



## Food processing

### Key figures (2009)

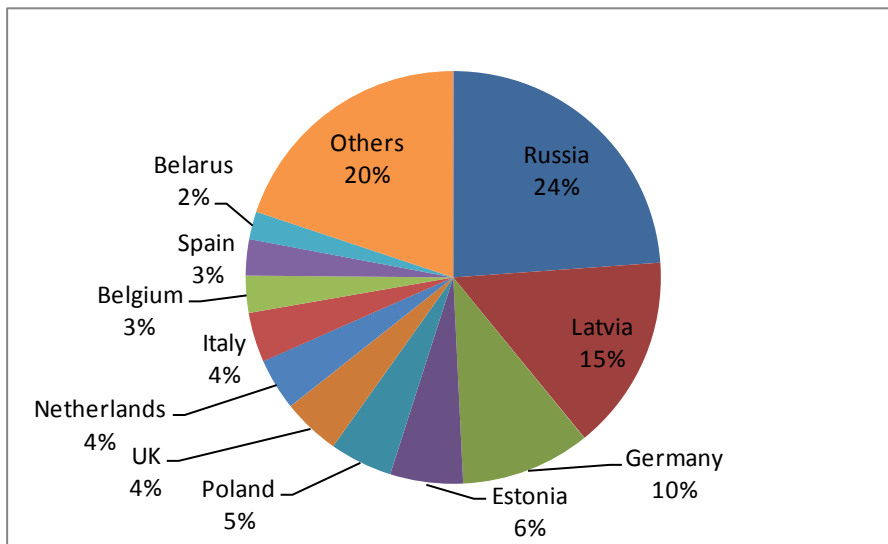
Created added value	LTL 6,745,207,000 (€ 1,953,546,976)
Share in total created added value	7.3%
Number of companies*	761
Number of people employed	42,711
Share in total employment	3.7%
Export value	LTL 7,979,421,400 (€ 2,311,000,174)
Percentage of production exported**	40.4%
Share in total Lithuanian exports	19.6%

\*As of 1 January 2010

\*\*Excluding beverages and tobacco

Source: Lithuanian Department of Statistics

### Export geography (2009)



Source: Lithuanian Department of Statistics

### Why choose for Lithuania?

The Lithuanian food processing sector has deep-rooted manufacturing traditions. Lithuania has a favorable climate for agriculture and is covered with fertile land. Lithuanian rivers, lakes and the Baltic Sea are among the cleanest waters in Europe, providing the Lithuanian fish processing sector with the highest fish quality. Agricultural and fishery products are processed using the most modern technologies and according to the highest quality and environmental standards, while rights are respected.



Lithuanian food processing companies are rapidly modernizing. The skilled Lithuanian workforce, specialization and innovative activities differentiate Lithuanian companies from its foreign competitors. This gives Lithuanian foodstuffs an excellent price/quality ratio.

Traditionally, the Lithuanian food processing sector is dominated by dairy production, accounting for 15% of food exports of which 58% is exported to European Union countries. The meat, fish and milk processing sector provides a major share of the added value (20.9 %) created by the Lithuanian manufacturing industry.

Lithuania has several exclusive meat products found nowhere else in the world. The Skilandis delicatessen is a unique product of Lithuanian origin, nowadays officially protected under EU legislation. Lithuania is famous for its production of alcoholic beverages. Lithuanian beer has been awarded at numerous occasions such as at the “European Beer Star Awards”, the “World Beer Cup” and the “World Beer Championship”.

Lithuania’s favorable geographic location, well-developed infrastructure and excellent logistics guarantee short delivery terms thereby preserving the high quality of Lithuanian food products.

#### **Type of activities**

Production of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, eggs, bread and grain, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and berries, sugar, oil and margarine, fish and fish products, soft drinks, beer, spirits and tobacco products.

#### **Main exporting companies**

AB Pieno Žvaigždės, AB Rokiškio sūris, AB Linas Agro, UAB Mantinga, UAB Vilniaus duona, UAB Rūta, UAB Plungės kooperatinė prekyba (Vici), UAB Švyturys-Utenos alus, UAB Stumbras, UAB Agrokoncerno grūdai.



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