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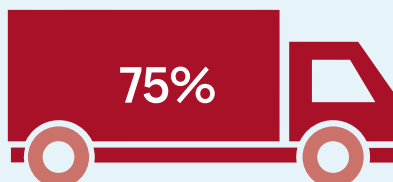
Welsh Food and Drink Annual Export Bulletin 2023

Welsh Food and Drink Exports 2023

The value of Welsh food and drink exports increased by **£16 million (2%)** between 2022 and 2023.



From 2019 the value has increased by **£243 million (43%)**.



of the value of Welsh food and drink goods exports went to the EU, in comparison to the **57%** for the UK.

The highest value export categories in 2023 were Meat and Meat Products (**£280m**) and Cereal and Cereal Preparations (**£175m**).



The top destinations for exports were



France



Ireland



Belgium.

The UK exported **£24.7 billion** worth of food and drink in 2023, a **2%** decrease from 2022.



Welsh food and drink exports were worth **£813 million** in 2023, the highest recorded yearly value from HMRC.



The export value of Cereal and Cereal Preparations saw the largest percentage increase from 2019, from **£60m to £175m (194%)** and has been the second largest export category for three years in a row.

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Product Category Analysis

The three most valuable export categories for Welsh food and drink in 2023 were Meat and Meat Products¹ (£280m), Cereal and Cereal Preparations (£175m), and Dairy Products and Birds Eggs (£131m).

The category with the largest percentage increase from 2022 was Cereal and Cereal Preparations with a 9% increase from £160m to £175m. This is followed by Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices with a year-on-year increase of 8%, rising from £18m to £19m.

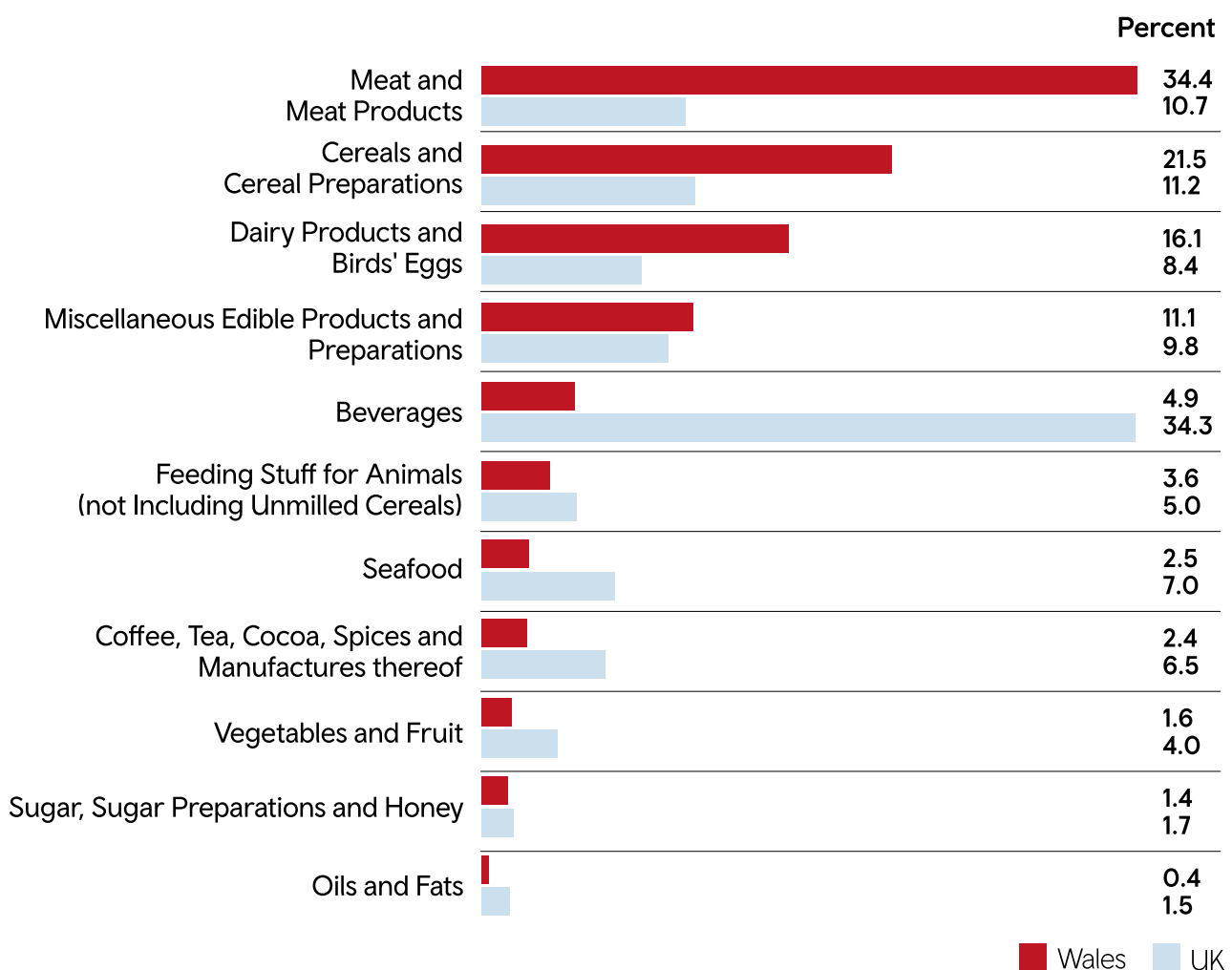
Oils and Fats had the largest percentage decrease year-on-year, falling by 34% from £5m to £3m².

The composition of total food and drink exports varies between Wales and the UK, with certain sectors in Wales taking up a greater share of total food and drink exports when compared to the UK as demonstrated below.

Meat and Meat Products was the largest category for Wales, making up 34% of the food and drink export value, followed by Cereal and Cereal Preparations with a 22% share of all food and drink exports. For the UK, Beverages was the category with the highest share at 34%, followed by Cereals and Cereal Preparations with 11%.

The two lowest categories for Wales were Oils and Fats at <1%, and Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey at 1%. For the UK the two lowest categories were Oils and Fats, at 2%, and Sugar Preparations and Honey at 2%³.

Proportion of Food and Drink Exports by Category, 2023



1. The categories "Meat and Meat Products" as well as "Oils and Fats", unlike the other categories, are groupings of 2 digit SITC codes, more information can be found on the final page of this document.
2. All annual comparisons are comparing actual sales. Previous year's figures have not been inflation adjusted.
3. A definition for Seafood can be found on the final page of this document under SITC code 03.

Destination Analysis

Eight of the top ten Welsh food and drink export destinations were within the EU, with the two non-EU countries being Saudi Arabia (8th) and the USA (9th).

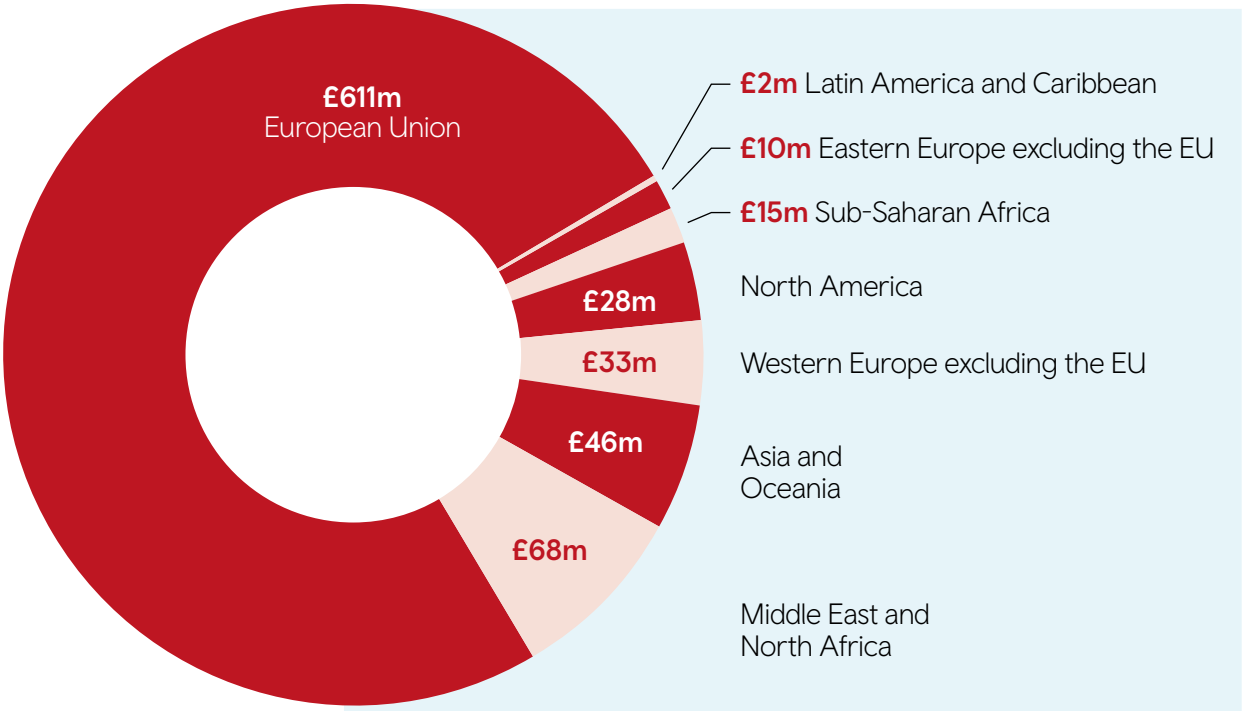
Top Ten countries by value of food and drink exports (£ millions), 2023

Rank	Country	Export Value	% of Total F&D Exports
1	France	155	19%
2	Ireland	148	18%
3	Belguim	83	10%
4	Germany	52	6%
5	Netherlands	50	6%
6	Spain	30	4%
7	Italy	29	4%
8	Saudi Arabia	25	3%
9	United States	23	3%
10	Poland	17	2%
Total Food and Drink Exports		813	

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Customs Regional Trade in Goods statistics

75% of Welsh food and drink exports were with countries within the EU, with the second and third highest value regions being the Middle East and North Africa (8%, £68 million), and Asia and Oceania (6%, £46 million) respectively.

Welsh Food and Drink Export Value by Region, 2023



Export destinations in the EU

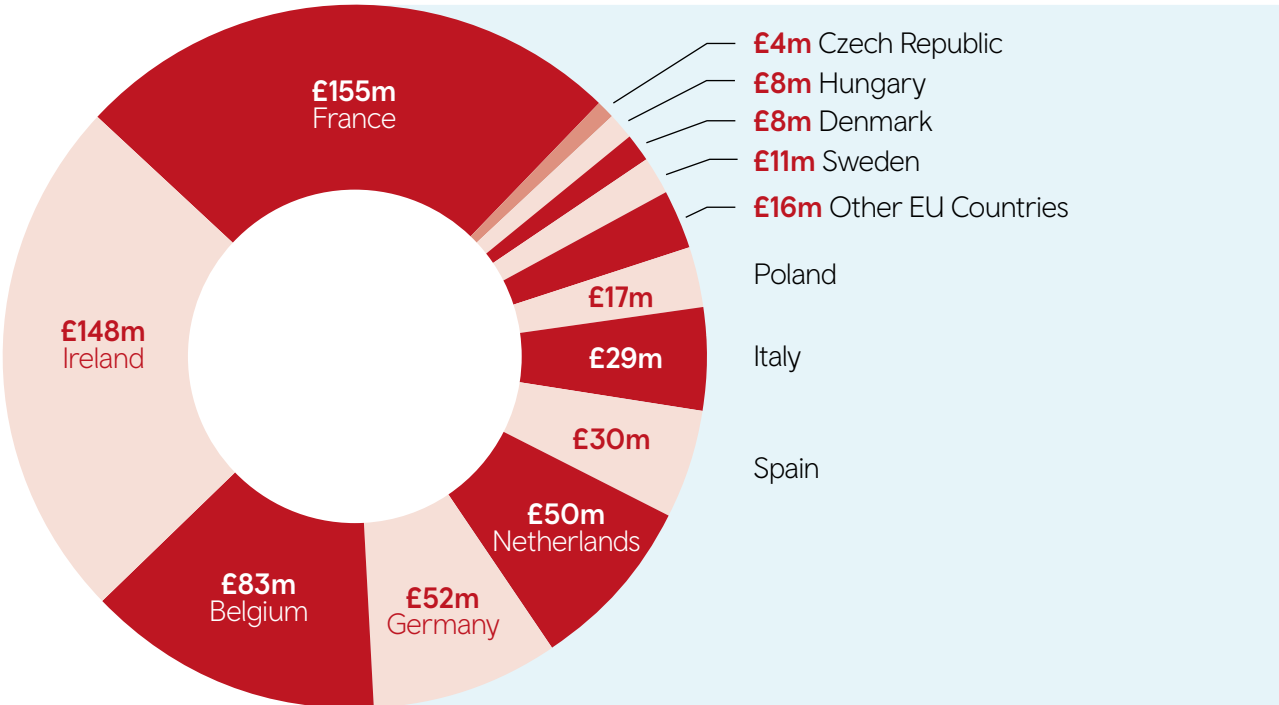
Welsh food and drink exports to the EU were worth £611m in 2023, a £17m increase from 2022. This accounted for 75% of the total value of Welsh Food and Drink exports.

The UK exported 57% of its food and drink goods to the EU in 2023, highlighting Wales' greater reliance on EU trade compared to the UK for food and drink exports.

France was the highest value destination for Welsh food and drink exports in 2023 with a value of £155m, accounting for 19% of total food and drink exports. Other top EU destinations include, The Republic of Ireland (18%, £148m), Belgium (10%, £83m), Germany (6%, £52m), and the Netherlands (6%, £50m).

These top 5 destinations combined, accounted for 60% of all Welsh food and drink exports. The top 5 destinations for the 5 highest value categories can be seen in Annex A page 17.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to EU Countries, 2023



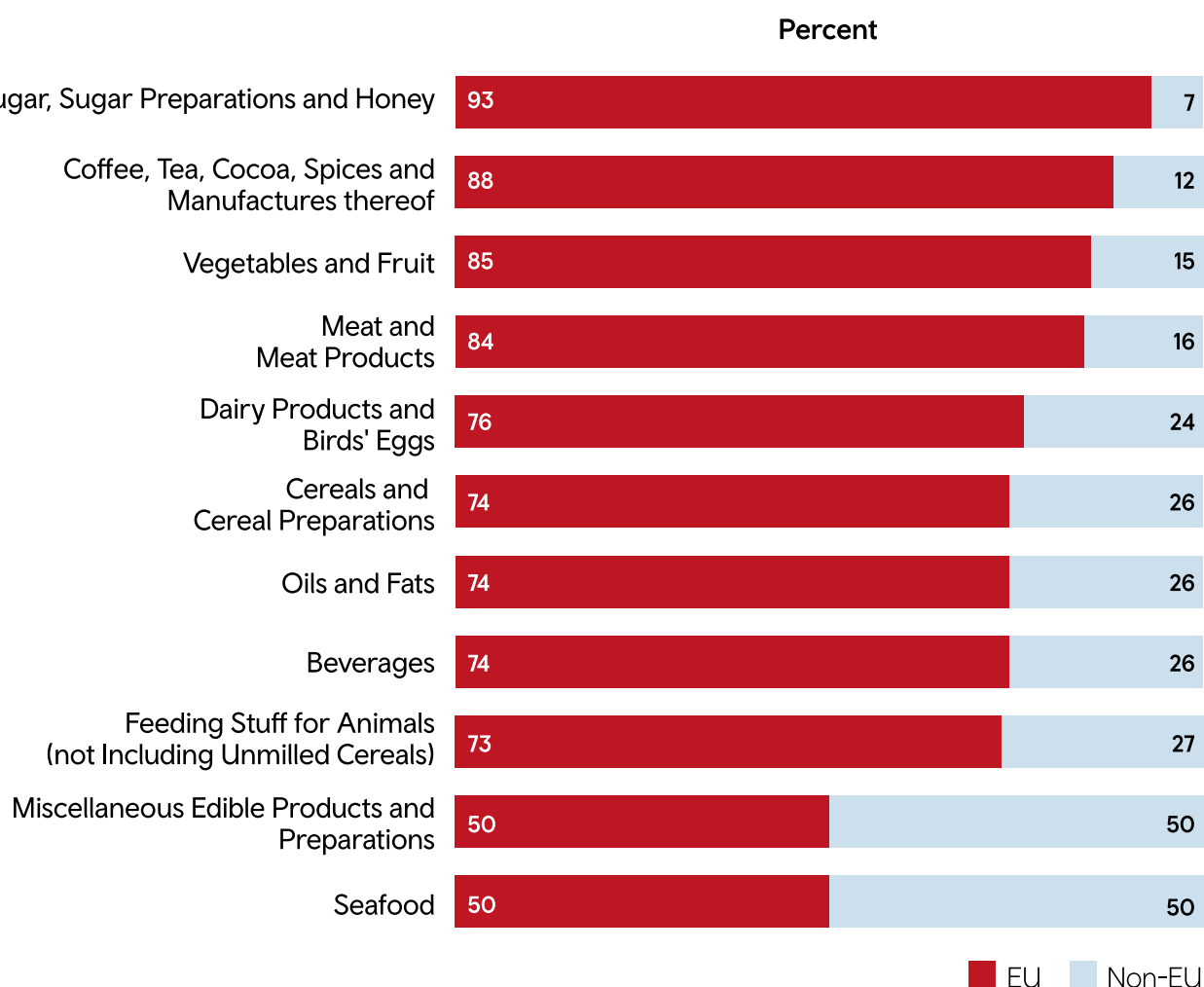
The highest value export categories to EU destinations in 2023 were Meat and Meat Products (£234 million), Cereals and Cereal Preparations (£130m), and Dairy Products and Birds Eggs (£99 million).

Each of the eleven food categories acquired the majority (>50%) of its export value from EU destinations.

The most reliant category on EU exports was Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey with 93% of the value going to EU countries.

The least EU reliant categories were Seafood as well as Miscellaneous Edible Products with 50% of their export values being from EU countries.

Sector Reliance on EU Exports, 2023



Key EU Markets

France



Food and Drink exports to France were worth **£155m** in 2023. Exports increased by **£4.5m** from 2022 (the second largest in the EU), and **£70.6m** from 2019 (the largest in the EU).

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£109.9m** (71% of food and drink exports to France). UK Food and Drink exports to France were worth **£2.75bn** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to France, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Meat and Meat Preparations	109.9
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	10.1
Seafood	8.0
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	7.9
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	7.3
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	6.9
Beverages	1.7
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	1.3
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	1.0
Vegetables and Fruit	0.3
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.2
Animal Oils and Fats	0.1
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.1

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Key EU Markets

Ireland



Food and Drink exports to Ireland were worth **£148m** in 2023. Exports increased by **£3.6m** from 2022, and **£42.4m** from 2019. These two figures are both the third largest in the EU for their respective time periods.

Cereals was the highest value category at **£49.7m** an increase of **£8.3m** from **£41.4m** in 2022. UK Food and Drink exports to Ireland were worth **£4.3bn** in 2023, the highest value food and drink export destination for the UK.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Ireland, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	49.7
	41.4
Meat and Meat Preparations	27.5
	35.6
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	24.8
	27.7
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	10.4
	12.1
Beverages	9.9
	10.7
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	7.6
	6.4
Vegetables and Fruit	7.4
	3.3
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	6.4
	4.9
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	2.6
	1.2
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.8
	0.6
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	0.7
	0.3
Seafood	0.4
	0.4
Animal Oils and Fats	0.1
	0.1

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Key EU Markets

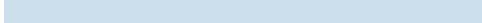
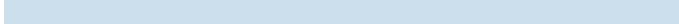
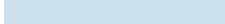
Belgium



Food and Drink exports to Belgium were worth **£78m** in 2023. This is an increase of **£4.6m** from 2022 (the largest in the EU), and **£65.0m** from 2019 (the second largest in the EU).

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£30.7m** an increase of **£6.0m** from **£24.7m** in 2022, the highest year-on-year increase for Belgium. UK Food and Drink exports to Belgium were worth **£741.9m** in 2023⁴.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Belgium, 2023 (£ millions)

		£ (m)
Meat and Meat Preparations		30.7
		24.7
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs		26.8
		34.8
Cereals and Cereal Preparations		15.9
		11.4
Beverages		4.1
		3.6
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations		3.0
		1.9
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)		0.8
		0.4
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof		0.8
		0.4
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey		0.5
		0.5
Vegetables and Fruit		0.2
		0.3
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03		0.1
		0.1
Seafood		0.0
		0.0
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated		0.0
		0.2
Animal Oils and Fats		-
		0.0

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4. Categories with £0.0 indicates a value of less than £100,000 but greater than £0. £- indicates no exports of this category.

Key EU Markets

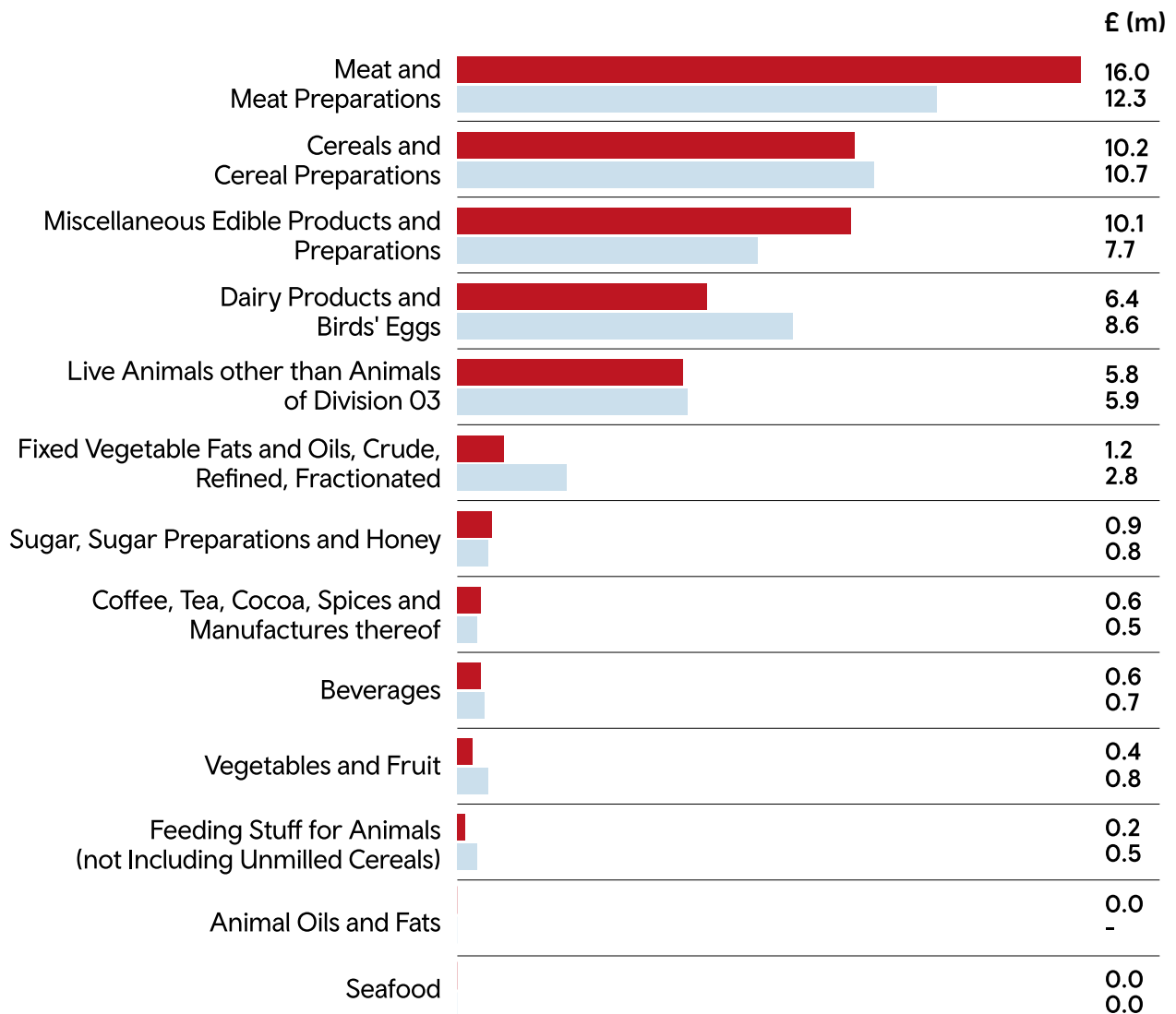
Germany



Food and Drink Exports to Germany were worth **£52m** in 2023. Exports increased by **£1m** from 2022, and **£10.2m** since 2019.

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£16.0m**, an increase of **£3.6m** from **£12.3m** in 2022, the highest year-on-year increase for Germany. UK Food and Drink exports to Germany were worth **£1.0bn** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Germany, 2023 (£ millions)



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Key EU Markets

Netherlands



Food and Drink exports to the Netherlands were worth **£50m** in 2023, a decrease of **£2.4m** since 2022, but an increase of **£10.2m** since 2019.

Dairy Products and Birds Eggs was the highest value category at **£11.5m**, this was a decrease of **£3.9m** from **£16.5m** in 2022, but a **£6.2m** increase since 2019. UK Food and Drink exports to the Netherlands were worth **£1.8bn** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Netherlands, 2023 (£ millions)

		£ (m)
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs		11.5
		15.3
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations		7.8
		6.9
Cereals and Cereal Preparations		7.2
		6.0
Beverages		6.8
		4.6
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03		4.8
		5.4
Meat and Meat Preparations		4.5
		3.8
Vegetables and Fruit		2.1
		2.6
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)		1.8
		3.1
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey		1.8
		3.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof		1.5
		1.1
Seafood		0.1
		0.2
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated		0.0
		0.0
Animal Oils and Fats		0.0
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Export destinations outside the EU

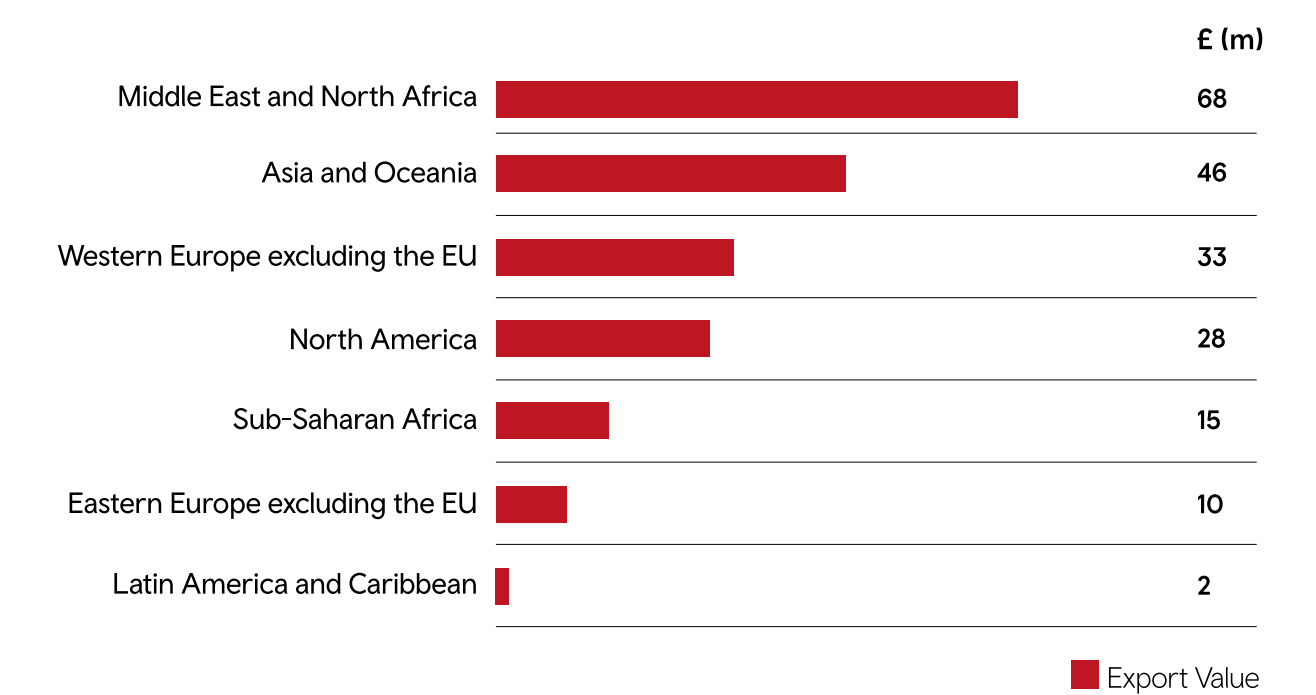
Welsh food and drink exports to non-EU countries were worth £202m in 2023, a small decrease from £203m in 2022. This is however a significant increase over the longer term, increasing by £63m since 2019.

The top destinations outside of the EU were Saudi Arabia (£25m), the USA (£23m), Turkey (£16m), Australia (£13m) and UAE (£13m). These 5 countries made up 45% of all non-EU Welsh food and drink exports, and 11% of the total value of Welsh food and drink exports.

The three highest value food and drink export categories to non-EU countries were Meat and Meat Products (£46m), Cereals and Cereal Preparations (£46m), and Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations (£45m).

From 2019 to 2023 Welsh food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia had the largest increase at £16m from £9m to £25m. This was followed by the UAE which increased by £8m and then Switzerland, which saw a £6m increase. The largest increase from 2022 to 2023 was Saudi Arabia which increased by £4m, followed by Turkey (£3.7m increase) and then Iraq (£1.6m increase).

Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports to Non-EU Regions, 2023



Key Markets outside of the EU

Saudi Arabia



Welsh food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia were worth **£25m** in 2023 the largest value from a non-EU country, increasing by **£4.3m** from 2022, and **£18.9m** from 2019.

These above two figures are the largest for a non-EU country for each of their respective time periods. The highest value export category was Cereal and Cereal Preparations at **£11m**. UK food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia were worth **£250m** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Saudi Arabia, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	11.1
	11.0
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	8.8
	5.1
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	3.6
	3.3
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	0.8
	0.7
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	0.3
	0.0
Meat and Meat Preparations	0.1
	0.2
Vegetables and Fruit	0.1
	0.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	0.0
	0.0
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.0
	0.0
Beverages	0.0
	0.0
Seafood	0.0
	0.0
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	-
	0.0
Animal Oils and Fats	-
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Key Markets outside of the EU

USA



Food and Drink exports to the USA were worth **£23m** in 2023, decreasing by **£1.0m** from 2022, but increasing by **£3.2m** from 2019.

Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations was the highest value category, at **£10.7m**, a **£0.2m** increase from **£10.4m** in 2022. UK food and drink exports to the US were worth **£2.4bn** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to USA, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	10.7
	10.4
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	6.4
	5.3
Beverages	2.3
	3.2
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	1.5
	3.6
Animal Oils and Fats	0.8
	0.3
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	0.7
	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	0.3
	0.5
Vegetables and Fruit	0.3
	0.1
Seafood	0.2
	0.1
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.0
	0.2
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.0
	0.1
Meat and Meat Preparations	0.0
	0.0
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	0.0
	0.0

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Key Markets outside of the EU

Turkey



Exports to Turkey were worth **£16m** in 2023, increasing by **£4.2m** from 2022, and **£4.8m** since 2019.

Turkey has the second highest year-on-year increase for a non-EU country. The highest value export category to Turkey was Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs with a value of **£9.2m**. UK food and drink exports to Turkey was worth **£244m** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Turkey, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	9.2
	6.5
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	4.0
	0.9
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	1.4
	2.1
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	0.6
	1.0
Beverages	0.3
	0.0
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	0.2
	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	0.1
	0.1
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.0
	0.0
Vegetables and Fruit	0.0
	0.7
Seafood	0.0
	0.0
Meat and Meat Preparations	0.0
	0.0
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.0
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Animal Oils and Fats	-
	0.0

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Key Markets outside of the EU

Australia



Exports to Australia were worth **£13m** in 2023, increasing by **£0.9m** from 2022 and **£4.3m** since 2019.

The highest value export category to Australia was Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations, with a value of **£7.2m**, followed by Dairy Products and Birds Eggs with a value of **£2.4m**. UK food and drink exports to Australia was worth **£432m** in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Australia, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	7.2
	6.2
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	2.4
	3.6
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	1.5
	1.1
Vegetables and Fruit	0.8
	0.8
Beverages	0.4
	0.4
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	0.4
	0.2
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	0.4
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Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.0
	0.0
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.0
	0.0
Seafood	0.0
	-
Meat and Meat Preparations	0.0
	0.0
Animal Oils and Fats	-
	-
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	-
	-

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Key Markets outside of the EU



Welsh Food and drink exports to the UAE were worth **£13m** in 2023. This was a decrease of **£0.2m** from 2022, but increasing by **£4.3m** since 2019 (the second largest outside of the EU).

The highest value category exported to the UAE was Cereals and Cereal Preparations, with a value of **£8.9m**. The UK exported **£429m** of food and drink to the UAE in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to UAE, 2023 (£ millions)

	£ (m)
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	8.9
	8.8
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	1.6
	1.4
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03	1.3
	1.0
Beverages	0.5
	0.7
Seafood	0.3
	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof	0.2
	0.2
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)	0.2
	0.4
Vegetables and Fruit	0.1
	0.1
Meat and Meat Preparations	0.1
	0.5
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	0.0
	0.1
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	0.0
	0.0
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated	0.0
	0.0
Animal Oils and Fats	-
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Key Markets outside of the EU

Switzerland



Welsh food and drink exports to Switzerland were worth **£9.4m** in 2023, a small decrease of **£0.1m** from 2022, however, a significant increase of **£6.4m** from 2019 (the third largest outside of the EU).

The highest value category exported to Switzerland was Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparation, with a value of **£3.9m**. The UK exported **£145m** of food and drink to Switzerland in 2023.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Switzerland, 2023 (£ millions)

		£ (m)
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations		3.9
		4.8
Cereals and Cereal Preparations		2.4
		1.5
Meat and Meat Preparations		1.9
		2.3
Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs		0.5
		0.4
Beverages		0.5
		0.3
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof		0.1
		0.1
Feeding Stuff for Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals)		0.0
		0.1
Fixed Vegetable Fats and Oils, Crude, Refined, Fractionated		0.0
		0.0
Vegetables and Fruit		0.0
		0.0
Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey		0.0
		0.0
Live Animals other than Animals of Division 03		0.0
		-
Animal Oils and Fats		-
		0.0
Seafood		-
		0.0

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Annex A. Data tables

Value of food & drink exports and total exports, Wales and the UK (£ millions), 2019-2023

	Wales			UK			Wales as a % of the UK	
	Food & Drink	All Exports	% of Wales Total	Food & Drink	All Exports	% of UK Total	Food & Drink	All Exports
2019	570	17,760	3.2	24,009	340,242	7.1	2.4	5.2
2020	552	13,535	4.1	21,743	290,620	7.5	2.5	4.7
2021	640	15,208	4.2	20,768	311,714	6.7	3.1	4.9
2022	797	20,488	3.9	25,285	374,435	6.8	3.2	5.5
2023	813	19,417	4.2	24,704	365,705	6.8	3.3	5.3

Volume of food & drink exports and total exports, Wales and the UK (tonnes), 2019-2023

	Wales			UK			Wales as a % of the UK	
	Food & Drink	All Exports	% of Wales Total	Food & Drink	All Exports	% of UK Total	Food & Drink	All Exports
2019	271,400	8,663,900	3.1	15,082,600	154,285,300	9.8	1.8	5.6
2020	225,300	7,820,700	2.9	13,244,300	145,557,700	9.1	1.7	5.4
2021	227,500	7,542,800	3.0	10,728,900	128,623,300	8.3	2.1	5.9
2022	245,000	9,022,100	2.7	12,120,600	131,306,000	9.2	2.0	6.9
2023	222,600	7,965,900	2.8	11,543,300	124,004,900	9.3	1.9	6.4

Annex A. Data tables

Value of Welsh food & drink exports by destination (£ millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 compared to:	
						2019 % change	2022 % change
European Union	431	414	464	594	611	↑ 42%	↑ 3%
Middle East and North Africa	36	33	57	70	68	↑ 88%	↓ 4%
Asia and Oceania	34	36	41	47	46	↑ 34%	↓ 4%
Western Europe excluding the EU	21	27	29	30	33	↑ 63%	↑ 13%
North America	28	24	26	31	28	↓ 1%	↓ 8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	10	11	12	15	15	↑ 45%	↑ 1%
Eastern Europe excluding the EU	9	6	9	9	10	↑ 16%	↑ 16%
Latin America and Caribbean	1	1	2	1	2	↑ 105%	↑ 69%
Total	570	552	640	797	813	↑ 43%	↑ 2%

Percentage value of Welsh food & drink exports by destination

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
European Union	76%	75%	73%	75%	75%
Middle East and North Africa	6%	6%	9%	9%	8%
Asia and Oceania	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Western Europe excluding the EU	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%
North America	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Eastern Europe excluding the EU	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Latin America and Caribbean	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Value of Welsh food & drink exports by **product** (£ millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 compared to:	
						2019 % change	2022 % change
Meat & Meat Products	171	199	187	265	280	↑ 64%	↑ 6%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	60	51	139	160	175	↑ 194%	↑ 9%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	133	107	106	138	131	↓ 1%	↓ 5%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	77	74	75	85	90	↑ 17%	↑ 7%
Beverages	32	20	31	43	40	↑ 26%	↓ 8%
Feeding Stuff For Animals	29	32	28	37	29	↑ 1%	↓ 20%
Seafood	33	25	23	21	20	↓ 38%	↓ 1%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	10	11	19	18	19	↑ 97%	↑ 8%
Vegetables & Fruit	18	17	14	14	13	↓ 27%	↓ 3%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	7	12	11	12	11	↑ 68%	↓ 4%
Oils & Fats	2	2	8	5	3	↑ 74%	↓ 34%
Total	570	552	640	797	813	↑ 43%	↑ 2%

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Percentage value of Welsh food & drink exports by **product**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Meat & Meat Products	30%	36%	29%	33%	34%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	10%	9%	22%	20%	22%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	23%	19%	17%	17%	16%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	14%	13%	12%	11%	11%
Beverages	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Feeding Stuff For Animals	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Seafood	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Vegetables & Fruit	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Oils & Fats	-	-	1%	1%	-
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Volume of Welsh food & drink exports by **product** (tonnes)

						2023 compared to:	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019 % change	2022 % change
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	61,300	34,900	64,400	68,600	55,900	↓ 9%	↓ 19%
Meat & Meat Products	50,300	67,700	48,100	46,700	43,700	↓ 13%	↓ 6%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	57,600	35,800	34,900	34,000	33,000	↓ 43%	↓ 3%
Beverages	42,600	26,800	31,300	39,400	29,600	↓ 30%	↓ 25%
Feeding Stuff For Animals	20,300	21,800	17,900	23,400	18,000	↓ 12%	↓ 23%
Vegetables & Fruit	8,300	8,400	4,700	6,600	15,000	↑ 81%	↑ 127%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	14,000	12,400	10,100	9,800	10,800	↓ 23%	↑ 11%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	6,700	8,200	7,400	8,000	8,800	↑ 32%	↑ 10%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	1,900	2,000	4,700	4,100	3,800	↑ 97%	↓ 7%
Seafood	7,700	6,300	3,000	3,400	2,800	↓ 63%	↓ 18%
Oils & Fats	700	900	1,200	1,200	1,200	↑ 68%	↑ 1%
Total	271,400	225,300	227,500	245,000	222,600	↓ 18%	↓ 9%

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Top 10 Countries by Value of Welsh food & drink exports (£ millions), 2019-2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 compared to:	
						2019 % change	2022 % change
France	84	72	100	150	155	↑ 85%	↑ 3%
Ireland	106	107	112	145	148	↑ 40%	↑ 2%
Belgium	18	21	56	78	83	↑ 361%	↑ 6%
Germany	42	51	44	51	52	↑ 24%	↑ 2%
Netherlands	63	53	49	52	50	↓ 21%	↓ 4%
Spain	37	25	21	27	30	↓ 19%	↑ 11%
Italy	27	26	22	26	29	↑ 7%	↑ 12%
Saudi Arabia	9	9	18	21	25	↑ 178%	↑ 19%
United States	20	20	20	24	23	↑ 15%	↓ 4%
Poland	10	16	17	19	17	↑ 70%	↓ 11%

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Top 5 Welsh Food & Drink Products by **Top 5 Destinations** (Value in £ millions, Volume in tonnes)

Meat & Meat Products										
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
France	40	9,300	42	14,300	68	12,000	113	18,500	117	18,100
Belgium	8	3,500	11	6,400	16	7,900	25	5,100	31	7,100
Ireland	24	9,600	21	10,000	14	4,200	36	8,700	28	6,400
Germany	16	7,400	28	5,500	17	2,100	18	2,900	22	2,900
Netherlands	14	10,100	21	18,600	9	12,500	9	6,700	9	5,300

Cereal & Cereal Preparations										
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Ireland	24	14,900	25	14,100	36	14,500	41	13,700	50	13,400
Belgium	-	100	-	100	10	5,400	11	5,600	16	6,000
Italy	-	300	-	100	10	2,200	11	2,400	13	2,600
Saudi Arabia	-	200	-	200	8	2,800	11	2,500	11	2,100
Spain	3	13,800	1	3,100	8	9,300	10	12,200	11	9,700

Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs										
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Belgium	6	2,400	7	3,200	25	9,200	35	9,200	27	7,600
Ireland	25	20,300	24	10,900	21	8,700	28	7,100	25	7,500
Netherlands	23	12,900	9	5,700	16	8,900	15	8,200	11	6,300
Italy	7	2,400	4	1,600	4	1,200	5	1,200	9	3,200
Turkey	8	600	10	700	8	500	6	400	9	600

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Top 5 Welsh Food & Drink Products by **Top 5 Destinations** (Value in £ millions, Volume in tonnes)

Miscellaneous Edible Products & Preparations										
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
United States	11	300	12	300	11	300	10	300	11	400
Germany	8	1,200	7	1,000	6	500	8	400	10	1,900
France	7	1,500	7	1,500	5	1,500	7	1,600	8	1,300
Netherlands	5	1,300	4	700	6	1,000	7	900	8	900
Ireland	8	2,700	10	3,000	6	2,100	6	2,100	8	2,100

Beverages										
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Ireland	3	6,600	4	6,800	14	15,800	11	11,600	10	9,200
Netherlands	4	6,300	4	4,900	2	1,700	5	4,800	7	6,700
Belgium	1	2,100	-	400	-	400	4	4,200	4	3,900
Spain	4	5,300	2	3,300	3	4,100	3	4,800	3	3,200
China	1	700	1	600	1	300	3	100	3	300

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Value of Welsh food & drink exports by **UK country / English region**
(£ millions), 2019-2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 compared to:	
						2019 % change	2022 % change
Wales	570	552	640	797	813	↑ 43%	↑ 2%
Scotland	6,279	5,279	5,920	7,665	7,212	↑ 15%	↓ 6%
Northern Ireland	1,897	1,784	1,812	2,313	2,393	↑ 26%	↑ 3%
North East	257	239	294	313	300	↑ 17%	↓ 4%
North West	1,947	1,956	1,764	2,206	2,216	↑ 14%	↑ 0%
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,241	1,236	1,137	1,291	1,310	↑ 6%	↑ 1%
East Midlands	1,088	1,036	975	1,173	1,167	↑ 7%	↑ 0%
West Midlands	778	745	833	888	909	↑ 17%	↑ 2%
East	2,133	2,006	1,519	1,779	1,682	↓ 21%	↓ 5%
London	3,016	2,625	2,454	2,914	2,789	↓ 8%	↓ 4%
South East	1,632	1,412	1,357	1,555	1,491	↓ 9%	↓ 4%
South West	896	796	812	973	969	↑ 8%	↑ 0%
Total	24,009	21,743	20,768	25,285	24,704	↑ 3%	↓ 2%

Key Quality Information

Relevance

This bulletin contains analysis of **HMRC** (HM Revenue & Customs) Regional Trade in Goods Statistics (RTS). All figures are in British pounds at current prices, they have not been adjusted for inflation or currency exchange rates.

All data used in this briefing are for the calendar years from 1st January to 31st December. Please note that data for the most recent year are provisional and subject to revision.

The following eleven SITC rev.4 (Standard International Trade Classification) divisions were used to give the best approximation of the whole Food & Drink Exports sector:



00

Live animals other than animals of division 03

02

Dairy products and birds' eggs

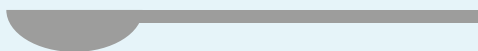


04

Cereals and cereal preparations

06

Sugars, sugar preparations and honey



08

Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)

11

Beverages



01

Meat and meat preparations (Divisions 00 and 01 were merged in a super-division: "Meat and meat products")

03

Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof



05

Vegetables and fruit

07

Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof



09

Miscellaneous edible products and preparations

41

Animals' oils and fats

42

Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated (Divisions 41 and 42 were merged in a super-division: "Oils and fats")



NB: division 43 ("Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.") was not included because it contains inedible food.

From these 13 divisions, 11 products categories were defined, as divisions 00 and 01 were gathered together in one *Meat and meat products* category, while divisions 41 and 42 were clustered in one *Oils and fats* category.

"Non European Stores and Provisions" were included among the destination export areas to maintain consistency with what published by HMRC at national level (www.uktradeinfo.com).

Accuracy

The data in this bulletin are the Regional Trade Statistics (RTS) published by HMRC. These statistics refer to goods that have crossed UK frontier.

This means that exports from Wales to other parts of the UK are not included and there is no element included for components produced in Wales when the final product is completed in and then exported from another part of the UK. HMRC do not receive information in respect of goods that move wholly within the UK.

If a business has branches in more than one region, that business' trade is allocated to each region based on **the proportion of their total employees in that region**. This is regardless of what is being exported.

Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations contains a mixture of sub-categories including Margarine and Shortening, and various edible food preparations such as cooked fruit preparations, composite food preparations, various sauce preparations, and food preparations for infant use.

A full breakdown of the category can be seen in the **SITC Revision 4**.

www.unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesM/SeriesM_34rev4E.pdf