



FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN WISCONSIN

DATA POINT	SOURCE AND DATE
#1 in cheese production in the U.S.	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
3,700+ companies	EMSI 2021.1 Class of Worker, QCEW Employees 2019
106,000+ industry jobs	EMSI 2021.1 Class of Worker, QCEW Employees 2019
2 nd highest manufacturing employment concentration in the U.S.	Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2019 Annual
At more than \$1 billion annually, our flagship University of Wisconsin-Madison ranks #8 in the U.S. for research spending.	National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development Survey, 2019
The University of Wisconsin System awards more than 36,000 degrees annually.	UW System, 2020
One of only two fully funded state pension systems in the U.S.	equable.org State of Pensions 2020
Food and beverage industry specialization chart	EMSI 2021.1 Class of Worker, QCEW Employees 2019
Nearly 5,000 engineering degrees and certificates awarded in 2019	National IPEDS database published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics
UW-Madison CALS awarded 334 degrees in 2019.	National IPEDS database published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics
7 of the 11 largest food companies in the world have operations in Wisconsin.	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
7 global food companies have the headquarters for their operations in the Americas located in the Milwaukee area.	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
\$104.8 billion economic impact of agriculture	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
More than 85 food industry distribution centers	Data Axle, 2021
3.3 billion pounds of cheese produced each year	Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, 2019
14.3 million acres of agricultural land	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
More than 70,000 farms	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
Ranking first in the U.S. for the production of organic corn, organic oats, organic beans and organic dry hay	"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 is one of the nation's top two producers of organic dairy products	"Organic Agriculture in Wisconsin: 2017 Status Report," UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Home to the largest organic milk cooperative	Organic Valley, 2021
Organic acreage up 17% from 2008 to 2014	"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 produced more than 30 billion pounds of milk—14% of total U.S. production—in 2019.	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
We produce more dry whey than any other state.	Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, 2019
We rank second among U.S. states in the production of butter, lactose and whey protein concentrate for human consumption.	Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, 2019
Nearly 1,200 licensed cheesemakers produce over 600 types, styles and varieties of cheese.	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)
Wisconsin is also the #1 U.S. producer of ginseng, mink pelts and cranberries.	Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2021)