

# SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

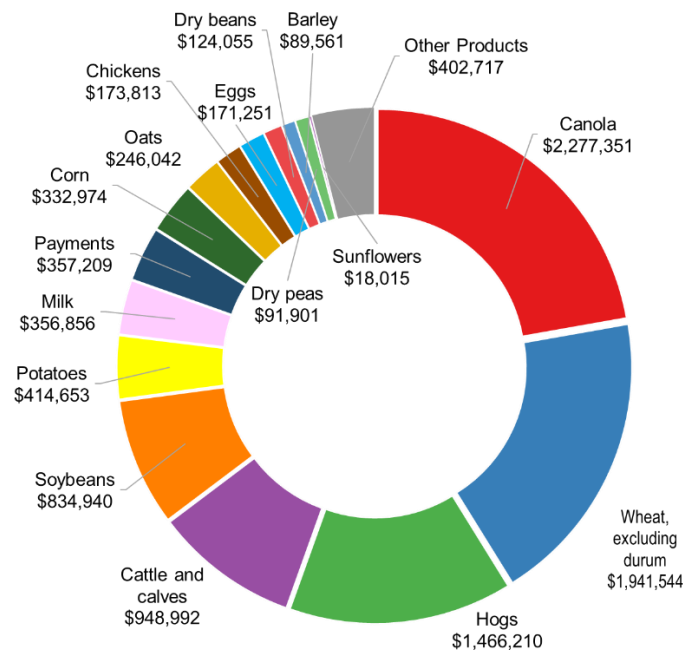
## Agriculture



### Highlights

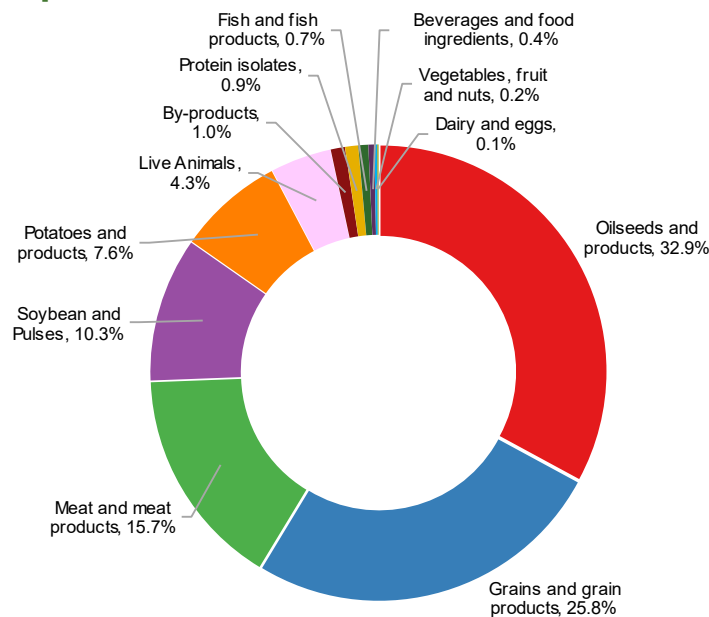
- Manitoba's agriculture and agri-food sector is a significant economic driver for the province. It directly contributes 7.2 per cent of provincial gross domestic product (GDP) and 5.1 per cent of provincial jobs or 37,015 direct jobs in 2023.
- Farm cash receipts (FCR) have risen strongly in recent years, with 2023 showing a 4.4 per cent increase to \$10.25 billion.
- The largest sectors in Manitoba by FCRs are canola, wheat, hogs, cattle, and calves.
- Realized net farm income set a record in 2023 at \$1.82 billion. Total net income was the second highest on record at \$1.89 billion.
- The food manufacturing sector has grown steadily in recent years. In 2023, total sales reached \$8.6 billion, accounting for 5.8 per cent of Canada's total food manufacturing sales.
- Manitoba is known worldwide as a consistent and reliable supplier of safe, high-quality grains, oilseeds, livestock, and agri-food products. In 2023, Manitoba agriculture and agri-food exports were the largest on record, with total international sales of \$9.39 billion. Agricultural exports have increased 61 per cent since 2019, accounting for 44 per cent of total provincial exports in 2023.
- Manitoba's top five major agri-food exports in 2023 (wheat, canola oil, pork, canola seeds and soybean) accounted for almost 67 per cent of total agri-food exports. Manitoba also exports a significant amount of prepared potatoes; oats and oat products; and live animals.
- The U.S. remained the top export market for Manitoba's agri-food products in 2023, followed by China, Japan, and Mexico.

### Farm Cash Receipts (2023, '000 of dollars)



Source: Statistics Canada

### Exports (2023, in percentage)



Source: CATSNET and Trade Data Online

## Crops

- Manitoba's crop sector generated \$6.61 billion in FCR in 2023. This was a new record, topping the 2022 record by 7.8 per cent.
- Canola has long been Manitoba's top FCR crop with \$2.28 billion in 2023 receipts.
- Wheat is second highest with a record \$1.94 billion FCR for 2023.
- In addition to canola and wheat, Manitoba's crop mix is very diverse with significant production of soybean, potatoes, corn, hay, oats, barley, rye, dry peas, dry beans, and sunflowers. There is also smaller acreage devoted to flax, forage and grass seed, field and greenhouse vegetables, as well as sod, floriculture and nursery products.

## Livestock

- Manitoba's livestock sectors produced a record of \$3.28 billion in 2023, up 7.7 per cent from \$3.05 billion the previous year.
- The hog sector generates 45 per cent of all livestock receipts at \$1.47 billion in 2023.
- Cattle and calf receipts rose by 34.2 per cent to a record, \$949 million in 2023.
- Receipts from supply-managed commodities were \$729.8 million in 2023, up 4.6 per cent compared to 2022. They represented 22 per cent of total livestock cash receipts for 2023.
- Livestock remain prominent on Manitoba's landscape with species including cattle (beef and dairy), hogs, poultry, sheep, horses, donkeys, mules, goats, llamas, alpacas, rabbits, bison, elk, deer, and mink.

## Processing

- Meat processing is the largest food-manufacturing sector in Manitoba, accounting for one-third of all food manufacturing sales in 2023. Grain and oilseed milling, and dairy processing follow it.
- The food and beverage processing sector employs 17,715 people in Manitoba and creates over 63,000 jobs in the province, including indirect jobs.
- Exports of food products and beverages totaled \$4.6 billion in 2023.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Manitoba has 17.1 million acres of farmland, of which 11.6 million (68 per cent) were used for crop production in 2021.
- Manitoba has 14,543 farms, averaging 1,177 acres per farm in 2021.
- The food manufacturing industry is the largest manufacturing industry in Manitoba, in terms of sales, accounting for 32.6 per cent of the province's total manufacturing sales in 2023.
- In 2023, capital investments in the agriculture and agri-food sector was \$860.3 million, a decrease of 3.2 per cent compared to 2022.
- Manitoba has the highest proportion of young farmer operators in Canada. In 2021, 11.5 per cent of farm operators in Manitoba were young farmers.
- In 2021, Manitoba counted 19,465 farm operators.
- Female farm operators are increasing in number and proportion. In 2021, 26.6 per cent of farm operators in Manitoba were female, up from 24 per cent in 2016.

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