The agri-food sector accounted for 11.1% of total exports in 2017. Between the period 2009 – 2017 agri-food exports increased by 74% from €7.8 billion to €13.6 billion. Agri-food exports totalled €13.6 billion in 2017, an increase of 11% on 2016 according to the CSO.

Value and volume of Agri-food sector exports by year, 2009 - August 2018.

Value of Agri-food sector exports by destination, 2009 - 2017

Agri-food sector exports by type, 2017

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.
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4. Agri-food sector trade - Imports

The agri-food sector accounted for 11.3% of total imports in 2017. Between the period 2009 – 2017 agri-food imports increased by 53% from €5.6 billion to €8.7 billion. Agri-food imports totalled €8.7 billion in 2017, an increase of 6% on 2016 according to the CSO.

Agri-food sector imports by year, 2009 - August 2018.

Agri-food sector imports by type, 2017

- Other 38%
- Fruit & Vegetables 14%
- Cereal & cereal preparation 13%
- Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices 7%
- Dairy Produce 10%
- Beverages 9%
- Animal Foodstuffs 9%
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.

5. Prepared Consumer Foods

The Prepared Consumer foods sector accounted for €2.8 billion in agri-food sector exports in 2017 (20%), and €3.5 billion in imports. Between the period 2012 – 2017 prepared consumer food exports increased by almost 40% from €2 billion to €2.8 billion.


Top 5 destinations for PCF exports, 2017

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PCF sector exports by type, 2017.

- Meat Preparations, 34%
- Other Food Preparations, 16%
- Waters & Juices & Soft Drinks, 7%
- Dairy Preparations, 7%
- Breads, 7%
- Chocolate-based products, 9%
- Other, 20%

Further Information:
- Annual Review and Outlook, 2018
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