



1. Agri-food sector trade - Exports



The Agri-food sector accounted for 10% of the value of total Irish exports in 2018. Between the period 2009 – 2018 Agri-food exports increased by 73% from €7.8 billion to nearly €13.7 billion. While the value of Agri-food exports was down slightly (1%) from a record €13.8 billion in 2017, the volume of exports was up by 4% according to the CSO. Agri-food sector exports from January to June 2019 totalled €6.9 billion, a 5% increase on the same period last year.

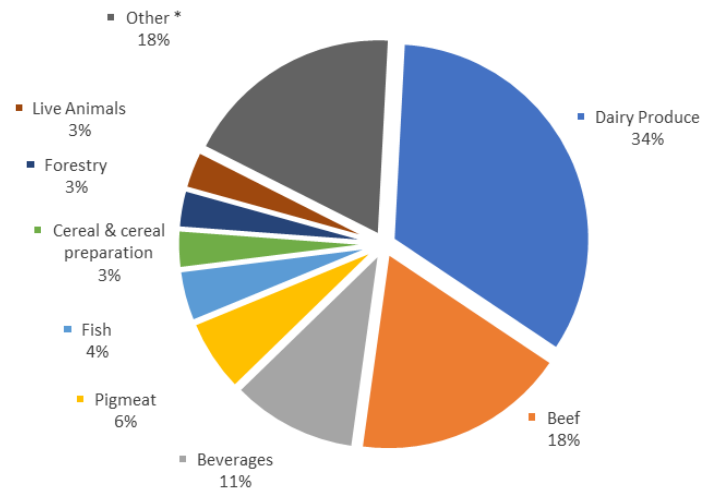
January—June Agri-food sector exports by destination, 2017-2019

Region	Jan - June 2017	Jan - June 2018	Jan - June 2019	% Total exports 2019
€000				
UK	€2,553,822	€2,648,812	€2,637,598	38%
EU (Excl UK)	€2,057,177	€2,209,815	€2,325,024	33%
Rest of World	€2,051,699	€1,783,045	€1,985,743	29%
Total	€6,662,699	€6,641,672	€6,948,365	

Top 10 destinations for Agri-food sector exports, 2018

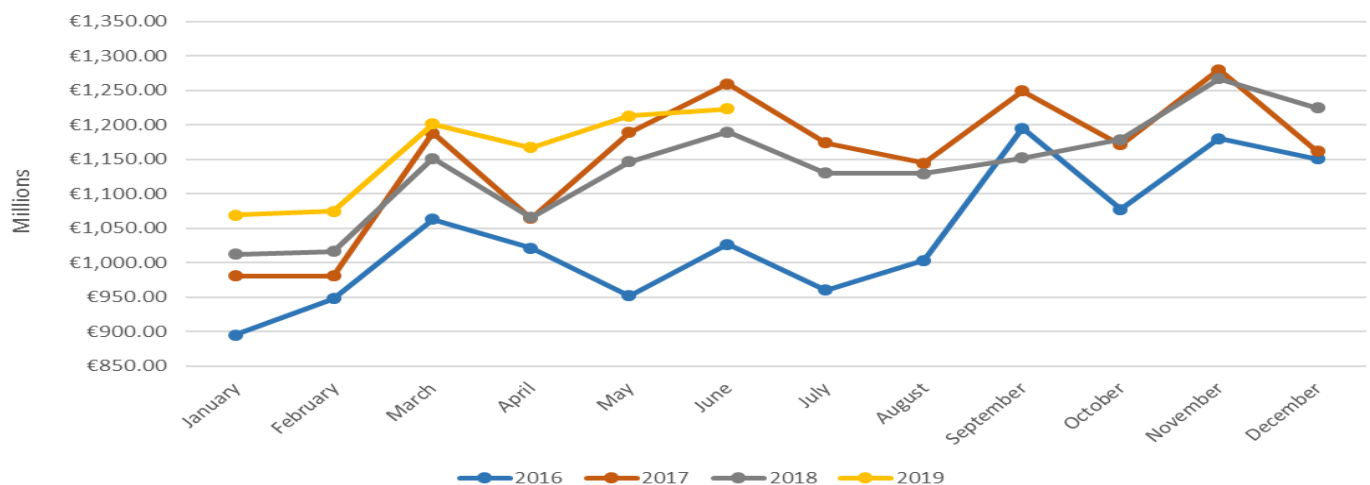
Country	€000	Tonnes	% Total Exports
United Kingdom	€5,551,636	4,300,241	41%
Netherlands	€1,044,931	420,962	8%
United States	€1,022,445	190,926	7%
France	€861,912	271,947	6%
China	€794,321	229,412	6%
Germany	€756,361	217,608	6%
Italy	€377,093	113,242	3%
Belgium	€290,531	97,482	2%
Spain	€289,493	72,987	2%
Sweden	€152,782	45,603	1%

Agri-food sector exports by type, 2018



Other includes: Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices; Animal Foodstuffs; Sheepmeat; Poultry; Misc Edible Products & Preparations, etc. A full breakdown of Prepared Consumer Foods is available on page 4.

Value of Agri-food sector exports, 2016– June 2019



Further Information:

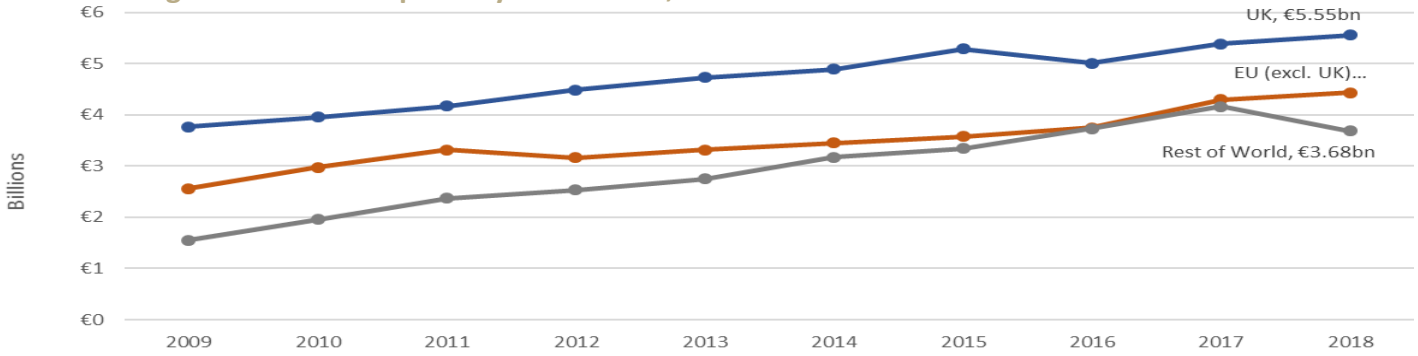
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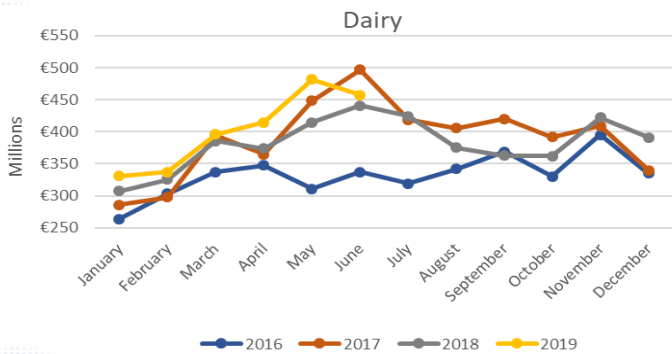
Value of Agri-food sector exports by destination, 2009 - 2018



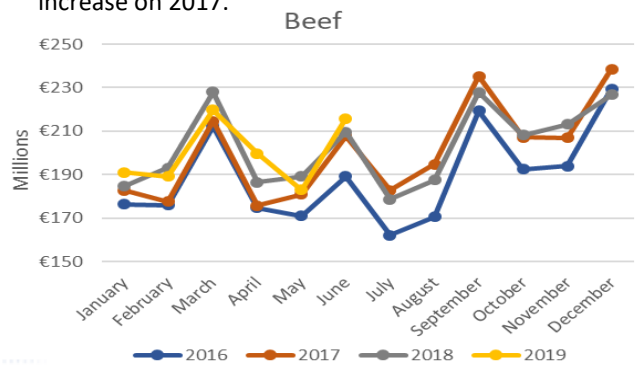
2. Detailed Monthly analysis of agri-food exports by type



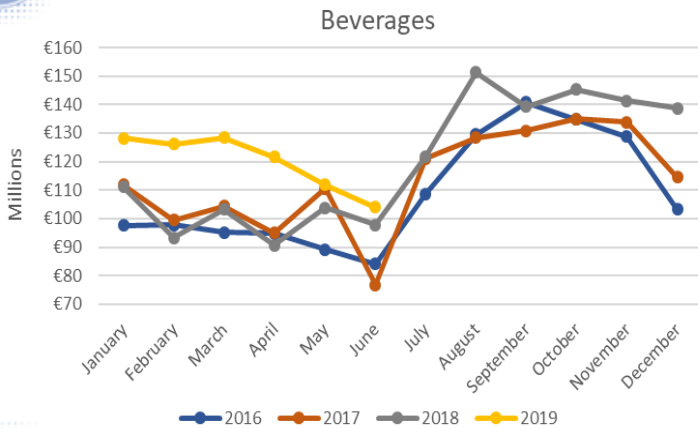
Dairy produce exports totalled almost €4.6 billion in 2018, a 2% decrease on 2017.



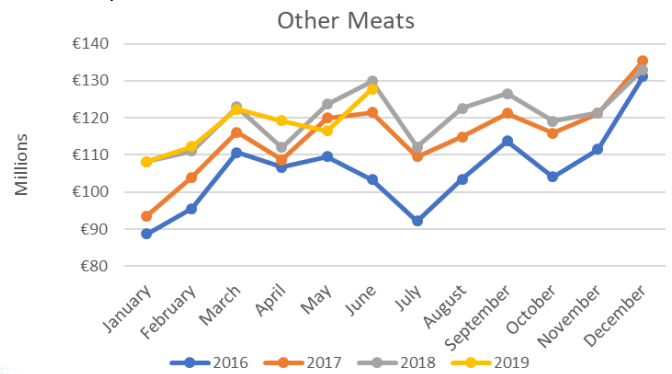
Beef exports totalled over €2.4 billion in 2018, a 1% increase on 2017.



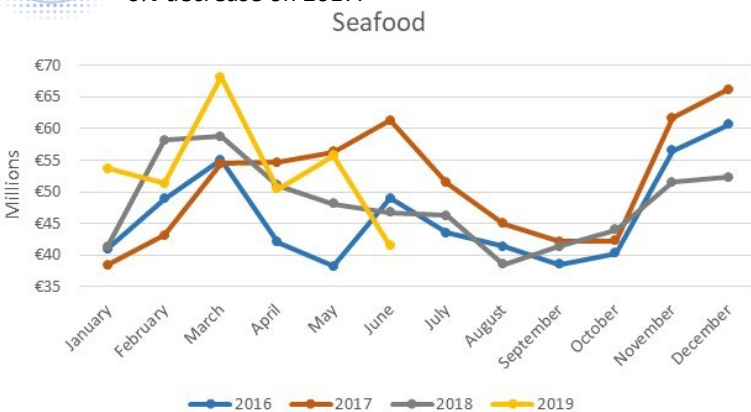
Beverage exports totalled over €1.4 billion in 2018, a 6% increase on 2017.



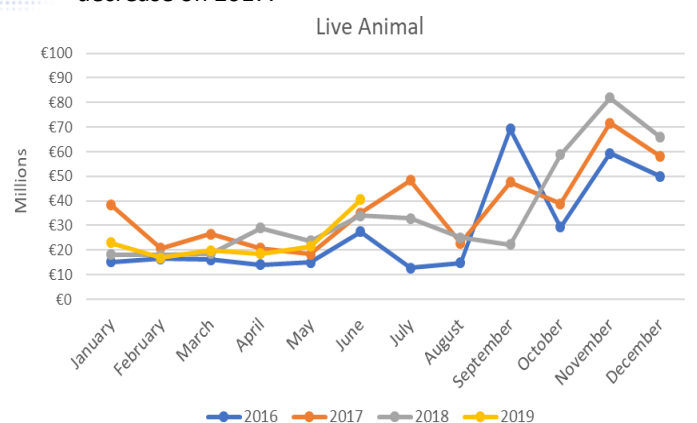
Other meat exports totalled €1.4 billion in 2018. This includes Pigmeat exports valued at €830 million, sheepmeat exports at €315 million and poultry exports at €300 million.



Seafood exports totalled over €578 million in 2018, a 6% decrease on 2017.

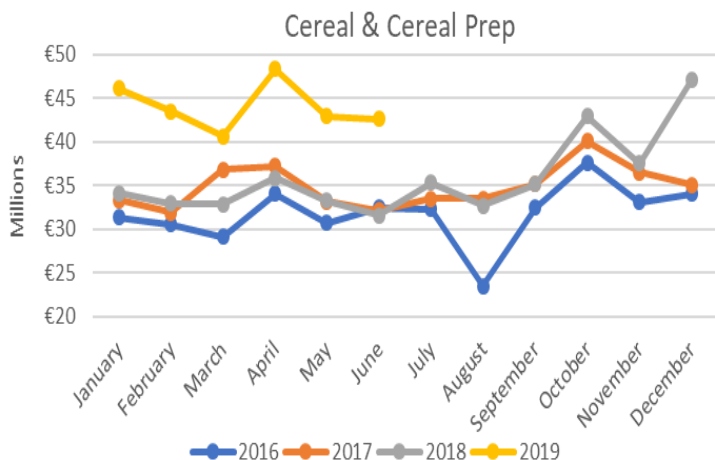


Live Exports totalled over €428 million in 2018, a 4% decrease on 2017.

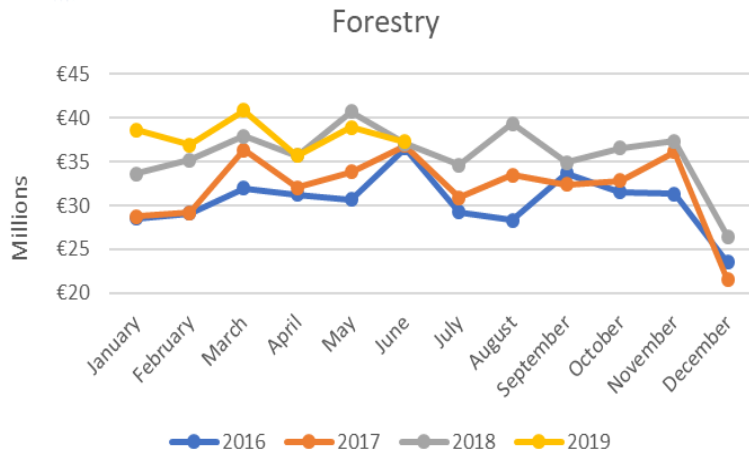




Cereal & Cereal Prep exports totalled over €431 million in 2018, a 3% increase on 2017.



Forestry exports totalled €429 million in 2018, a 12% increase on 2017.

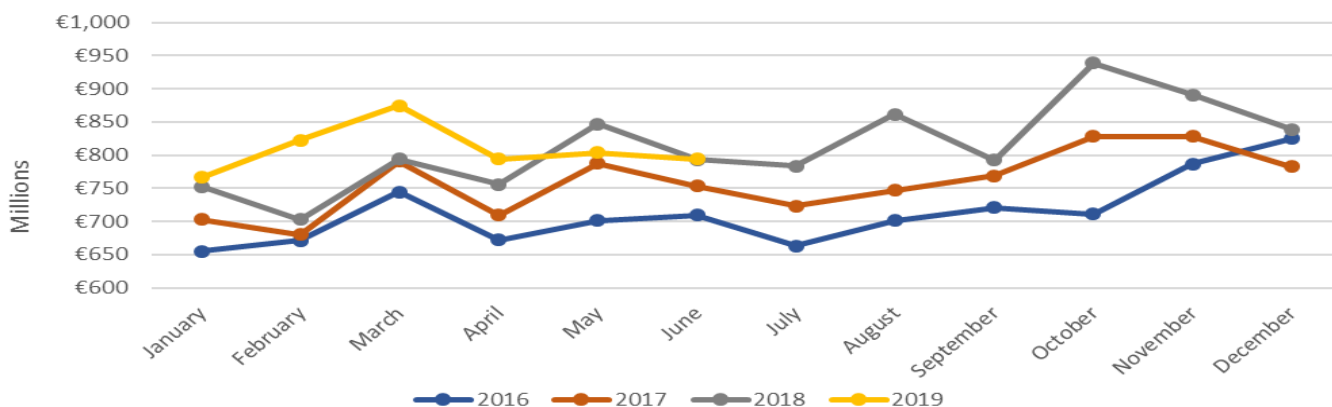


3. Agri-food sector trade - Imports

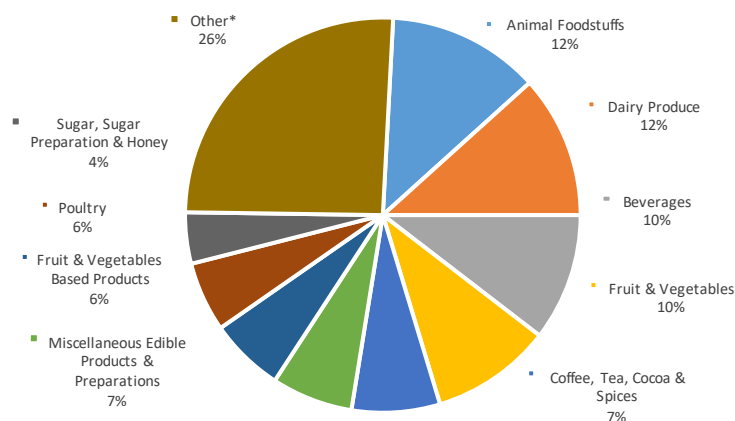


The agri-food sector accounted for 11% of total imports in 2018. Between the period 2009 – 2018 agri-food imports increased by 68% from €5.8 billion to over €9.7 billion. Agri-food imports totalled over €9.7 billion in 2018, an increase of 7% on 2017, while volume of goods imported increased by 20% according to the CSO. Agri-food sector imports from January to June 2019 totalled €4.8 billion, a 4% increase on the same period last year.

Value of Agri-food sector Imports, 2016– June 2019



Agri-food sector imports by type, 2018



Top 5 Countries of origin for Agri-food sector Imports, 2018

Country	€000	Tonnes	% total
United Kingdom	4,464,216	4,856,508	46%
Netherlands	896,495	710,945	9%
Germany	665,164	511,185	7%
France	482,747	710,776	5%
United States	383,819	1,071,514	4%

* Other includes: Fruit & Veg based products; Poultry; Sugar, Sugar Prep & Honey; Pigmeat; Forestry; Fish; Live Animals; Veg Oils & Fats; Crude Animal & Veg Material; Wood Based Products; Beef; Other Meat & Meat Products; Oilseeds & Oleaginous Fruit; Sheepmeat; Flax, Wool & Animal Hair; Egg; Animal Oils & Fats; Animal Skins & Furs and Cotton.



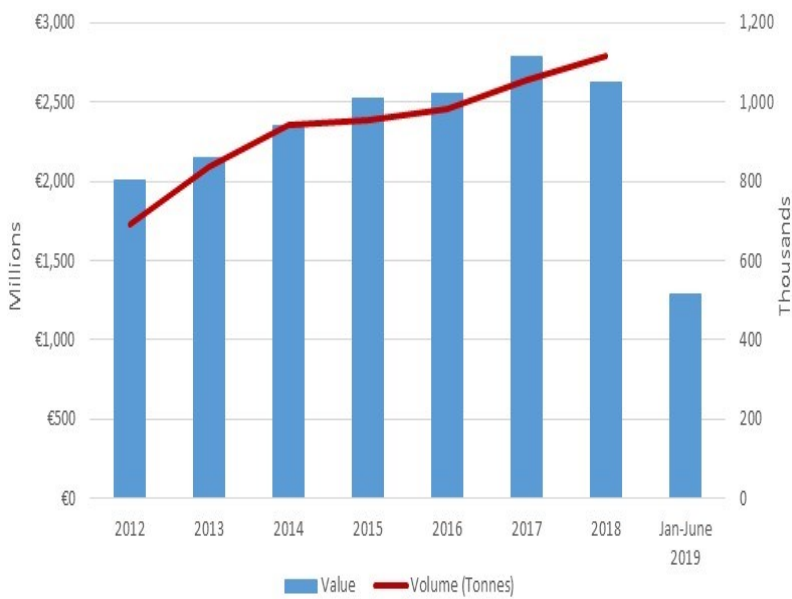
Prepared consumer foods are value added food and beverage products, which sell both domestically and internationally to retail, food service or other food companies. These goods are categorised into 15 areas identified and agreed by industry stakeholders, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Central Statistics Office.

4. Prepared Consumer Foods



The Prepared Consumer foods sector accounted for over €2.6 billion in agri-food sector exports in 2018, and €3.6 billion in imports. Between the period 2012 – 2018 prepared consumer food exports increased by 30% from €2 billion to over €2.6 billion. PCF sector exports from January to June 2019 totalled €1.3 billion, a slight increase on the same period last year.

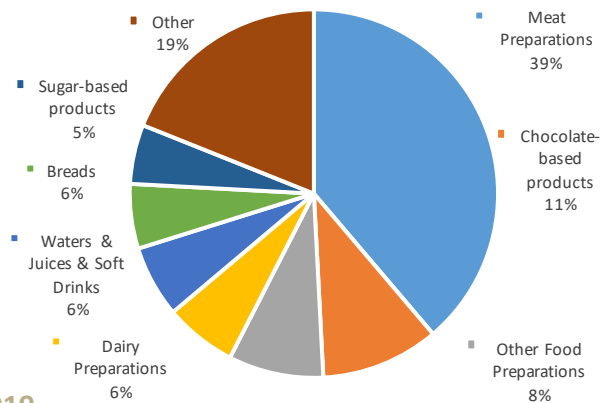
Value and volume of Prepared Consumer Food exports by year, 2012 - 2018



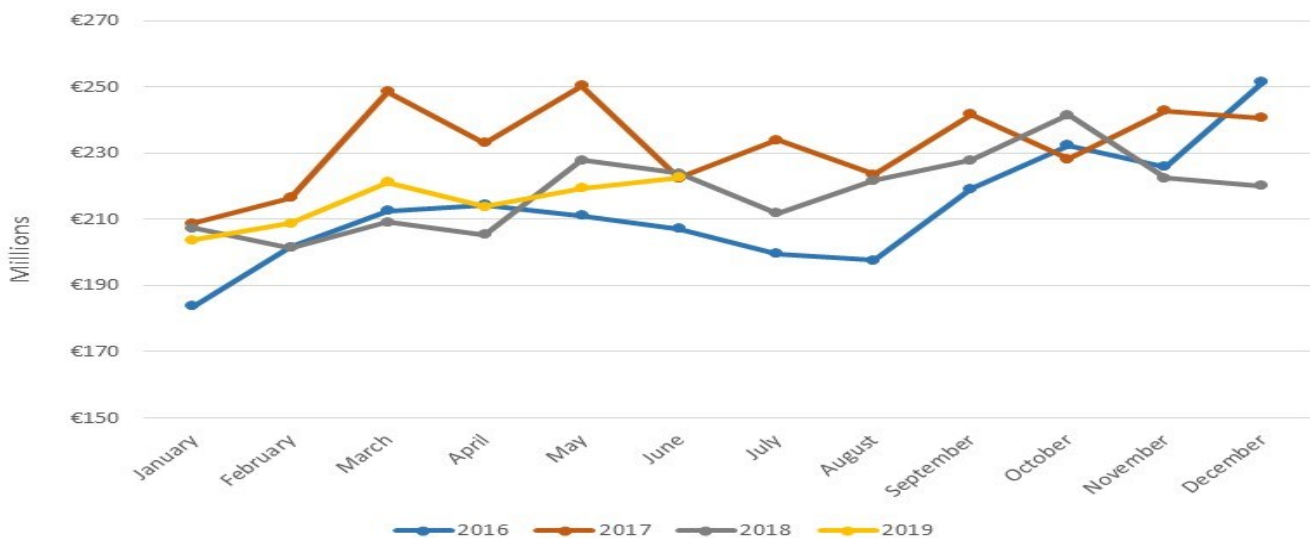
Top 5 destinations for PCF exports, 2018

	€ 000	Tonnes	% Total
United Kingdom	1,781,147	963,476	68%
France	143,776	23,014	5%
Netherlands	87,184	13,167	3%
Spain	80,493	8,927	3%
Germany	78,855	15,673	3%

PCF sector exports by type, 2018.



Prepared Consumer Food Exports by month 2016– June 2019



Agri-food sector trade is broken down into 26 categories identified and agreed by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Central Statistics Office. Products and Raw Goods are categorised using combined nomenclature (CN) codes, a European harmonised system used to classify goods for customs and trade reasons. These categories include non edible Agri-food items such as Forestry and Animal Hides and Skins (not included as part of Bord Bia trade statistics), along with traditional Food and Beverage products. In 2018 the Department undertook a review of how Agri-food sector products are classified. This resulted in the addition of a number of CN codes and the creation of two new Agri-food sector categories; Wood Based Produce and Fruit & Vegetable Based Produce. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data contained within, in view of the volume of statistical data collected as part of agri-food trade statistics, some errors in respect of individual products may occur. Where these anomalies are identified, the Department will liaise with the Central Statistics Office to highlight and amend the information as required. [August, 2019](#)