

## OVERVIEW

- ▶ In 2019 food and beverages industry accounted for about 3.8% of GDP. At the beginning of 2021 the industry has employed around 39 thousand workers or 4.0% of total employment.
- ▶ 968 enterprises were active in the industry at the beginning of 2021. The majority (96%) of them were small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with 1-249 persons employed.

Indicator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of enterprises	979	975	968	956	968
Number of employees	42,046	42,272	41,156	39,731	38,757

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

- ▶ In 2019 production value of the food and beverages industry amounted to 4.2 billion EUR, which was 6.7% more than in 2018.

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Exports of domestically produced products (million EUR)	1,903.9	2,148.8	2,142.4	2,343.0	2,310.2
Production value (million EUR)	3,796.2	3,954.3	3,935.8	4,198.2	-

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

- ▶ In 2020 the exports of domestically produced food products and beverages decreased by 1.4% - the exports value amounted to 2,310 million EUR. In 2020 food products represented about 94% of the exports value, whereas beverages - 5.9%. In 2020 exports of domestically produced goods consisted mainly of dairy produce (22%), fish (16%), preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk (9.0%) and meat or edible meat offal (8.3%).

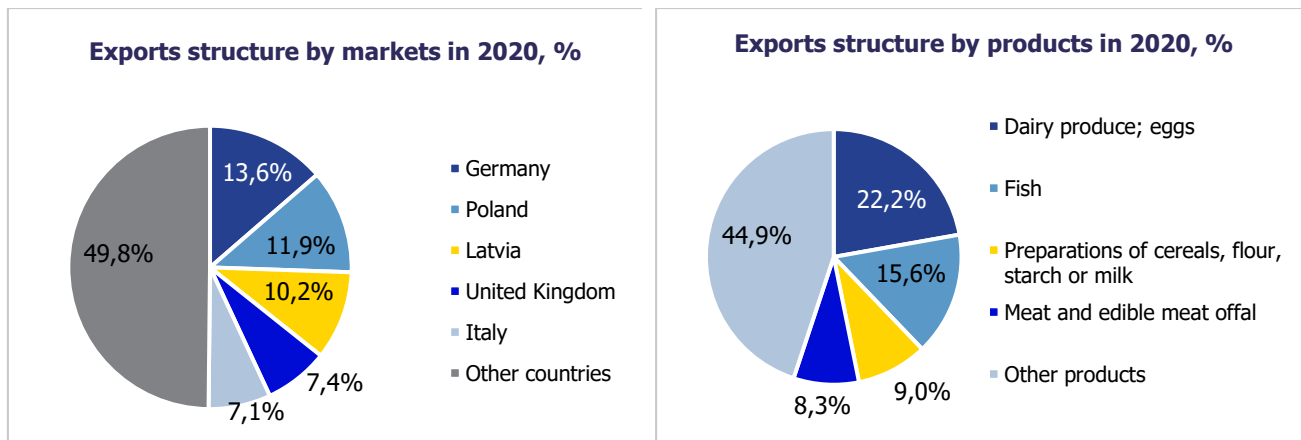
- ▶ The decrease in domestically produced food and beverage exports in 2020 was mainly driven by the decrease of exports of fish (exports value decreased by 37 million EUR or 9.4% to 361 million EUR) and dairy produce (decreased by 33 million EUR or 6.0% to 513 million EUR). Whereas the largest increase in exports was recorded for preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk – exports value increased by 45 million EUR or 28% to 208 million EUR).

- ▶ The most important export markets for the food and beverages industry in 2020 were Germany (14%), Poland (12%), Latvia (10%) and the United Kingdom (7.4%). Countries in the European Union accounted for 79% of exports by the food and beverages industry. The exports of domestically produced food and beverages in 2020 has decreased most significantly to Italy (exports value decreased by 37 million EUR or 19% to 164 million EUR) and Poland (decreased by 29 million EUR or 9.5% to 275 million EUR). Whereas the largest increase in exports was recorded for Saudi Arabia – exports value increased by 21 million EUR or 4.3 times to 27 million EUR.

## Exports of domestically produced food and beverages products, million EUR

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dairy produce; eggs	403.4	514.9	496.2	545.6	512.9
Fish	332.9	389.3	375.5	398.3	360.9
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk	109.6	119.5	139.7	163	207.9
Meat and edible offal	180	189.6	201.7	206.1	191.0
Preparations of meat, fish or crustaceans	161.9	172	161.4	176.3	183.6
Residues and waste from the food industries, prepared animal fodder	168.6	170.1	186.7	190.8	171.3
Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	119.5	133.9	135	161.1	152.2
Miscellaneous edible preparations	75.2	85	84.1	108	128.0
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	100	96.5	108.3	124	113.7
Cocoa and cocoa preparations	80.7	81.3	82.6	93.4	99.0
Other products	172.1	196.7	171.2	176.4	189.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,903.9</b>	<b>2,148.8</b>	<b>2,142.4</b>	<b>2,343.0</b>	<b>2,310.2</b>

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### Strengths of Lithuanian food and beverages industry

- ▶ Long-standing production traditions;
- ▶ Strategic geographic location;
- ▶ Excellent logistics network;
- ▶ Favorable climate, arable land;
- ▶ Extensive application of modern technologies;
- ▶ Rapid growth of innovative companies;
- ▶ Stringent quality and environmental standards, in compliance with EU regulations;
- ▶ Attractive quality-price ratio;
- ▶ Lithuanian beer was commended at the European Beer Star Awards, World Beer Cup and World Beer Championship;
- ▶ Lithuania is the largest exporter of surimi preparations in the EU with a share in exports of more than 42% (2015).