

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BY THE NUMBERS



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING

More than

1,400 
COMPANIES

Source: Infogroup 2019

282,000 
INDUSTRY JOBS*

WISCONSIN HAS

70+
**food industry
distribution centers**

Source: Infogroup 2019

WISCONSIN IS

#1 in cheese production, with over **3 BILLION POUNDS** of cheese made each year.



Source: Wisconsin 2018 Agricultural Statistics, DATCP

WISCONSIN

produced more than **30 BILLION POUNDS** of milk—14% of total U.S. milk production—in 2018.



Source: Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin

WISCONSIN IS

#1 in **ORGANIC** production of corn, oats, beans and hay acreage.



Source: Organic Agriculture in Wisconsin: 2017 Status Report, UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

WISCONSIN

exported \$3.5 billion in agricultural products to 143 countries in 2018.

\$3.5 BILLION



Source: U.S. Census Bureau data as reported by WISERTrade

Farms and agricultural businesses generate nearly \$105 billion in economic activity, and agriculture and food processing together account for more than 16% of the state's total employment.



\$105 BILLION in economic activity



of **WISCONSIN'S** total employment

*Source: Contribution of Agriculture to the Wisconsin Economy: Updated for 2017, UW-Madison/Extension, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics by Steven C. Deller and David Williams

 *The concentration of technology we need and partners we need here is remarkable. If you just said, look anywhere in the world and choose a partner—the ones we would choose are right here in Wisconsin.* 

~ Jim Paskind
President of Joint Ventures
Salm Partners