices**

AIJN

### **Fruit & vegetable preserves**

OEITFL

## Sectors

### **Ice cream**

EUROGLACES

### **Intermediate products for bakery & confectionery**

FEDIMA

### **Margarine**

IMACE

### **Non-alcoholic beverages**

UNESDA

### **Oils**

FEDIOL

### **Pasta**

UNAFPA

### **Pet food**

FEDIAF

### **Processed meat**

CLITRAVI

### **Processed potatoes**

UEITP

### **Sauce & condiment**

FIC

### **Snacks**

ESA

### **Soluble & roasted coffee**

ECF

### **Spices**

ESA

### **Starch**

AAF

### **Sugar**

CEFS

### **Tea & herbal infusions**

EHIA/ETC

### **Vegetable proteins**

EUVEPRO

### **Yeast**

COFALEC

## Major food and drink companies

ADM

BUNGE

CADBURY SCHWEPES

CAMPBELL FRANCE HOLDING

CARGILL

COCA-COLA

DANONE

FERRERO

GENERAL MILLS

HEINEKEN

HEINZ

KELLOGG'S

KRAFT FOODS

MARS

NESTLE EUROPE

PEPSICO

SÜDZUCKER

TATE & LYLE

UNILEVER



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