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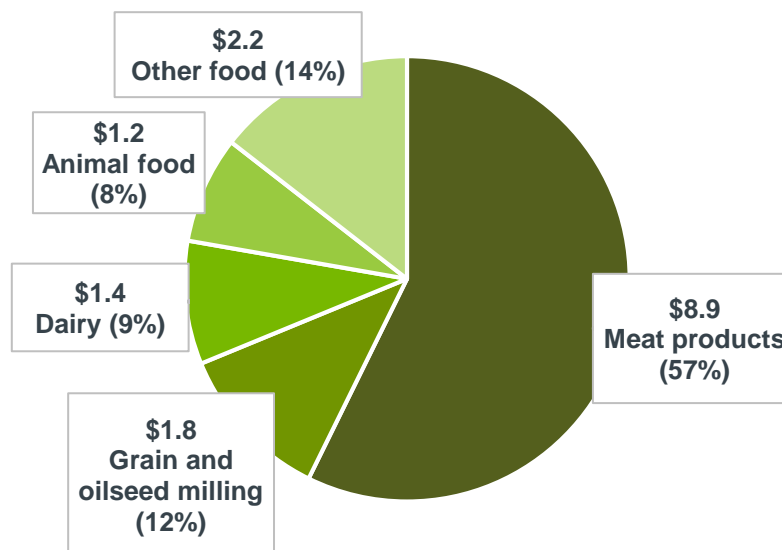
Value-Added Industries

2020 Update

Food and beverage manufacturing sales

- In 2020, food and beverage manufacturing sales were **\$16.6 billion**, which is once again a record high.
- Food and beverage manufacturing is the second largest manufacturing industry in Alberta after petroleum and coal product manufacturing.
- The pie chart shows values and shares of food manufacturing sales by type of food from total food manufacturing sales. Meat processing is at the heart of Alberta's food manufacturing (**57 per cent**), followed by grain and oilseed milling (**12 per cent**), and dairy (**nine per cent**).

Distribution of Alberta food manufacturing sales in 2020 (\$ billion)



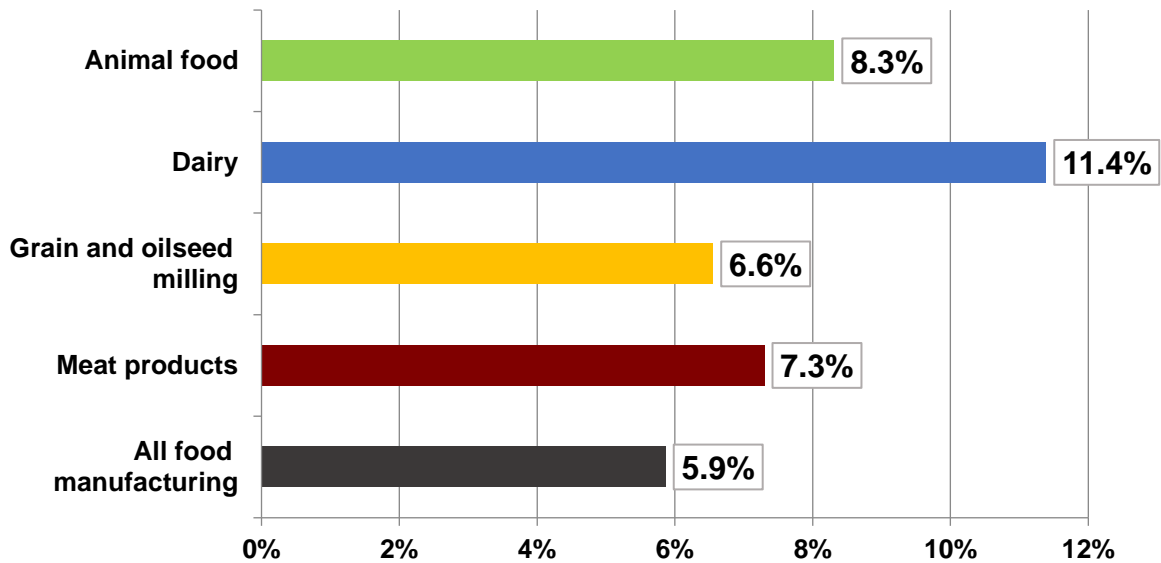
Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 16-10-0048-01 Manufacturing sales by industry and province, monthly (dollars unless otherwise noted) (x 1,000)

Food manufacturing sales growth in 2020

- In 2020, all food manufacturing sales increased by **5.9 per cent** above levels experienced in 2019. Sales in each major food manufacturing category have also increased (see chart below).
- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, food is always needed and our food manufacturing industry quickly adjusted to a growing food demand in 2020.

Increase in food manufacturing sales

(2020 vs 2019)



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2021 food manufacturing sales trends

- January and February sales in 2021 seem to continue the growth trend so far for all major food manufacturing categories except meat products.
- Compared to the same period in 2020, sales in January and February of 2021 increased by **11.4 per cent** for animal food, by **21.6 per cent** for dairy, by **52 per cent** for grain and oilseed milling, and by **4 per cent** for food manufacturing overall, while meat product sales decreased by **9.7 per cent**.



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