

# THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY IN FRANCE

**KEY FACTS AND FIGURES  
2018**



**Agri-food is France's largest industrial sector with**

61,000 businesses, 570,000 personnel and revenues of €185 billion.



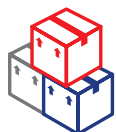
France is the **6th** largest exporter of agri-food products.



French organic exports increased by **12%** in 2017 and amounted to **€707 million**.



In 2017, France exported **€7.2 billion-worth** of gourmet products.



**The top 3** exports in 2017 were beverages, dairy products; and meat and meat-based foods.



**The agri-food industry was the third largest contributor to the French trade balance in 2017,** with a surplus of €5.7 billion.



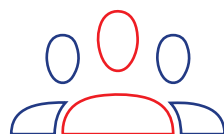
**The top 3** gourmet exports in 2017 were bakery, pastry and biscuit products (27%), chocolate-based foods (23%), and cheese (11%).



France has the **largest agricultural area in Europe** (29 million hectares).



Foreign investment projects have increased **by 77%** in the last ten years.



In 2016 and 2017, **159 projects** helped to maintain or create more than **4,200 jobs**.



France is a **European heavyweight**.

It is the leading producer of white sugar and cereals and is home to Europe's largest cattle herd.



The French dairy industry contributed more than **€2.7 billion** to the French trade balance in 2017.



France has  
**50**  
protected designation  
of origin (PDO) dairy  
products,  
including 45 cheeses.



**4** French dairy groups  
feature in the global  
top 20  
Lactalis (2nd),  
Danone (3rd),  
Sodiaal (16th),  
and Savencia (18th).



Between 2011 and 2016,  
organic food sales  
increased by **60%** and  
the organic food market  
grew by **82%**.



**1st**  
European producer of  
agricultural products.



In 2017, France  
was the **3rd** largest  
producer of fruit  
and the fourth largest producer of  
vegetables in Europe.



In 2016, France was the  
**2nd**  
largest producer  
of wine in the world.

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