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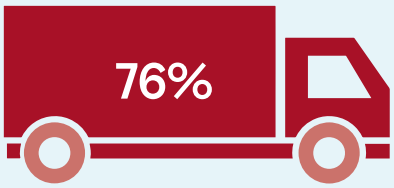


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Welsh Food and Drink Exports 2024

The value of Welsh food and drink exports increased by **£26 million (3%)** between 2023 and 2024.

From 2019 the value has increased by **£269 million (47%)**.



of the value of Welsh food and drink exports went to the EU, in comparison to the **58%** for the UK.

The highest value export categories in 2024 were Meat and Meat Products **(£293m)** and Cereal and Cereal Preparations **(£170m)**.



The top destinations for exports were



Ireland



France

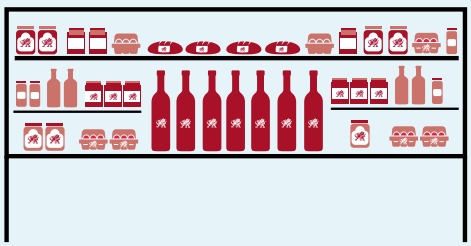


Belgium.

The UK exported **£24.9 billion** worth of food and drink in 2024, a **1%** increase from 2023.



Welsh food and drink exports were worth **£839 million** in 2024, the highest recorded yearly value from HMRC.





The export value of Vegetables and Fruit saw the largest percentage increase from 2023 to 2024, from **£13m** to **£33m (147%)**. Cereal and Cereal Preparations saw the largest percentage increase from 2019 to 2024, from **£60m** to **£170m (184%)**.

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Product Category Analysis

The three most valuable export categories for Welsh food and drink in 2024 were Meat and Meat Products[1] (£293m), Cereal and Cereal Preparations (£170m), and Dairy Products and Birds Eggs (£138m).

The category with the largest percentage increase from 2023 was Vegetables & Fruit with a 147% increase from £13m to £33m.

This is followed by Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices with a year-on-year increase of 32%, rising from £19m to £26m.

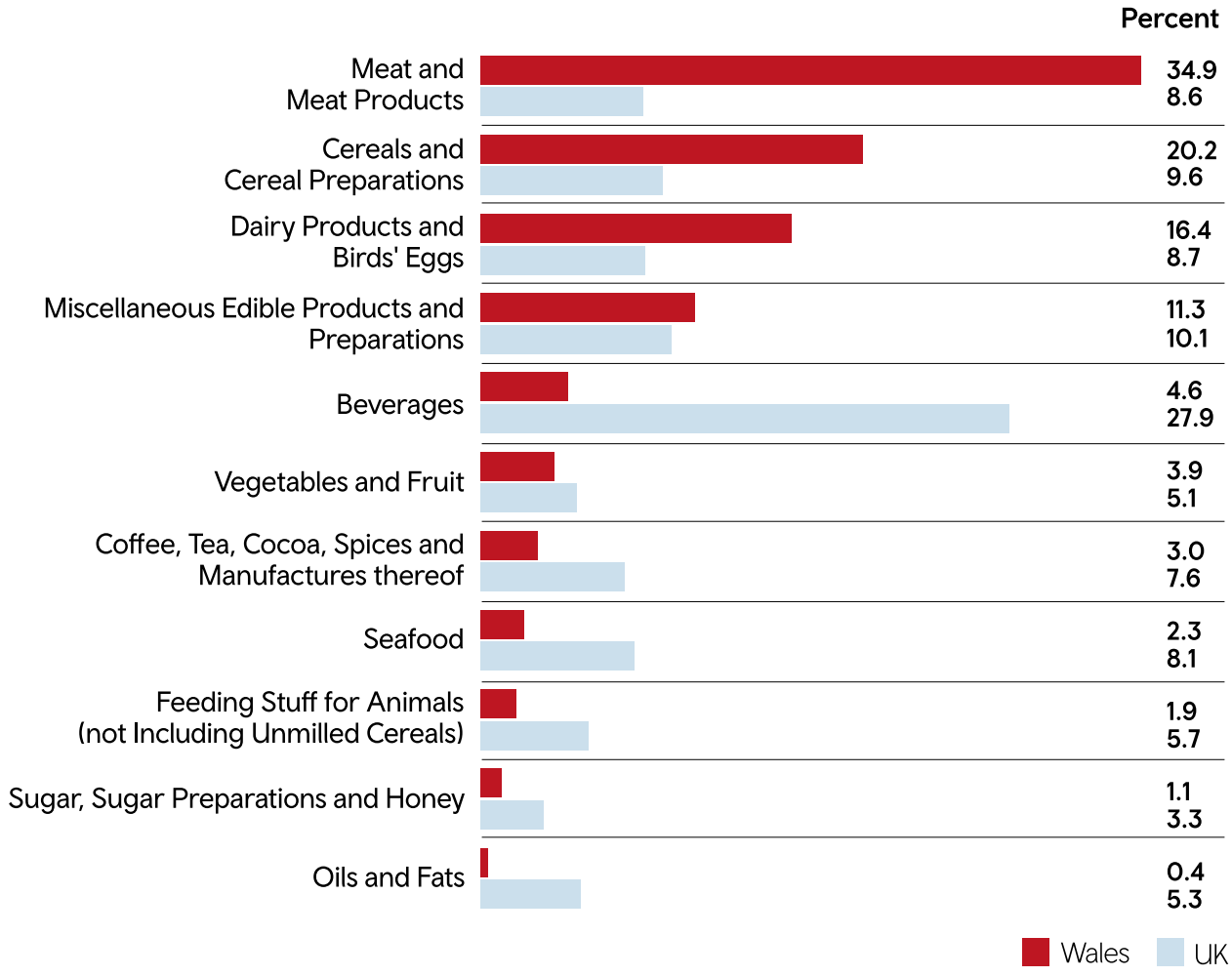
Feeding stuff for animals had the largest percentage decrease year-on-year, falling by 47% from £29m to £16m[2].

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 35% of the food and drink export value, followed by Cereal and Cereal Preparations with a 20% share of all food and drink exports. For the UK, Beverages was the category with the highest share at 28%, followed by Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations with 10%.

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 Sugar Preparations and Honey, at 3%, and Vegetables and Fruit at 5%[3].

Proportion of Food and Drink Exports by Category, 2024



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 USA (8th) and the Saudia Arabia (9th).

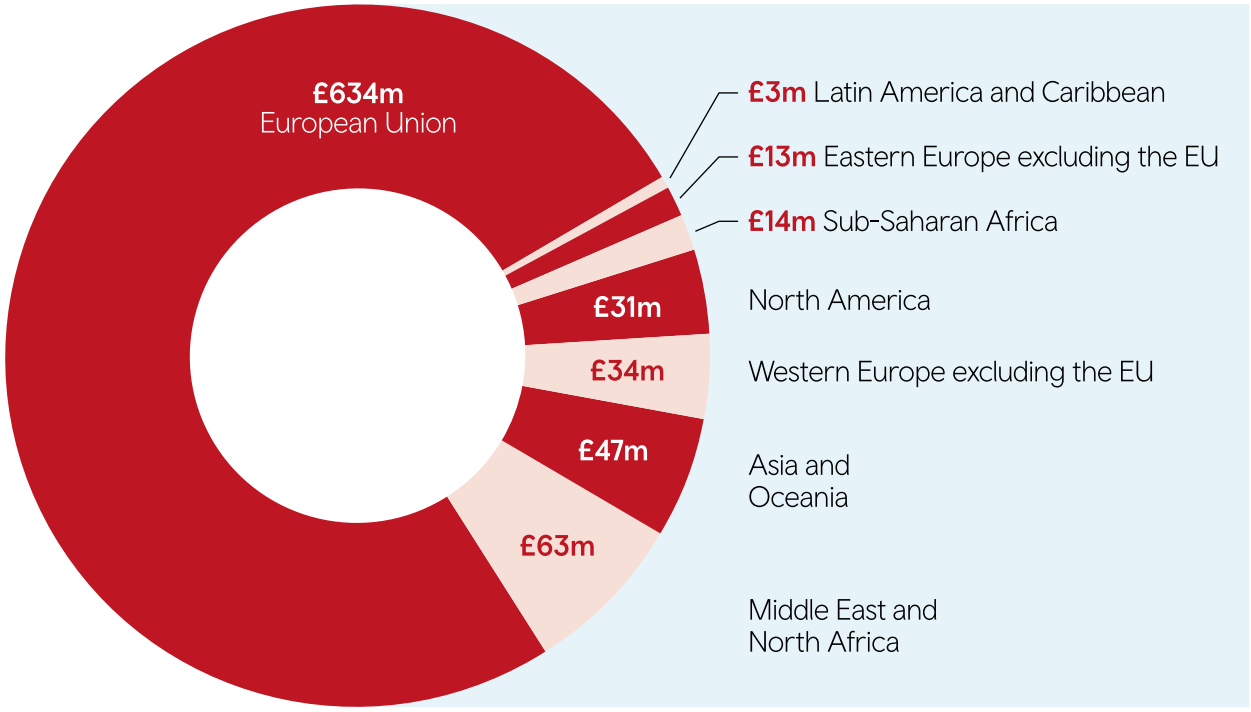
Top Ten countries by value of food and drink exports (£ millions), 2024

Rank	Country	Export Value	% of Total F&D Exports
1	Ireland	180	21%
2	France	151	18%
3	Belguim	79	9%
4	Netherlands	59	7%
5	Germany	42	5%
6	Italy	27	3%
7	Spain	27	3%
8	United States	23	3%
9	Saudi Arabia	23	3%
10	Poland	21	3%
Total Food and Drink Exports		839	

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

76% 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 (7%, £63 million), and Asia and Oceania (6%, £47 million) respectively.

Welsh Food and Drink Export Value by Region, 2024



Export destinations in the EU

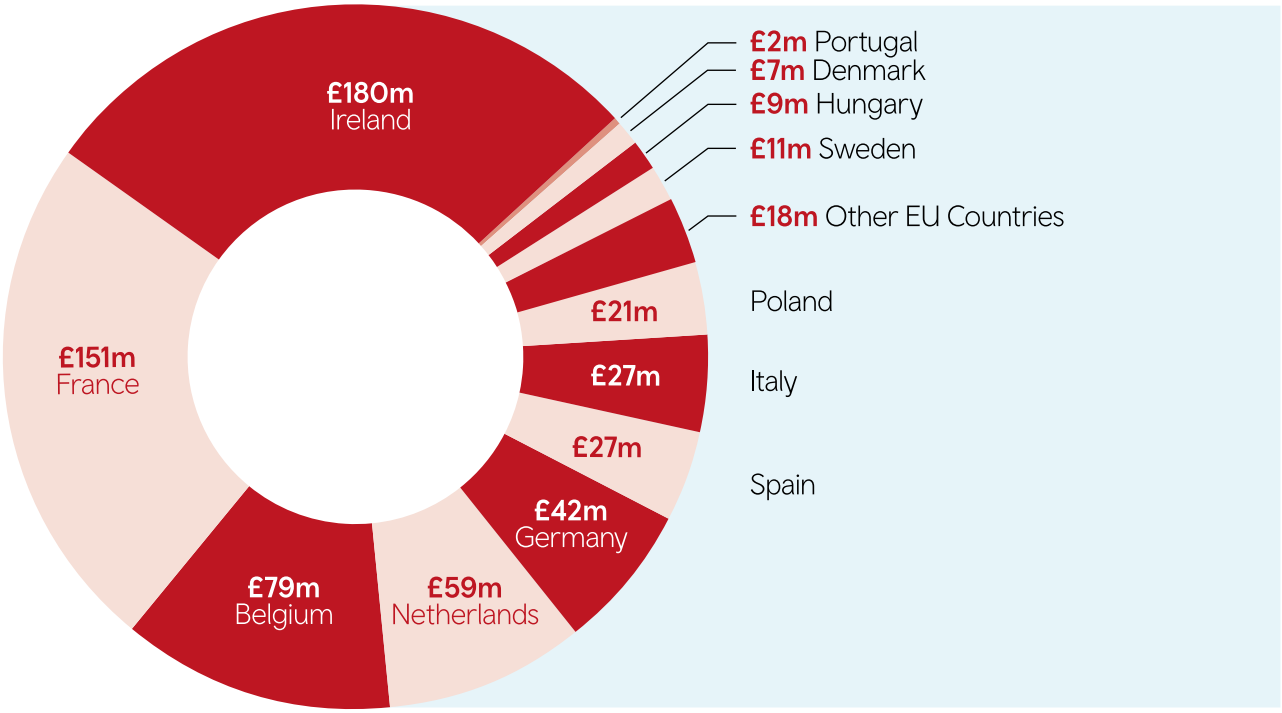
Welsh food and drink exports to the EU were worth £634m in 2024, a £23m increase from 2023. This accounted for 76% of the total value of Welsh Food and Drink exports.

The UK exported 58% of its food and drink goods to the EU in 2024, highlighting Wales' greater reliance on EU trade compared to the UK for food and drink exports.

The Republic of Ireland was the highest value destination for Welsh food and drink exports in 2024 with a value of £180m, accounting for 21% of total food and drink exports. Other top EU destinations include, France (£151m, 18%), Belgium (£79m, 9%), the Netherlands (£59m, 7%), and Germany (£42m, 5%).

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 26.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to EU Countries, 2024



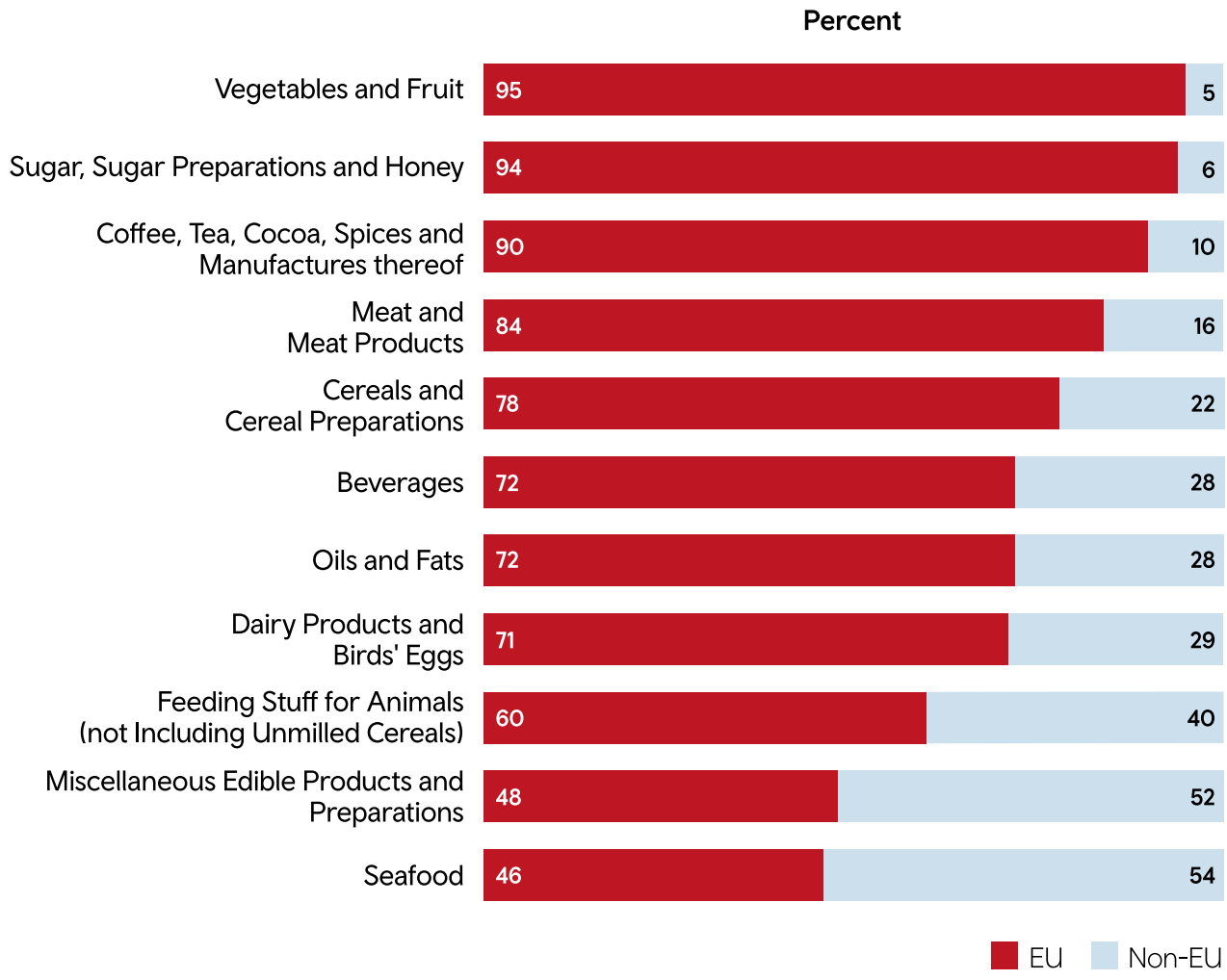
The highest value export categories to EU destinations in 2024 were Meat and Meat Products (£247 million), Cereals and Cereal Preparations (£132m), and Dairy Products and Birds Eggs (£98 million).

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

The most reliant category on EU exports was Vegetables & Fruit with 95% of the value going to EU countries.

The least EU reliant categories were Seafood (46%) as well as Miscellaneous Edible Products (48%), they were both more non-EU reliant.

Sector Reliance on EU Exports, 2024



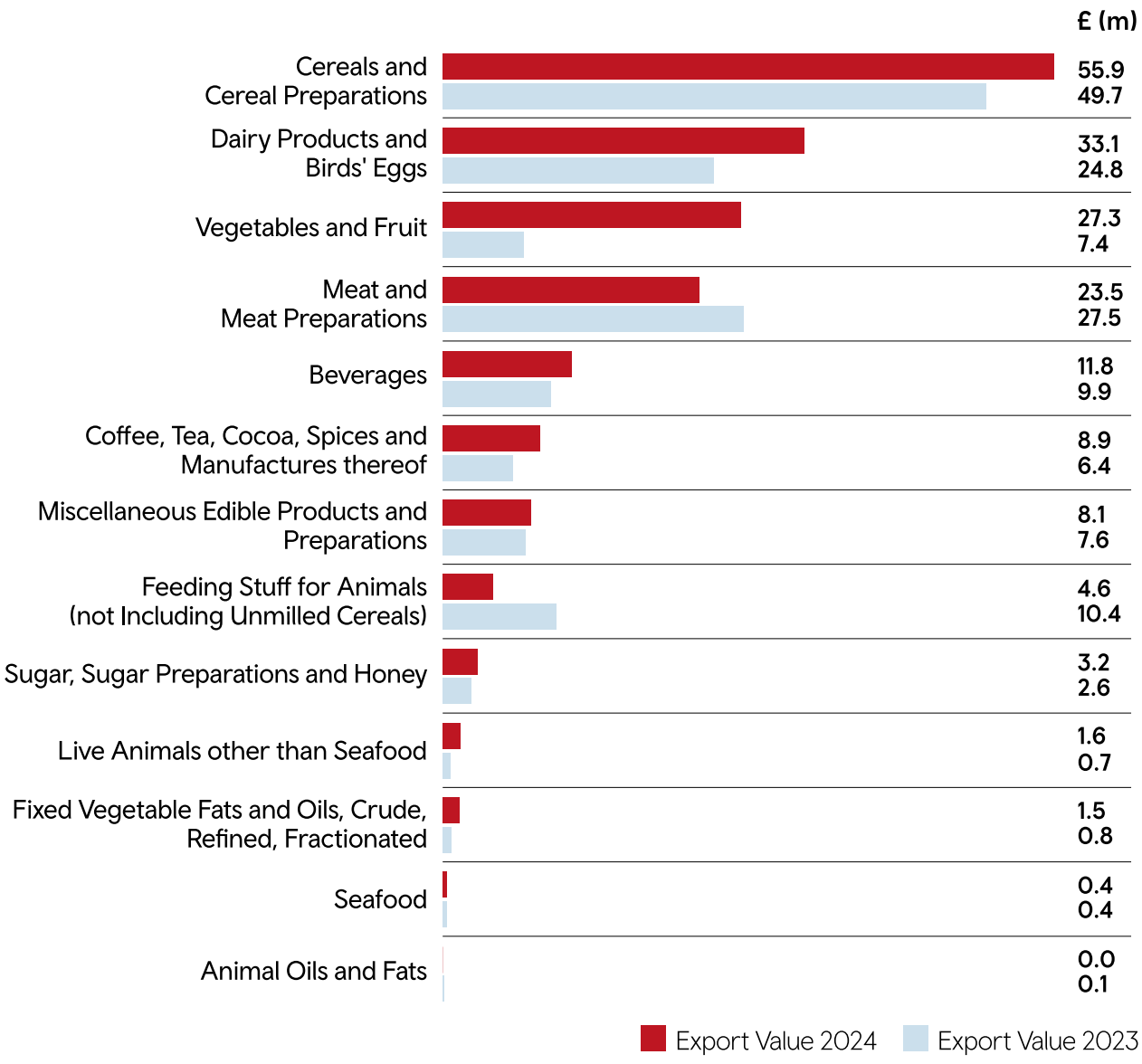
Key EU Markets

Ireland

Food and Drink exports to Ireland were worth **£180m** in 2024. Exports increased by **£32m** from 2023, and **£74m** from 2019. These two figures are both the largest in the EU for their respective time periods.

Cereals was the highest value category at **£56m** an increase of **£6m** from **£50m** in 2023. UK Food and Drink exports to Ireland were worth **£4.4bn** in 2024, the highest value food and drink export destination for the UK.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Ireland, 2024 (£ millions)



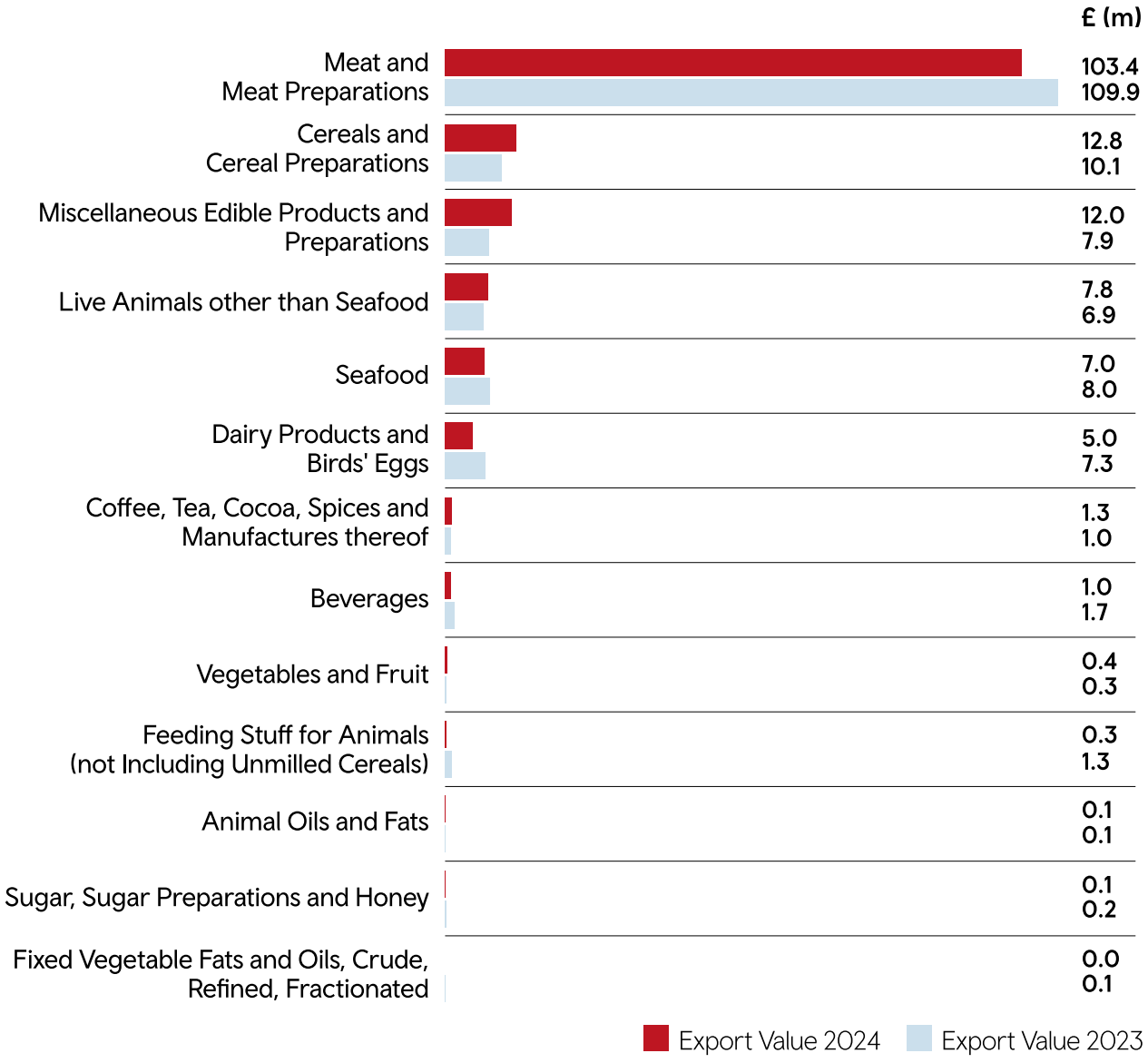
Key EU Markets

France

Food and Drink exports to France were worth **£151m** in 2024. Exports decreased by **£4m** from 2023 and **£67m** from 2019 (the second largest in the EU).

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£103m** (68% of food and drink exports to France). UK Food and Drink exports to France were worth **£2.9bn** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to France, 2024 (£ millions)



Key EU Markets

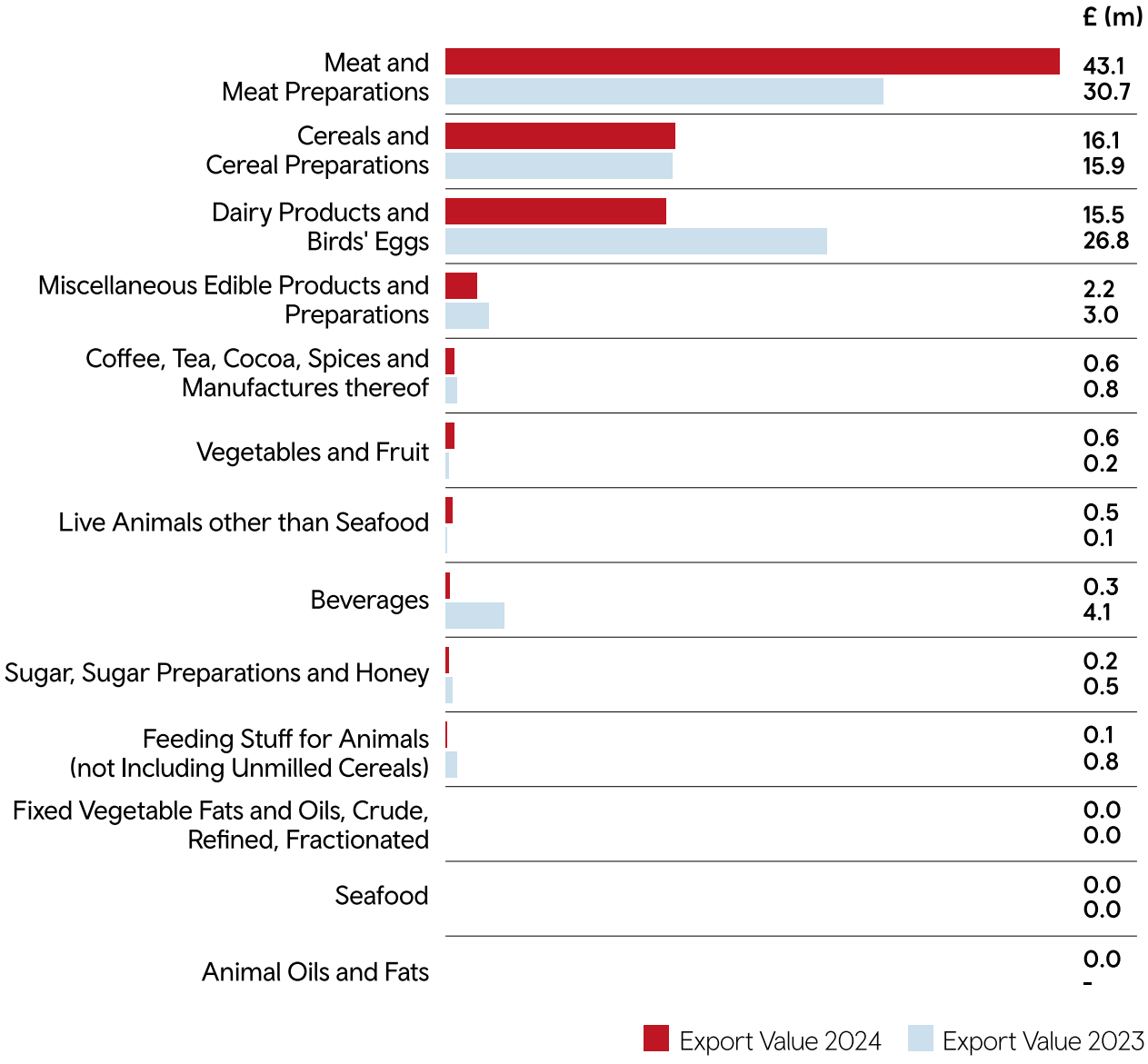
Belgium



Food and Drink exports to Belgium were worth **£79m** in 2024. This is a decrease of **£4m** from 2023 but an increase of **£61m** from 2019 (the third largest in the EU).

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£43m** an increase of **£12m** from **£31m** in 2023, the highest year on year increase for Belgium. UK Food and Drink exports to Belgium were worth **£717m** in 2024[4].

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Belgium, 2024 (£ millions)



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

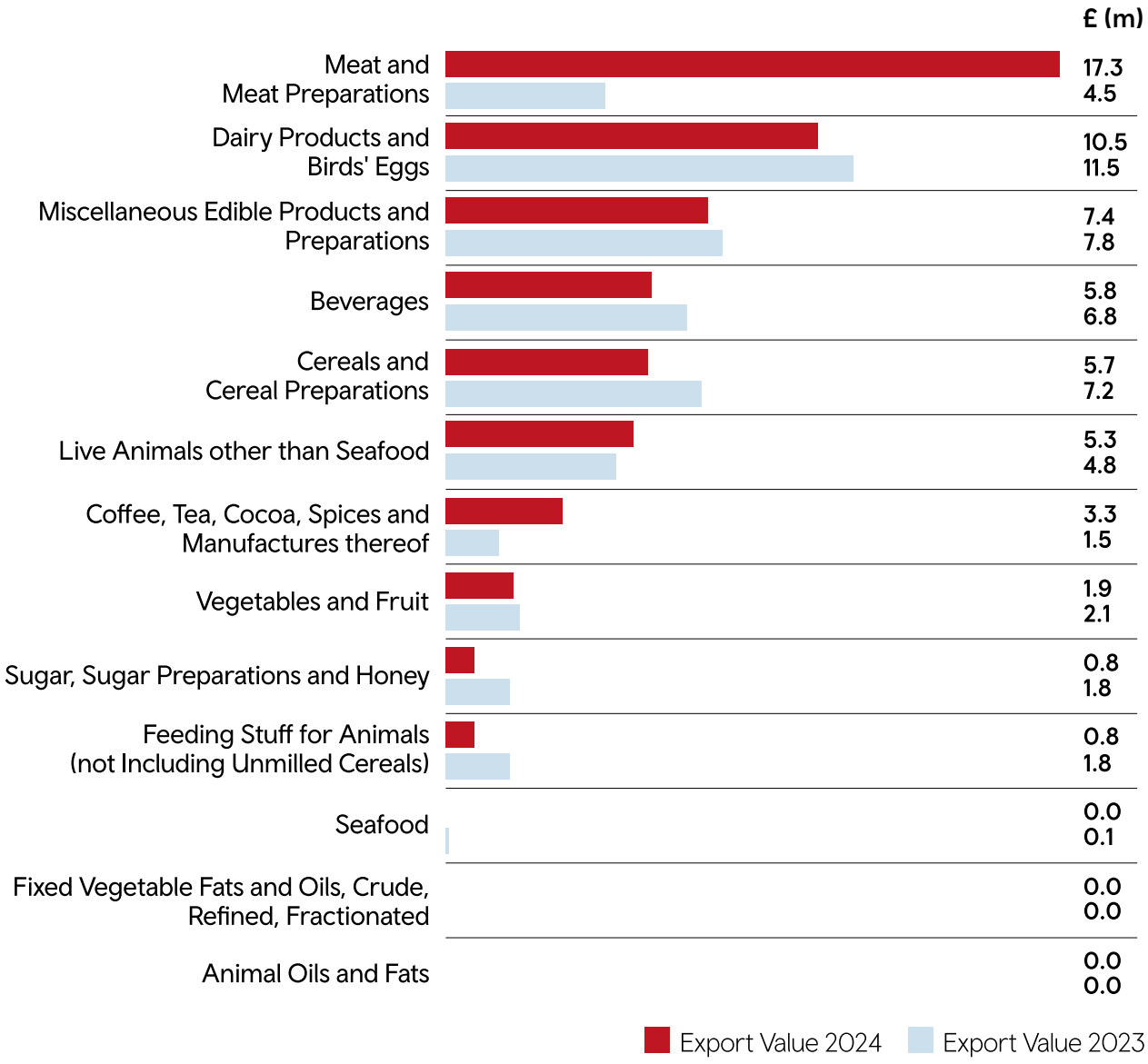
Netherlands



Food and Drink exports to the Netherlands were worth **£59m** in 2024, an increase of **£9m** since 2023, but a decrease of **£4m** since 2019.

Meat and Meat Preparations was the highest value category at **£17m**, this was an increase of **£13m** from **£4m** in 2023, and a **£6m** increase since 2019. UK Food and Drink exports to the Netherlands were worth **£1.7bn** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Netherlands, 2024 (£ millions)



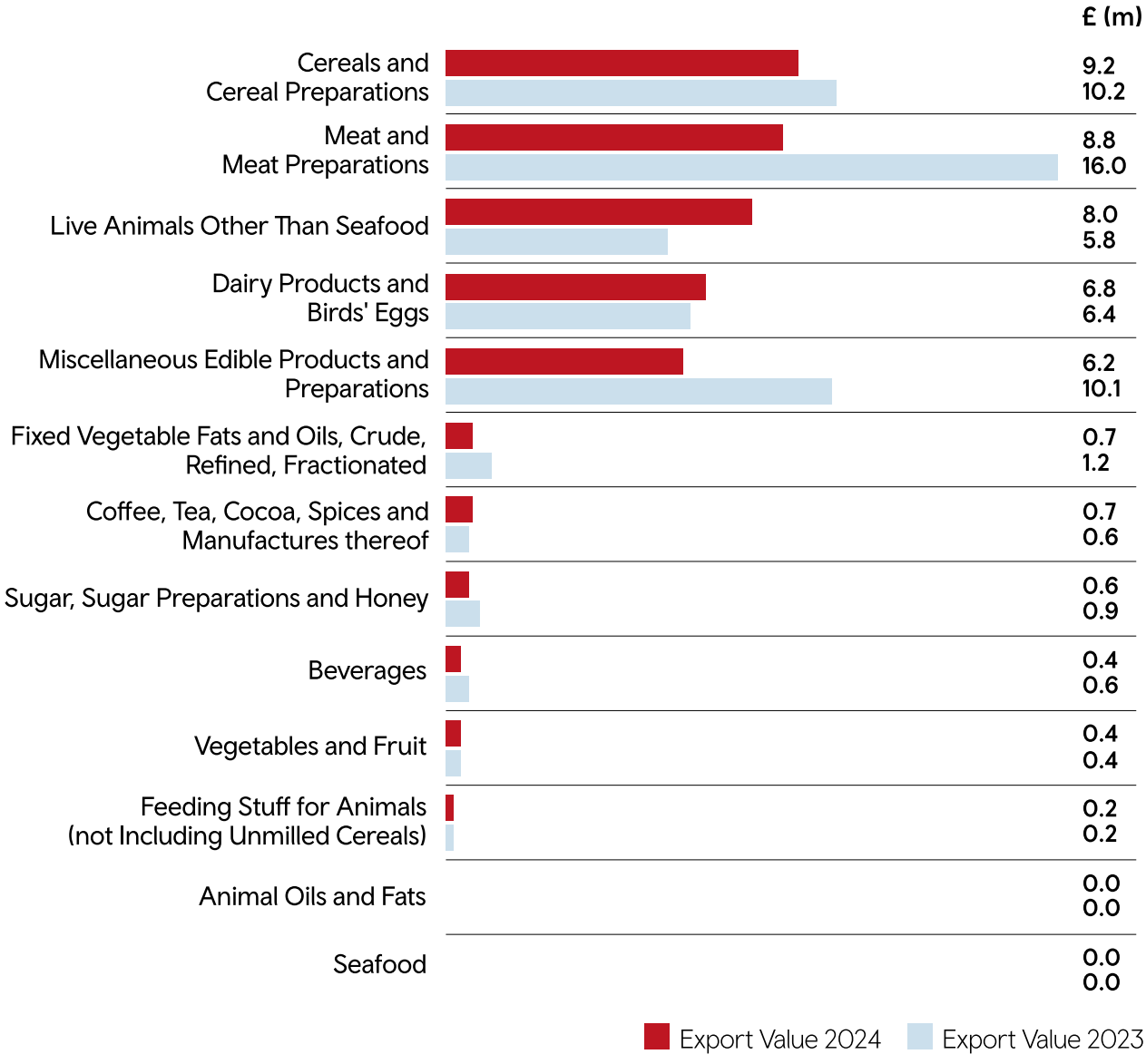
Key EU Markets

Germany

Food and Drink Exports to Germany were worth **£42m** in 2024. Exports decreased by **£10m** from 2023, and **£0.1m** since 2019.

Cereal and Cereal Preparations was the highest value category at **£9m**, a decrease of **£1m** from **£10m** in 2023. UK Food and Drink exports to Germany were worth **£1.1bn** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Germany, 2024 (£ millions)



Export destinations outside the EU

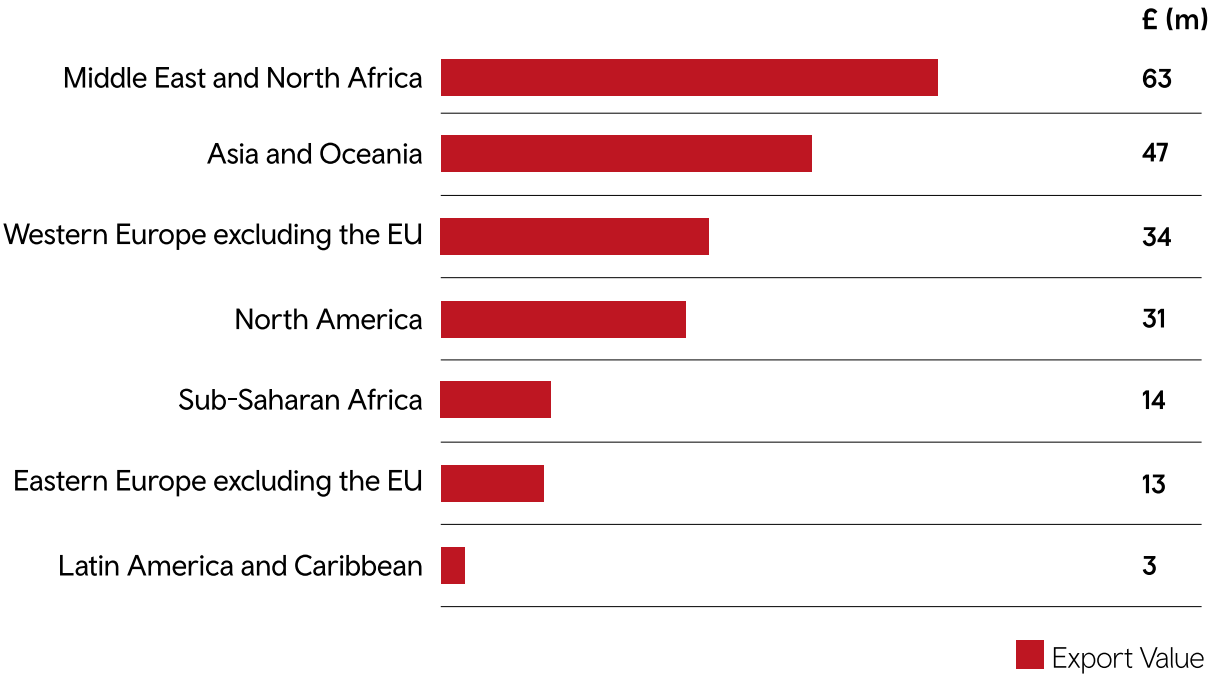
Welsh food and drink exports to non-EU countries were worth £205m in 2024, an increase of £3m from £202m in 2023. There is a significant increase over the longer term, increasing by £66m since 2019.

The top destinations outside of the EU were the USA (£23m), Saudi Arabia (£23m), Turkey (£19m), Australia (£15m) and UAE (£12m). These 5 countries made up 44% of all non-EU Welsh food and drink exports, and 12% of the total value of Welsh food and drink exports.

The three highest value food and drink export categories to non-EU countries were Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations (£49m), Meat and Meat Products (£46m) and Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs (£40m).

From 2019 to 2024 Welsh food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia had the largest increase at £14m from £9m to £23m. This was followed by Turkey which increased by £8m and then the UAE, which saw a £7m increase. The largest increase from 2023 to 2024 was Turkey which increased by £3m, followed by Russia (£3m increase) and then Canada (£3m increase).

Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports to Non-EU Regions, 2024



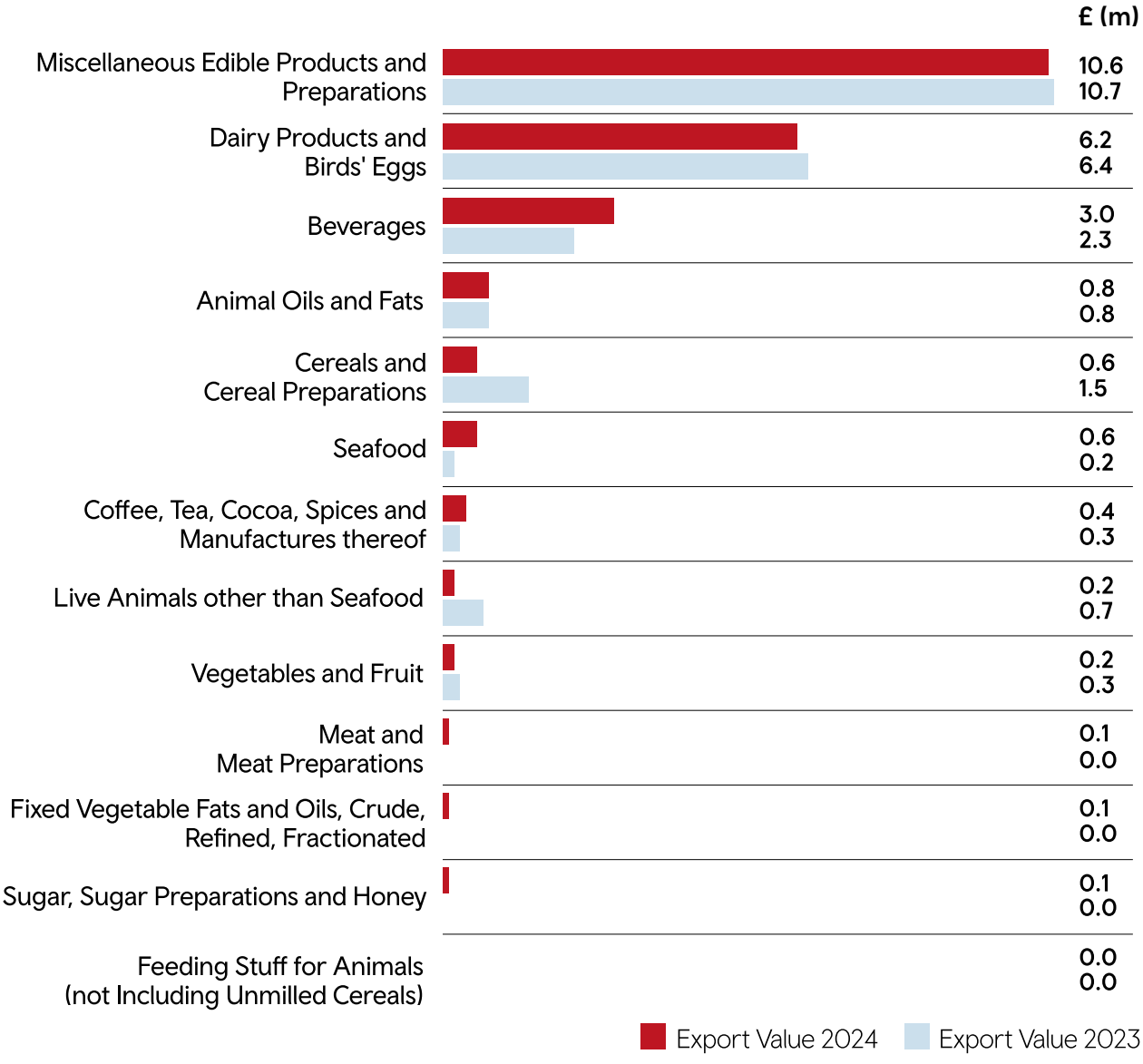
Key Markets outside of the EU

USA

Food and Drink exports to the USA were worth **£23m** in 2024 the largest value from a non-EU country, decreasing by **£0.2m** from 2023, but increasing by **£3m** from 2019.

Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations was the highest value category, at **£10.6m**, a **£0.1m** decrease from **£10.7m** in 2023. UK food and drink exports to the US were worth **£2.7bn** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to USA, 2024 (£ millions)



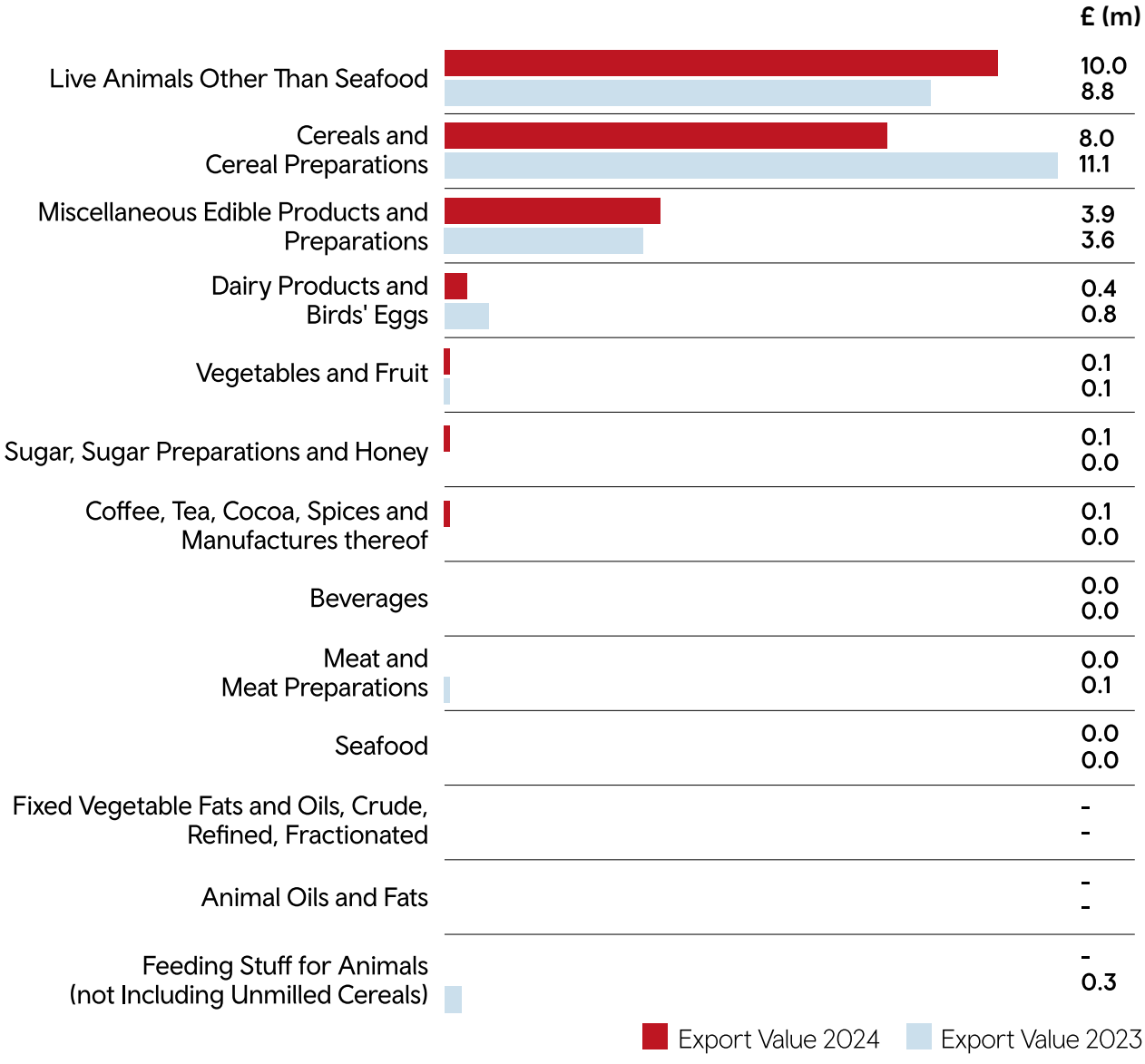
Key Markets outside of the EU

Saudi Arabia

Welsh food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia were worth **£23m** in 2024, decreasing by **£2m** from 2023, but increasing by **£14m** from 2019 and is the largest for a non-EU country.

The highest value export category was Live Animals Other Than Seafood at **£10m**. UK food and drink exports to Saudi Arabia were worth **£231m** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Saudi Arabia, 2024 (£ millions)



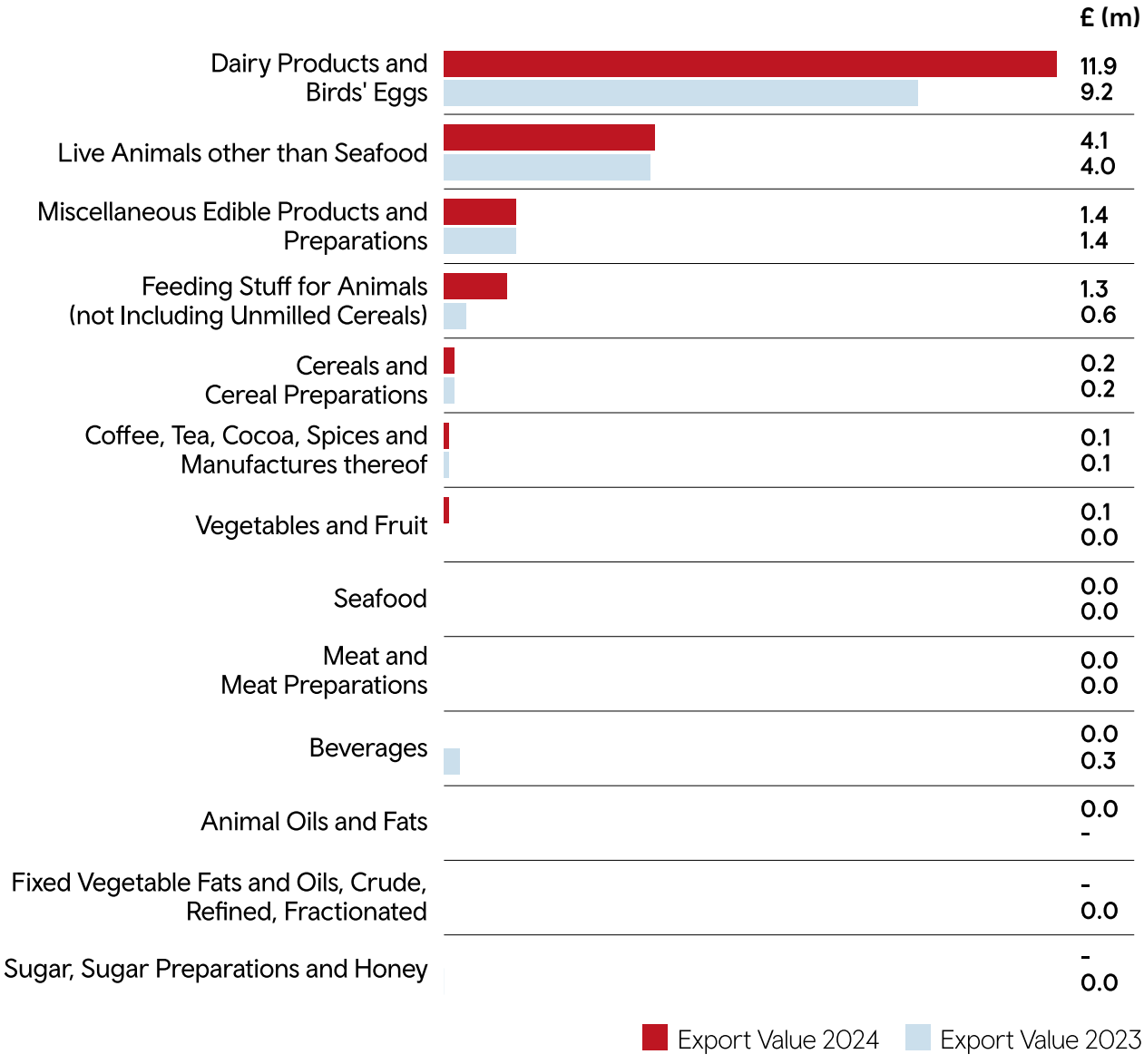
Key Markets outside of the EU

Turkey

Exports to Turkey were worth **£19m** in 2024, increasing by **£3m** from 2023, and **£8m** since 2019.

Turkey has the highest year on year increase for a non-EU country and second largest change from 2019 for a non-EU country. The highest value export category to Turkey was Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs with a value of **£12m**. UK food and drink exports to Turkey were worth **£300m** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Turkey, 2024 (£ millions)



Key Markets outside of the EU

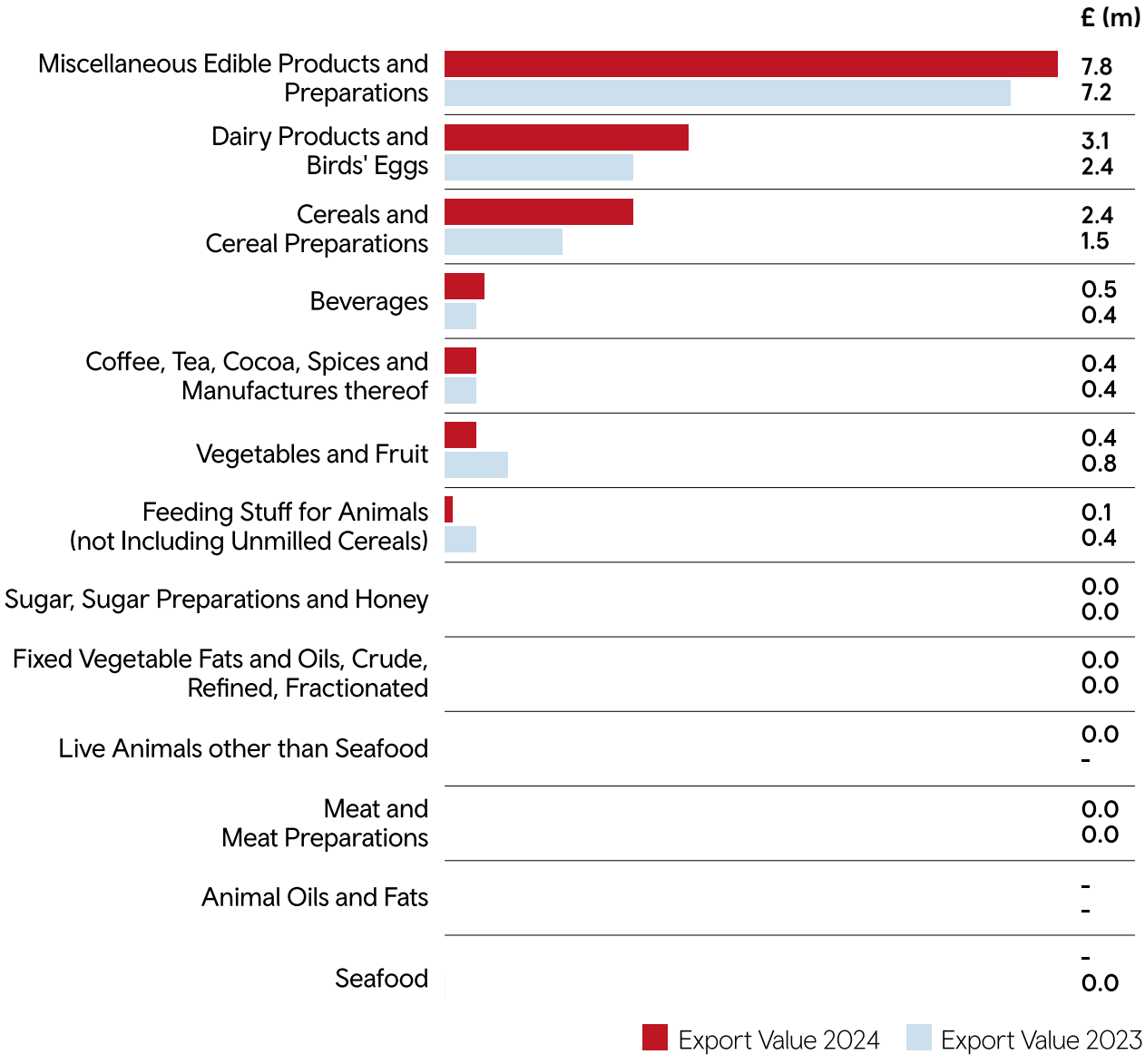
Australia



Exports to Australia were worth **£15m** in 2024, increasing by **£1m** from 2023 and **£6m** since 2019 (the third largest for a non-EU country).

The highest value export category to Australia was Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations, with a value of **£8m**, followed by Dairy Products and Birds Eggs with a value of **£3m**. UK food and drink exports to Australia were worth **£465m** in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Australia, 2024 (£ millions)



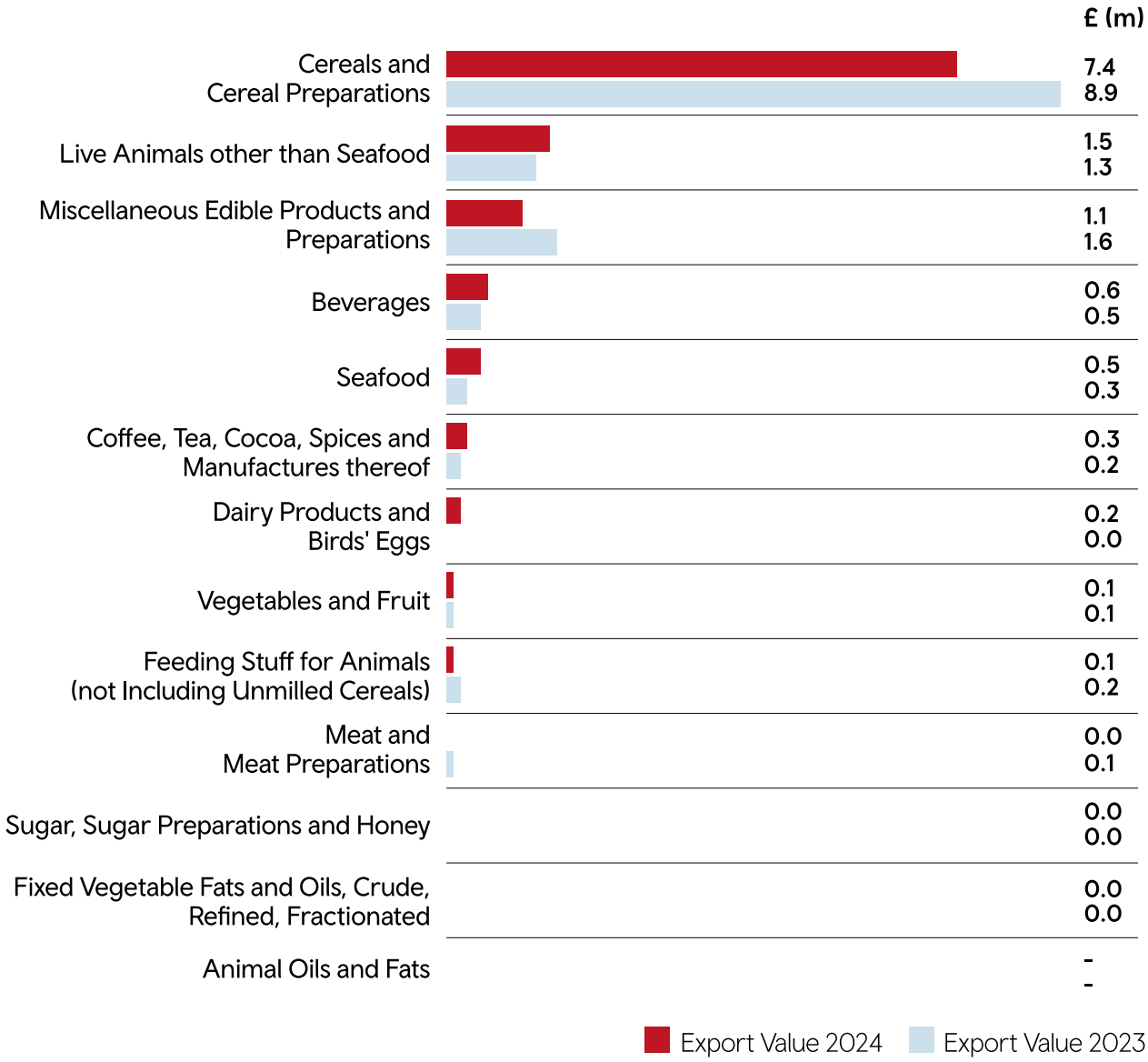
Key Markets outside of the EU

UAE

Welsh Food and drink exports to the UAE were worth **£12m** in 2024. This was a decrease of **£1m** from 2023 but increasing by **£7m** since 2019 (the third largest outside of the EU).

The highest value category exported to the UAE was Cereals and Cereal Preparations, with a value of **£7m**. The UK exported **£464m** of food and drink to the UAE in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to UAE, 2024 (£ millions)



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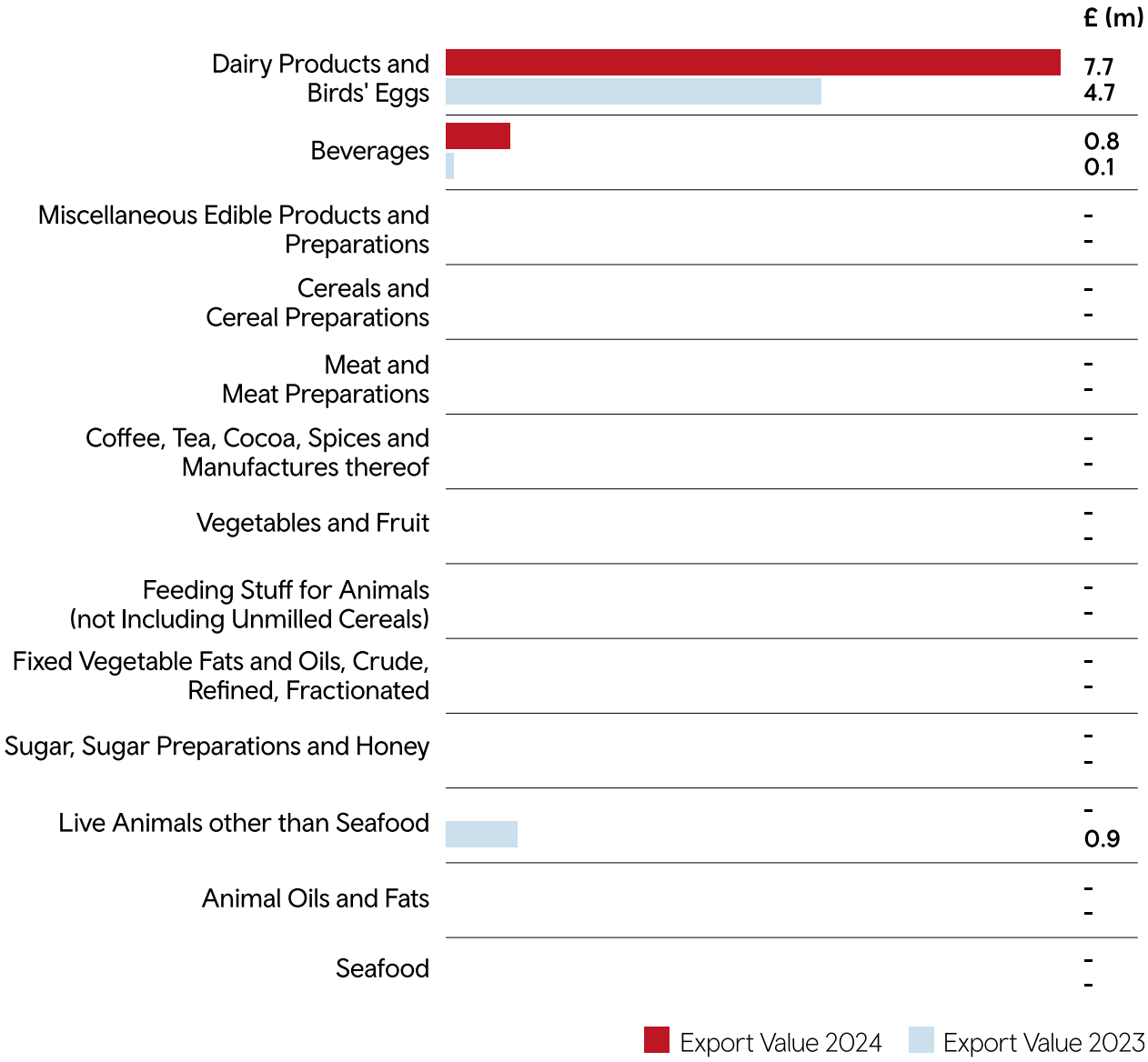
Russia



Welsh food and drink exports to Russia were worth **£9m** in 2024, an increase of **£3m** from 2023 (second largest outside of the EU), and an increase of **£2m** from 2019.

The highest value category exported to Russia was Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs, with a value of **£8m**. The UK exported **£83m** of food and drink to Russia in 2024.

Welsh Food and Drink Exports to Russia, 2024 (£ millions)



Annex A. Data tables

Value of food & drink exports and total exports, Wales and the UK (£ millions), 2019-2024

	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	290,768	7.5	2.5	4.7
2021	640	15,208	4.2	20,768	312,921	6.6	3.1	4.9
2022	797	20,488	3.9	25,285	385,247	6.6	3.2	5.3
2023	813	19,463	4.2	24,729	369,226	6.7	3.3	5.3
2024	839	16,524	5.1	24,875	348,449	7.1	3.4	4.7

Volume of food & drink exports and total exports, Wales and the UK (tonnes), 2019-2024

	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	147,694,500	9.0	1.7	5.3
2021	227,500	7,542,800	3.0	10,728,900	129,830,400	8.3	2.1	5.8
2022	245,000	9,022,100	2.7	12,120,600	141,881,700	8.5	2.0	6.4
2023	222,600	7,966,300	2.8	11,601,900	130,721,400	8.9	1.9	6.1
2024	225,000	5,867,200	3.8	10,507,700	118,479,800	8.9	2.1	5.0

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

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 compared to: 2019 % change	2024 compared to: 2023 % change
European Union	431	414	464	594	611	634	↑ 47%	↑ 4%
Middle East and North Africa	36	33	57	70	68	63	↑ 74%	↓ 8%
Asia and Oceania	34	36	41	47	46	47	↑ 38%	↑ 3%
Western Europe excluding the EU	21	27	29	30	33	34	↑ 67%	↑ 3%
North America	28	24	26	31	28	31	↑ 9%	↑ 10%
Sub-Saharan Africa	10	11	12	15	15	14	↑ 39%	↓ 4%
Eastern Europe excluding the EU	9	6	9	9	10	13	↑ 49%	↑ 28%
Latin America and Caribbean	1	1	2	1	2	3	↑ 190%	↑ 41%
Total	570	552	640	797	813	839	↑ 47%	↑ 3%

Percentage value of Welsh food & drink exports by destination

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
European Union	76%	75%	73%	75%	75%	76%
Middle East and North Africa	6%	6%	9%	9%	8%	7%
Asia and Oceania	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Western Europe excluding the EU	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
North America	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Sub-Saharan Africa	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Eastern Europe excluding the EU	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Latin America and Caribbean	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 compared to: 2019 % change	2024 compared to: 2023 % change
Meat & Meat Products	171	199	187	265	280	293	↑ 71%	↑ 5%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	60	51	139	160	175	170	↑ 184%	↓ 3%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	133	107	106	138	131	138	↑ 4%	↑ 5%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	77	74	75	85	90	95	↑ 23%	↑ 5%
Beverages	32	20	31	43	40	38	↑ 21%	↓ 4%
Vegetables & Fruit	18	17	14	14	13	33	↑ 80%	↑ 147%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	10	11	19	18	19	26	↑ 160%	↑ 32%
Seafood	33	25	23	21	20	19	↓ 41%	↓ 5%
Feeding Stuff For Animals	29	32	28	37	29	16	↓ 47%	↓ 47%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	7	12	11	12	11	9	↑ 43%	↓ 15%
Oils & Fats	2	2	8	5	3	4	↑ 89%	↑ 8%
Total	570	552	640	797	813	839	↑ 47%	↑ 3%

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Percentage value of Welsh food & drink exports by product

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Meat & Meat Products	30%	36%	29%	33%	34%	35%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	10%	9%	22%	20%	22%	20%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	23%	19%	17%	17%	16%	16%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	14%	13%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Beverages	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Vegetables & Fruit	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Seafood	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%
Fruit Feeding Stuff For Animals	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	2%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Oils & Fats	-	-	1%	1%	-	-
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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

							2024 compared to:	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019 % change	2023 % change
Cereals & Cereal Preparations	61,300	34,900	64,400	68,600	55,900	48,800	↓ 20%	↓ 13%
Meat & Meat Products	50,300	67,700	48,100	46,700	43,700	42,100	↓ 16%	↓ 4%
Vegetables & Fruit	8,300	8,400	4,700	6,600	15,000	39,600	↑ 376%	↑ 163%
Beverages	42,600	26,800	31,300	39,400	29,600	30,600	↓ 28%	↑ 3%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs	57,600	35,800	34,900	34,000	33,000	30,300	↓ 47%	↓ 8%
Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	14,000	12,400	10,100	9,800	10,800	10,500	↓ 25%	↓ 3%
Feeding Stuff For Animals	20,300	21,800	17,900	23,400	18,000	10,200	↓ 50%	↓ 43%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey	6,700	8,200	7,400	8,000	8,800	5,400	↓ 18%	↓ 38%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices	1,900	2,000	4,700	4,100	3,800	4,100	↑ 114%	↑ 8%
Seafood	7,700	6,300	3,000	3,400	2,800	1,700	↓ 78%	↓ 39%
Oils & Fats	700	900	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,500	↑ 108%	↑ 24%
Total	271,400	225,300	227,500	245,000	222,600	225,000	↓ 17%	↑ 1%

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

Annex A. Data tables

Top 10 Countries by Value of Welsh food & drink exports (£ millions), 2019-2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 compared to: 2019 % change	2024 compared to: 2023 % change
Ireland	106	107	112	145	148	180	↑ 70%	↑ 22%
France	84	72	100	150	155	151	↑ 80%	↓ 3%
Belgium	18	21	56	78	83	79	↑ 339%	↓ 5%
Netherlands	63	53	49	52	50	59	↓ 6%	↑ 18%
Germany	42	51	44	51	52	42	0%	↓ 19%
Italy	27	26	22	26	29	27	0%	↓ 7%
Spain	37	25	21	27	30	27	↓ 27%	↓ 10%
United States	20	20	20	24	23	23	↑ 15%	0%
Saudi Arabia	9	9	18	21	25	23	↑ 156%	↓ 8%
Poland	10	16	17	19	17	21	↑ 110%	↑ 24%
Total	570	552	640	797	813	839	↑ 47%	↑ 3%

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

Annex A. Data tables

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

Meat & Meat Products

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
France	7	1,500	42	14,300	68	12,000	113	18,500	117	18,100	111	15,300
Belgium	1	400	11	6,400	16	7,900	25	5,100	31	7,100	44	8,400
Ireland	8	2,700	21	10,000	14	4,200	36	8,700	28	6,400	25	6,100
Netherlands	5	1,300	21	18,600	9	12,500	9	6,700	9	5,300	23	7,400
Germany	8	1,200	28	5,500	17	2,100	18	2,900	22	2,900	17	1,300

Cereal & Cereal Preparations

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Ireland	8	2,700	25	14,100	36	14,500	41	13,700	50	13,400	56	14,800
Belgium	1	400	-	100	10	5,400	11	5,600	16	6,000	16	6,100
France	7	1,500	6	1,900	9	2,100	10	2,300	10	2,100	13	2,300
Italy	1	400	-	100	10	2,200	11	2,400	13	2,600	9	2,100
Germany	8	1,200	-	100	9	4,600	11	5,200	10	3,700	9	2,900

Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Ireland	8	2,700	24	10,900	21	8,700	28	7,100	25	7,500	33	11,600
Belgium	1	400	7	3,200	25	9,200	35	9,200	27	7,600	15	4,300
Turkey	2	300	10	700	8	500	6	400	9	600	12	700
Netherlands	5	1,300	9	5,700	16	8,900	15	8,200	11	6,300	10	3,000
Italy	1	400	4	1,600	4	1,200	5	1,200	9	3,200	10	2,800

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

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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		2024	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
France	7	1,500	7	1,500	5	1,500	7	1,600	8	1,300	12	1,500
United States	11	300	12	300	11	300	10	300	11	400	11	400
Ireland	8	2,700	10	3,000	6	2,100	6	2,100	8	2,100	8	2,200
Australia	4	300	6	400	5	300	6	300	7	300	8	400
Netherlands	5	1,300	4	700	6	1,000	7	900	8	900	7	1,500

Beverages

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Ireland	8	2,700	4	6,800	14	15,800	11	11,600	10	9,200	12	10,600
Netherlands	5	1,300	4	4,900	2	1,700	5	4,800	7	6,700	6	5,200
Spain	2	600	2	3,300	3	4,100	3	4,800	3	3,200	3	4,800
United States	11	300	2	1,500	2	1,400	3	1,300	2	600	3	900
Italy	1	400	1	400	-	300	2	1,900	1	500	3	2,300

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

Annex A. Data tables

Value of Welsh food & drink exports by UK country / English region (£ millions), 2019-2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 compared to: 2019 % change	2024 compared to: 2023 % change
Wales	570	552	640	797	813	839	↑ 47%	↑ 3%
Scotland	6,279	5,279	5,920	7,665	7,212	7,153	↑ 14%	↓ 1%
Northern Ireland	1,897	1,784	1,812	2,313	2,414	2,500	↑ 32%	↑ 4%
North East	257	239	294	313	300	315	↑ 23%	↑ 5%
North West	1,947	1,956	1,764	2,206	2,217	2,141	↑ 10%	↓ 3%
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,241	1,236	1,137	1,291	1,310	1,383	↑ 12%	↑ 6%
East Midlands	1,088	1,036	975	1,173	1,167	1,026	↓ 6%	↓ 12%
West Midlands	778	745	833	888	909	1,043	↑ 34%	↑ 15%
East	2,133	2,006	1,519	1,779	1,682	1,606	↓ 25%	↓ 5%
London	3,016	2,625	2,454	2,914	2,789	2,733	↓ 9%	↓ 2%
South East	1,632	1,412	1,357	1,555	1,491	1,353	↓ 17%	↓ 9%
South West	896	796	812	973	969	869	↓ 3%	↓ 10%
Total	24,009	21,743	20,768	25,285	24,729	24,875	↑ 4%	↑ 1%

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

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



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

02 Dairy products and birds' eggs



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





04 Cereals and cereal preparations



05 Vegetables and fruit

06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey

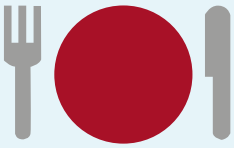


07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof





08 Feeding stuff for animals
(excluding unmilled cereals)



09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations

11 Beverages



41 Animals' oils and fats

42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractioned
(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