



# Food and drink exports briefing for 2017

## Key points



The value of Food & Drink Exports in Wales for 2017 was **£527.4m** (up **£91.8m** or **+ 21.1%** in comparison with 2016)

while the volume was **200,611 tonnes** (down **2,352 tonnes** or **- 1.2%** in comparison with 2016).



In 2017, considering value,



**77.3%** of value



**84.1%** of volume

of Food & Drink Exports from Wales were to the European Community –



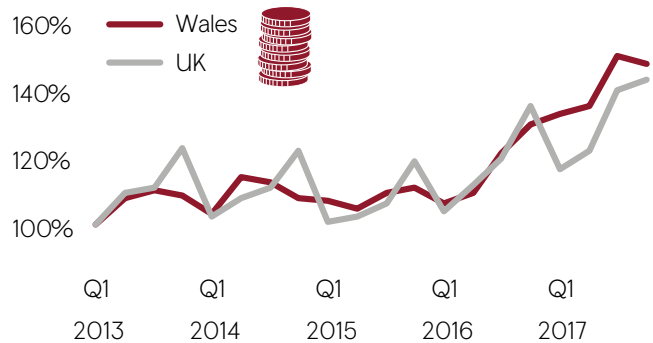
(a decrease of **-5.4%** in value and of **-0.1%** in volume in comparison with 2016.)



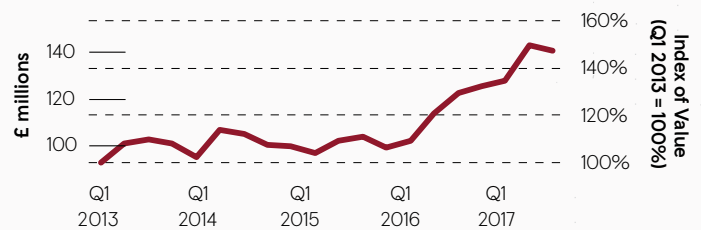
The top Welsh Food & Drink Exports for 2017 were **"Meat and meat products"**

**27.8%** of value and **19.9%** of volume all Welsh Food & Drink Exports.

**Chart 1a: Value of Food & Drink Exports by Quarter: Wales and the UK (Q1 2013=100%)**

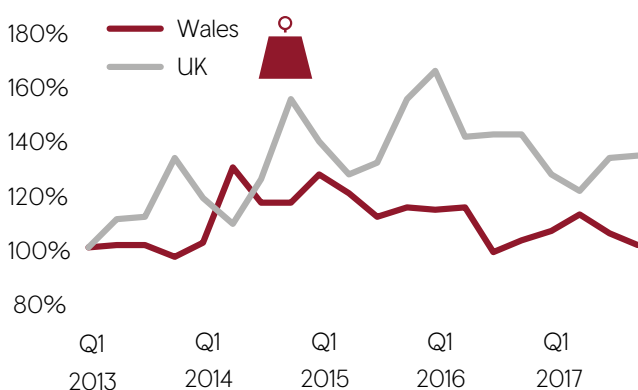


**Chart 1c: Value of Food & Drink Exports by Quarter: Wales (Q1 2013 = 100%)**

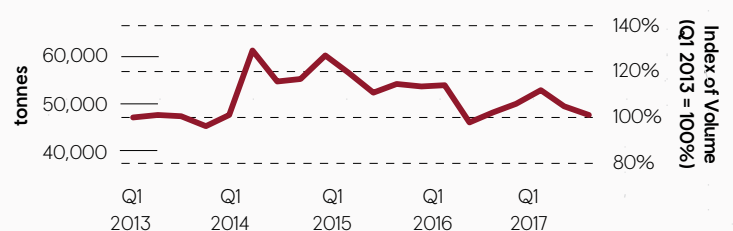


Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Chart 1b: Volume of Food & Drink Exports by year: Wales and the UK (Q1 2013=100%)**

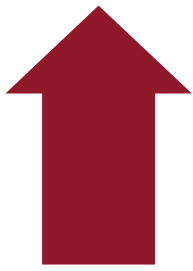


**Chart 1d: Volume of Food & Drink Exports by Quarter: Wales (Q1 2013 = 100%)**



Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

## Total Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports, 2017: (Table 1a)



The value of Food & Drink Exports in Wales for 2017 was

**£527.4m**

up **£91.8m** or **+21.1%** in comparison with 2016. This compares to a **+9.9%** increase for the UK over the same period.

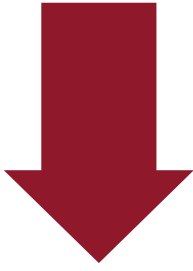


Value of Food & Drink Exports accounted for

**3.2%**

of the Total Exports in 2017 compared to **6.8%** of the Total Exports in the UK.

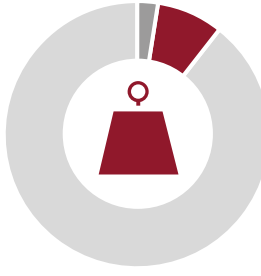
## Total Volume of Welsh Food & Drink Exports, 2017: (Table 1b)



The Volume of Food & Drink Exports in Wales for 2017 was

**200,611 tonnes**

down **2,352 tonnes** or **-1.2%** in comparison with 2016. This compares to a **-16.4%** decrease for the UK over the same period.



Volume of Food & Drink Exports accounted for

**2.7%**

of the Total Welsh Exports in 2017, compared to **8.2%** of the Total Exports in the UK.

## Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Destination: (Tables 2a and 2b)

Value of exports of Food & Drinks from Wales to the *European Community* increased by

**£47.6m**

or **+13.2%** between 2016 and 2017.

Exports to all of the destination country groups have increased in 2017 compared to 2016, except for the *Sub-Saharan Africa* group (**-6.8%**).

The largest increases were to the:

- *Middle East and North Africa* **↑ (+147.3%)** and to
- *Western Europe (excl. EC)* **↑ (+136.1%)**.

Between 2013 and 2017, Food & Drink Exports increased in all of the **8 destination country** groups.

The largest value increase was for exports to the *European Community* **↑ (£62.0m, +18.0%)**.

In 2017, the largest % of Food & Drink Exports from *Wales* were to the:

- *European Community* (**77.3%** of total), followed by the
- *Middle East & North Africa* (**6.7%** of the total exports).
- *Republic of Ireland* was the top destination country (**£95.7m, 18.1%** of all Welsh Exports, Chart 2a).

## Volume of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Destination: (Tables 2c and 2d)

Volume of exports of Food & Drinks from *Wales* to the *European Community* decreased by

**2,095.6 tonnes**

or **-1.2%** between 2016 and 2017.

Volumes of export to **6 out of 9** of the destination country groups have increased in 2017 in comparison to 2016, with the largest increase to:

- *Middle East and North Africa* **↑ (+76.5%)**
- the largest decrease of export volume was to *North America* **↓ (-37.0%)**.

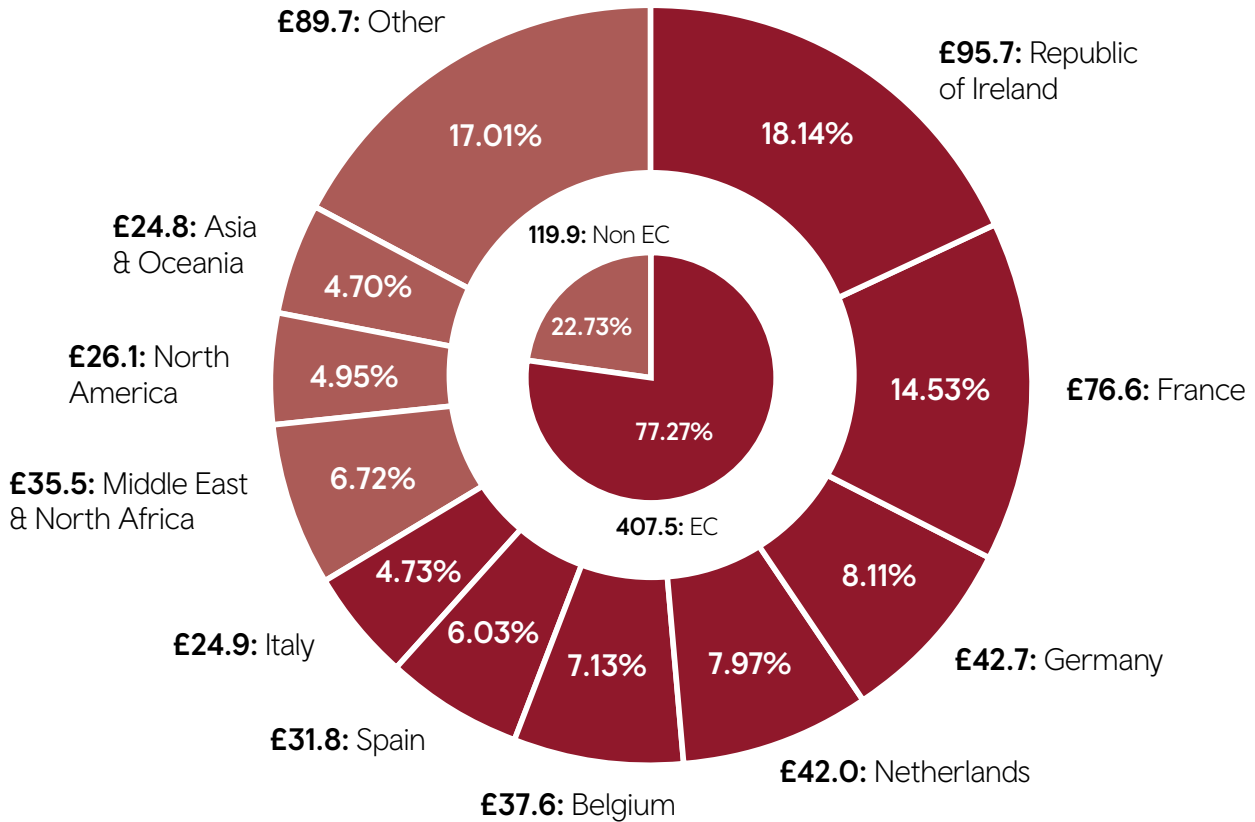
The largest volume increase was for exports to the *European Community* **↑ (5,172.6 tonnes, +3.2%)**.

In 2017, the largest % of volume of Food & Drink Exports from *Wales* were to the:

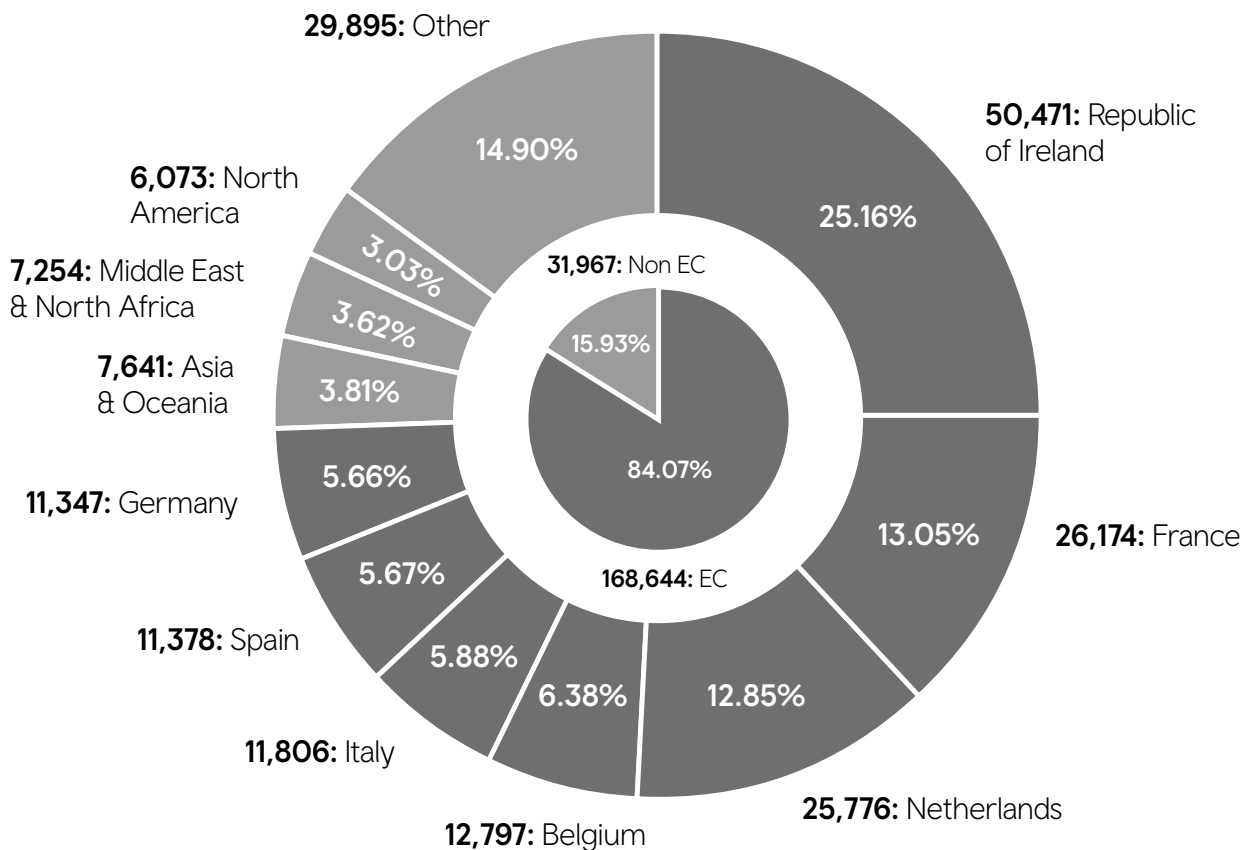
- *European Community* (**84.1%** of the total exports), followed by
- *Asia & Oceania* (**3.8%** of the total exports)
- *Republic of Ireland* was the top destination country (**50,471 tonnes, 25.2%** of all Welsh Exports, Chart 2b).

Between 2013 and 2017, volumes of Food & Drink Exports increased in all **8 destination country** groups, except *North America* **↓ (-35.7%)**.

**Chart 2a: Welsh Food & Drink Exports Values (£ Millions) for 2017 – Top Destination Countries/Areas (total = 527.4)**

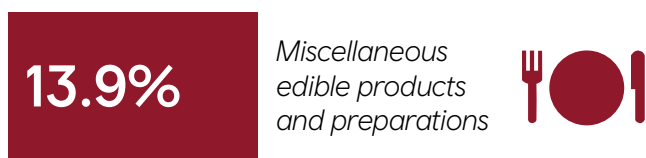
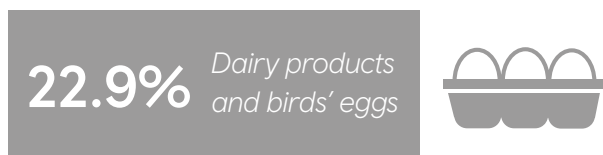
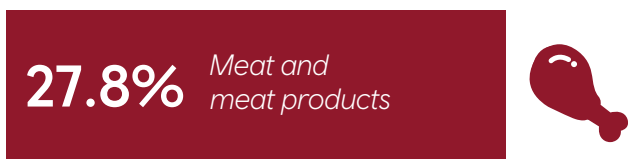



**Chart 2b: Welsh Food & Drink Exports Volumes (Tonnes) for 2017 – Top Destination Countries/Areas (total = 200,611)**





## Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Product: (Tables 3a, 3b and 4)



In 2017 (Chart 3a), the top three Welsh Food & Drink Exports, considering value, were:



 The export values of **9 of the 11** Food & Drink products increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

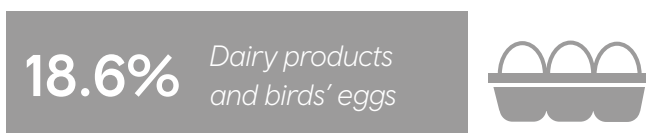
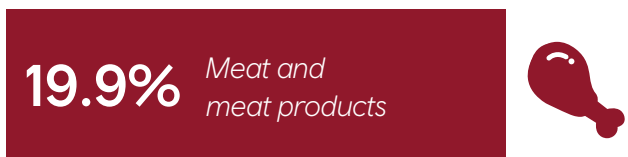
*Dairy products and birds' eggs* had the largest increase ( up **£31.6m, +35.4%**) while *Beverages* had the largest decrease ( down **£2.6m, -8.2%**).


 The export values of **7** Food & Drink products increased in 2017 compared to 2013.



*Meat and meat products* had the largest increase. ( up **£63.7m, +76.6%**), while *Feeding stuff for animals* had the largest decrease ( down **£4.6m, -14.2%**).

## Volume of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Product: (Tables 3c, 3d and 4)

In 2017 (Chart 3b), the top three Welsh Food & Drink Exports, considering volume, were:



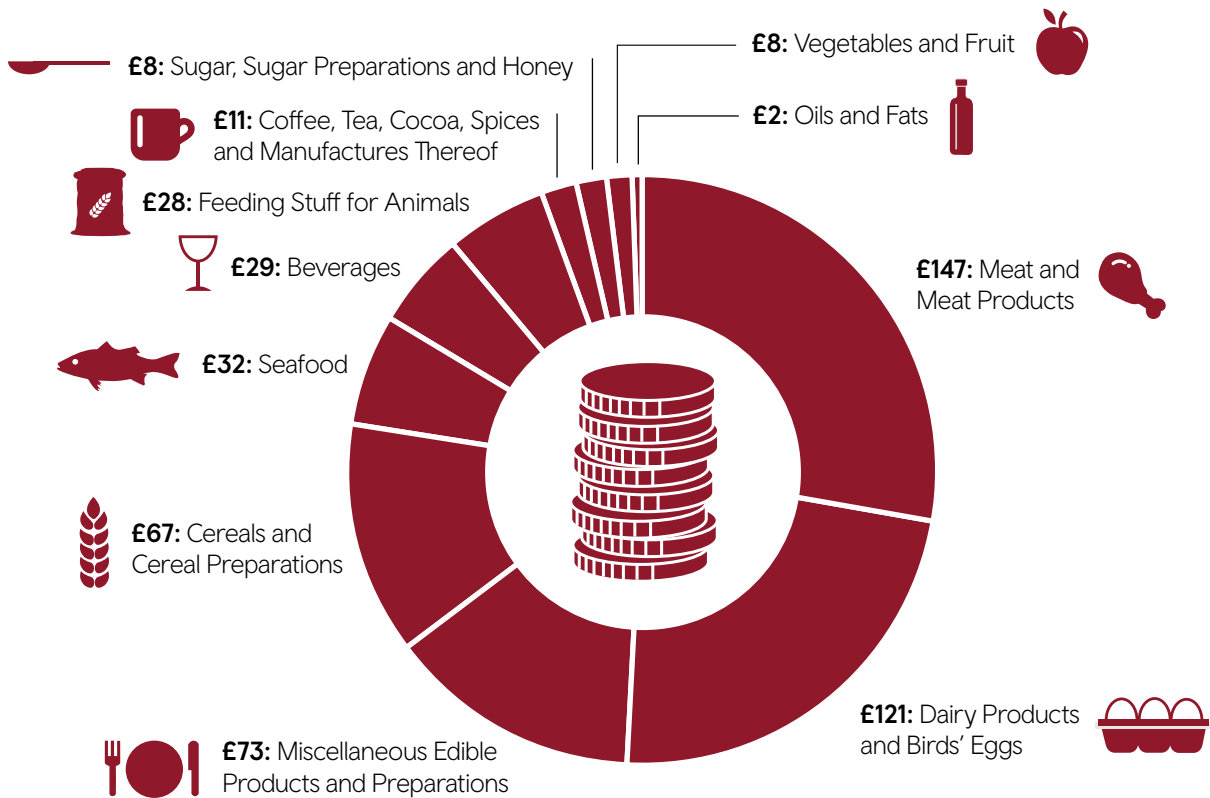
 The export volumes of **5 of the 11** Food & Drink products increased in 2017 compared to 2016.

*Cereals and Cereal Preparations* had the largest increase ( up **4,651.7 tonnes, +22.7%**), while *Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs* had the largest decrease ( down **4,190.6 tonnes, -10.1%**).

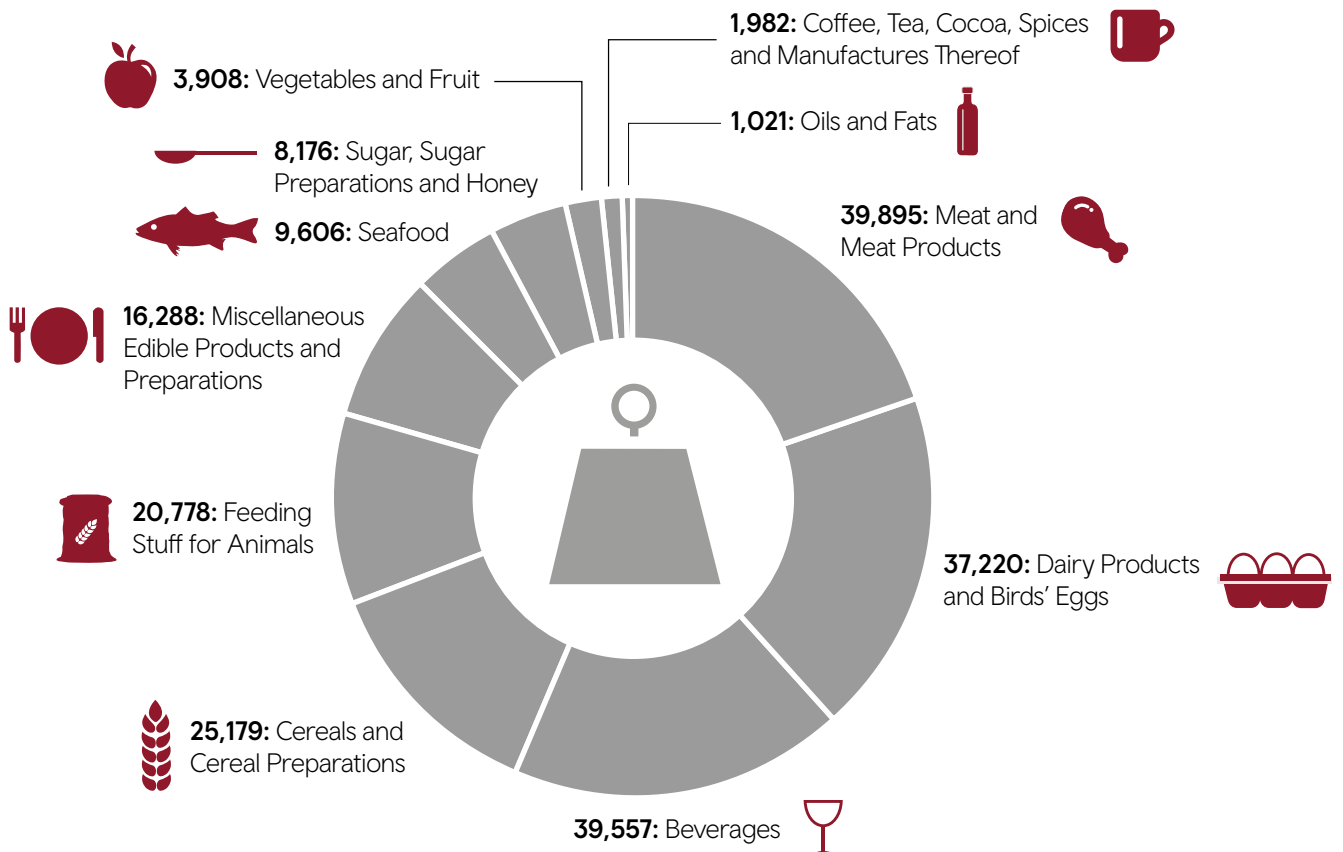
 The export volumes of **6** Food & Drink products increased in 2017 compared to 2013.

*Meat and meat products* had the largest increase ( up **13,593 tonnes, +51.7%**), while *Feeding stuff for animals* had the largest decrease ( down **10,440.0 tonnes, -33.4%**).

**Chart 3a: Food & Drink Exports Values (£ Millions) for 2017 (total = 527.4)**



**Chart 3b: Food & Drink Exports Volumes (tonnes) for 2017 (total = 200,611)**



**Table 1a:****Values of Total Exports and Food & Drink Exports, Wales and UK (£ millions)**

Year	Wales			UK			Wales as a % of UK	
	Food & Drinks	All Exports	% of Wales Total	Food & Drinks	All Exports	% of UK Total	Food & Drinks	All Exports
2013	399	16,610	2.4%	18,935	294,450	6.4%	2.1%	5.6%
2014	408	14,135	2.9%	18,979	283,060	6.7%	2.2%	5.0%
2015	404	13,253	3.0%	18,363	275,414	6.7%	2.2%	4.8%
2016	436	14,630	3.0%	20,342	290,999	7.0%	2.1%	5.0%
2017	527	16,429	3.2%	22,361	329,784	6.8%	2.4%	5.0%

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 1b:****Volumes of Total Exports and Food & Drink Exports, Wales and UK (tonnes)**

Year	Wales			UK			Wales as a % of UK	
	Food & Drinks	All Exports	% of Wales Total	Food & Drinks	All Exports	% of UK Total	Food & Drinks	All Exports
2013	188,388	12,847,394	1.5%	12,269,237	154,799,345	7.9%	1.5%	8.3%
2014	219,535	9,041,813	2.4%	13,123,133	153,087,249	8.6%	1.7%	5.9%
2015	223,604	8,525,633	2.6%	14,468,145	153,685,079	9.4%	1.5%	5.5%
2016	202,963	7,846,560	2.6%	15,668,155	154,477,393	10.1%	1.3%	5.1%
2017	200,611	7,304,882	2.7%	13,097,648	159,472,908	8.2%	1.5%	4.6%

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 2a:**

**Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Destination (£ millions)**

Year	European Community (EC)	Asia & Oceania	Eastern Europe (Excl EC)	Western Europe (Excl EC)	North America	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	Non-EU Stores & Provisions	Total
2013	345.499	15.711	4.308	7.476	17.450	0.399	4.449	3.286	NA	398.547
2014	351.808	18.031	4.065	7.646	18.225	0.523	5.049	2.916	NA	408.262
2015	332.664	18.672	1.803	8.381	28.395	0.554	9.885	3.416	0.001	403.750
2016	359.881	19.948	6.431	8.118	19.707	0.622	14.340	6.509	0.001	435.557
2017	407.526	24.765	7.254	19.166	26.099	1.058	35.456	6.067	0.003	527.395
2017 compared to:										
2016 % change	47.645 ↑13.2%	4.817 ↑24.2%	0.824 ↑12.8%	11.048 ↑136.1%	6.392 ↑32.4%	0.437 ↑70.2%	21.117 ↑70.2%	-0.442 ↓-6.8%	0.002 ↑103.4%	91.838 ↑21.1%
2013 % change	62.027 ↑18.0%	9.055 ↑57.6	2.946 ↑68.4%	11.720 ↑157.4%	8.649 ↑49.6%	0.660 ↑165.4%	31.007 ↑696.9%	2.781 ↑84.6%	NA NA	128.847 ↑32.3%

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 2b:**

**Percentage of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Destination**

Year	European Community (EC)	Asia & Oceania	Eastern Europe (Excl EC)	Western Europe (Excl EC)	North America	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	Non-EU Stores & Provisions	Total
2013	86.689%	3.942%	1.081%	1.868%	4.379%	0.100%	1.116%	0.824%	NA	100.0%
2014	86.172%	4.416%	0.996%	1.873%	4.464%	1.128%	1.237%	0.714%	NA	100.0%
2015	82.389%	4.625%	0.447%	2.076%	7.033%	0.137%	2.448%	0.846%	0.000%	100.0%
2016	82.626%	4.580%	1.476%	1.864%	4.525%	0.143%	3.292%	1.494%	0.000%	100.0%
2017	77.272%	4.696%	1.375%	3.634%	4.949%	0.201%	6.723%	1.150%	0.001%	100.0%
2017 compared to:										
2016	↓-5.344%	↑0.116%	↓-0.101%	↑1.770%	↑0.424	↑0.058%	↑3.41%	↓-0.344%	+0.001%	
2013	↓-9.418%	↑0.754%	↑0.295%	↑1.766%	↑0.570%	↑0.101%	↑5.607%	↑0.326%	NA	

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

Table 2c:

## Volume of Welsh Food &amp; Drink Exports by Destination (tonnes)

Year	European Community (EC)	Asia & Oceania	Eastern Europe (Excl EC)	Western Europe (Excl EC)	North America	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	Non-EU Stores & Provisions	Total
2013	163,471.1	5,306.5	2,210.5	2,850.6	9,445.5	234.4	2,898.1	1,971.0	NA	188,387.7
2014	194,442.7	6162.5	1,885.6	2,646.9	8,225.2	226.9	3,230.9	2,714.0	NA	219,534.7
2015	192,640.4	7,004.2	633.7	3,422.7	13,027.5	277.4	3,836.3	2,761.4	0.6	223,603.5
2016	170,739.2	7,368.4	1,803.0	3,024.5	9,641.2	234.3	4,109.2	6,042.4	0.6	202,962.2
2017	168,643.7	7,641.2	2,471.1	5,057.4	6,073.1	342.6	7,254.1	3,126.2	1.4	200,610.5
2017 compared to:										
2016	-2,095.6 ↓-1.2%	272.8 ↑3.7%	668.1 ↑37.1%	2,032.9 ↑67.2%	-3,568.1 ↓37.0	108.3 ↑46.2%	3,144.8 ↑76.5%	-2,916.3 ↓-48.3%	0.7 111.4↑	-2,353.0 ↓-1.2%
2013	5,172.6 ↑3.2%	2,334.7 ↑44.0%	260.6 ↑11.8%	2,206.8 ↑77.4%	-3,372.4 ↓35.7	108.2 ↑46.1%	4,356.0 ↑150.3%	1,155.1 ↑58.6	NA NA	12,221.8 ↑6.5%

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue &amp; Custom Regional Trade Statistics

Table 2d:

## Percentage Volume of Welsh Food &amp; Drink Exports by Destination












Year	European Community (EC)	Asia & Oceania	Eastern Europe (Excl EC)	Western Europe (Excl EC)	North America	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	Non-EU Stores & Provisions	Total
2013	86.7738%	2.8168%	1.1734%	1.5131%	5.0138%	0.1244%	1.5384%	1.0463%	NA	100%
2014	88.5704%	2.8071%	0.8589%	1.2057%	3.7466%	0.1033%	1.4717%	1.2363%	NA	100%
2015	86.1524%	3.1324%	0.2834%	1.5307%	5.8262%	0.1240%	1.7157%	1.2349%	0.0003%	100%
2016	84.1234%	3.6304%	0.8883%	1.4902%	4.7502%	0.1154%	2.0246%	2.9771%	0.0003%	100%
2017	84.0652%	3.8090%	1.2318%	2.5210%	3.0273%	0.1708%	3.6160%	1.5583%	0.0006%	100%
2017 compared to:										
2016	↓-0.058%	↑0.178%	↑0.343%	↑1.030%	↓-1.722%	↑0.055%	↑1.591%	↓-1.418%	↑0.0003	
2013	↓-2.708%	↑0.992%	↑0.584%	↑1.007%	↓-1.986%	↑0.046%	↑2.077%	↑0.512%	NA	

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue &amp; Custom Regional Trade Statistics



**Table 3a:**












**Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Product (£ millions)**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016 % change	2013 % change
Meat & Meat Products 	83.1	87.0	94.2	122.1	146.8	24.7 ↑20.2%	63.7 ↑76.6%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs 	101.9	111.5	90.5	89.1	120.6	31.6 ↑35.4%	18.8 ↑18.4%
Miscellaneous Edible Products & Preparations 	33.0	37.4	45.7	61.2	73.5	12.3 ↑20.1%	40.5 ↑123.0%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations 	63.8	57.4	61.4	56.1	67.4	11.2 ↑20.0%	3.6 ↑5.6%
Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs & Aquatic Invertebrates & Preparations Thereof 	27.1	29.3	25.3	27.5	32.1	4.6 ↑16.7%	5.0 ↑18.5%
Beverages 	29.3	32.9	38.9	31.9	29.3	-2.6 ↓-8.2%	-0.1 ↓-0.2%
Feeding Stuff For Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals) 	32.7	28.4	21.6	20.7	28.0	7.3 ↑35.2%	-4.6 ↓-14.2%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices & Manufactures Thereof 	8.4	8.0	9.6	9.3	11.1	1.8 ↑19.2%	2.7 ↑31.6%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey 	8.9	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.5	-0.1 ↓-1.7%	-0.5 ↓-5.3%
Vegetables & Fruit 	9.2	6.7	5.7	7.3	7.9	0.6 ↑8.3%	-1.4 ↓-14.7%
Oils & Fats 	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.2	0.5 ↑31.4%	1.1 ↑106.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>398.5</b>	<b>408.3</b>	<b>403.8</b>	<b>435.6</b>	<b>527.4</b>	<b>91.8 ↑21.1%</b>	<b>128.8 ↑32.3%</b>

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 3b:**












**Percentage of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Product**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016 % change	2013 % change
Meat & Meat Products 	20.9%	21.3%	23.3%	28.0%	27.8%	↓-0.2%	↑7.0%
Dairy Productsn & Birds' Eggs 	25.6%	27.3%	22.4%	20.4%	22.9%	↑2.4%	↓-2.7%
Miscellaneous Edible Products & Preparations 	8.3%	9.2%	11.3%	14.1%	13.9%	↓-0.1%	↑5.7%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations 	16.0%	14.1%	15.2%	12.9%	12.8%	↓-0.1%	↓-3.2%
Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs & Aquatic Invertebrates & Preparations Thereof 	6.8%	7.2%	6.3%	6.3%	6.1%	↓-0.2%	↓-0.7%
Beverages 	7.4%	8.0%	9.6%	7.3%	5.6%	↓-1.8%	↓-1.8%
Feeding Stuff For Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals) 	8.2%	7.0%	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	↑0.6%	↓-2.9%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices & Manufactures Thereof 	2.1%	2.0%	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey 	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.0%	1.6%	↓-0.4%	↓-0.6%
Vegetables & Fruit 	2.3%	1.6%	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%	↓-0.2%	↓-0.8%
Oils & Fats 	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	↑0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics












Table 3c:

## Volume of Welsh Food &amp; Drink Exports by Product (tonnes)

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016 % change	2013 % change
Meat & Meat Products 	26,302.3	40,902.9	36,991.3	39,713.3	39,894.9	181.7 ↑0.5%	13,592.7 ↑51.7%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs 	41,229.0	51,438.8	48,348.3	41,410.3	37,219.7	-4,190.6 ↓-10.1%	-4,009.3 ↓-9.7%
Miscellaneous Edible Products & Preparations 	9,784.2	11,492.5	15,411.7	17,030.1	16,287.7	-742.4 ↓-4.4%	6,503.5 ↑66.5%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations 	23,971.1	22,115.6	24,382.6	20,527.5	25,179.2	4,651.7 ↑22.7%	1,982.2 ↑8.5%
Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs & Aquatic Invertebrates & Preparations Thereof 	10,342.2	8,856.4	8,682.3	7,281.7	9,606.3	2,324.5 ↑31.9%	-735.9 ↓-7.1%
Beverages 	30,269.6	36,973.5	41,903.0	39,068.1	36,557.1	-2,510.9 ↓-6.4%	6,287.5 ↑20.8%
Feeding Stuff For Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals) 	31,218.3	28,643.3	26,828.7	20,831.1	20,778.3	595.2 ↑2.9%	-10,440.0 ↓-33.4%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices & Manufactures Thereof 	2,653.0	2,443.0	2,240.0	1,839.6	1,981.8	142.2 ↑7.7%	-671.1 ↓-25.3%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey 	7,756.0	11,877.4	13,471.7	10,833.2	8,176.4	-2,658.8 ↓-24.5%	420.4 ↑5.4%
Vegetables & Fruit 	5,229.1	4,373.4	4,658.2	3,921.8	3,908.2	-13.6 ↓-0.3%	-1,390.9 ↓-26.2%
Oils & Fats 	336.9	417.7	686.2	1,154.1	1,020.7	-133.3 ↓-11.6%	683.8 ↑202.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,387.7</b>	<b>219,534.7</b>	<b>223,604.1</b>	<b>202,962.9</b>	<b>200,610.5</b>	<b>-2,352.3 ↓-1.2%</b>	<b>12,222.8 ↑6.5%</b>

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue &amp; Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 3d:**  
**Percentage Volume of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by Product**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016 % change	2013 % change
Meat & Meat Products 	14.0%	18.6%	16.5%	19.6%	19.9%	↑ 0.3%	↑ 5.9%
Dairy Products & Birds' Eggs 	21.9%	23.4%	21.6%	20.4%	18.6%	↓ -1.8%	↓ -3.3%
Miscellaneous Edible Products & Preparations 	5.2%	5.2%	6.9%	8.4%	8.1%	↓ -0.3%	↑ 2.9%
Cereals & Cereal Preparations 	12.3%	10.1%	10.9%	10.1%	12.6%	↑ 2.4%	↑ 0.2%
Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs & Aquatic Invertebrates & Preparations Thereof 	5.5%	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	4.8%	↑ 1.2%	↓ -0.7%
Beverages 	16.1%	16.8%	18.7%	19.2%	18.2%	↓ -1.0%	↑ 2.2%
Feeding Stuff For Animals (not Including Unmilled Cereals) 	16.6%	13.0%	12.0%	9.9%	10.4%	↑ 0.4%	↓ -6.2%
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices & Manufactures Thereof 	1.4%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	↑ 0.1%	↓ -0.4%
Sugar, Sugar Preparations & Honey 	4.1%	5.4%	6.0%	5.3%	4.1%	↓ -1.3%	0.0%
Vegetables & Fruit 	2.8%	2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	↓ -0.9%
Oils & Fats 	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	↓ -0.1%	↑ 0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

Table 4:

Top 5 Welsh Food & Drink Products by Top 5 Destinations, 2013–2017  
(Values in £ millions, volumes in tonnes)

Meat & Meat Products	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
France	31.16	8,092.07	27.55	7,529.58	26.00	7,409.08	31.26	8,467.59	32.41	7,625.09
Republic of Ireland	16.06	7,655.48	17.08	8,787.18	23.07	10,057.54	25.03	10,254.66	24.85	9,635.29
Germany	3.71	944.51	3.19	1,332.47	6.43	1,760.78	13.62	3,668.87	15.37	3,310.07
Netherlands	7.26	4,015.28	10.55	13,804.17	8.22	9,873.08	8.62	4,507.24	12.32	8,260.44
Belgium	3.39	532.85	6.15	2,216.20	5.70	1,184.38	8.26	1,903.62	9.25	2,187.44

Dairy Products and Birds' eggs	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Belgium	28.76	7,501.65	26.41	8,105.98	17.43	6,896.49	21.49	7,603.08	23.98	5,791.08
Republic of Ireland	18.78	8,304.70	16.62	7,634.98	16.58	10,083.81	18.21	8,555.21	20.15	7,691.62
France	10.29	4,052.47	16.21	7,170.30	16.33	7,355.83	13.71	7,427.56	15.38	4,715.10
Netherlands	11.28	8,839.10	15.18	12,787.36	10.02	10,742.92	9.13	6,305.56	13.04	6,534.10
Germany	12.47	4,943.22	12.35	5,012.42	8.59	4,241.47	6.44	3,186.40	8.14	2,753.99

Miscellaneous Edible Products and Preparations	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Republic of Ireland	4.10	1,976.53	4.71	2,207.74	4.89	2,049.89	7.51	2,953.50	10.17	3,529.96
Germany	5.73	894.69	4.93	851.06	4.74	879.42	7.86	1,583.75	8.62	1,547.02
USA (including Puerto Rico)	0.61	103.51	0.97	111.16	3.51	167.52	6.92	352.63	8.50	218.49
France	5.45	1,886.51	6.95	2,541.76	5.96	3,096.01	5.18	2,281.29	7.16	2,338.20
Poland	0.35	140.49	0.71	167.06	0.77	113.39	2.51	239.16	4.67	316.61

Cereals and Cereal Preparations	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Republic of Ireland	26.42	10,952.08	20.93	10,110.96	21.20	9,400.29	20.80	9,266.63	20.12	10,494.04
France	10.23	2,887.87	9.66	3,174.49	11.75	4,795.49	10.36	3,023.17	9.51	2,736.71
Canada	3.27	633.68	3.83	660.04	3.62	624.50	3.37	577.49	4.30	844.77
United Arab Emirates	0.26	70.04	0.31	108.08	0.48	250.06	0.53	312.63	3.38	831.08
Saudi Arabia	0.03	6.64	0.01	2.03	0.35	104.98	0.23	53.18	3.21	930.75

Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs and Aquatic	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Spain	10.36	2,719.08	14.82	3,385.14	12.88	3,363.05	16.01	3,774.00	14.95	3,063.91
South Korea	4.69	732.97	3.98	571.43	4.13	535.23	3.95	624.49	4.12	539.23
Netherlands	5.54	5,327.23	3.92	3,422.97	3.28	3,546.51	2.15	1,696.19	4.02	2,223.78
France	4.52	1,063.62	4.06	955.65	3.30	920.02	3.03	787.30	3.89	2,856.68
China	0.04	6.65	0.17	39.81	0.04	6.04	0.14	21.87	1.91	276.63

## Value of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region (Tables 5a and 5b)



**In all the 12** devolved UK Countries/English Regions, value of Food & Drinks Exports increased in 2017 in comparison to 2016.

*Scotland* had the largest value increase (up **↑ £539.0m, +10.3%**), while *Wales* classified in eighth position (up **↑ £91.8m, +21.1%**).

The *North East* region had the smallest value increase (up **↑ £3.8m, +1.6%**).

*Northern Ireland* had the largest percentage value increase (up **↑ £306.4m, +21.3%**), followed immediately by *Wales* (**↑ +21.1%**).

Since 2013, the value of Food & Drink Exports in *Wales* has increased up **↑ £128.8m (+32.3%)**. This compares to a **↑ +18.1%** increase in all UK.

In 2017, **38.8%** of the value of UK Food & Drinks Exports was from *Scotland* and *London*. The *North East* area and *Wales* had the joint smallest contribution (**3.5%**).

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## Volume of Welsh Food & Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region (Table 5c and 5d)



**In 4 out of the 12** devolved UK Countries/English Regions, volume of Food & Drinks Exports increased in 2017 in comparison to 2016.

*Northern Ireland* had the largest volume increase (up **↑ 247,151 tonnes, +13.2%**).

*South East* region had the largest volume decrease (down **↓ 702,242 tonnes, -38.1%**), while *Wales* had the smallest decrease (down **↓ 2,352 tonnes, -1.2%**).

Since 2013, the volume of Food & Drink Exports in *Wales* has increased up **↑ 12,223 tonnes (+6.5%)**. This compares to a **+6.8%** increase in all UK.

In 2017, **29.3%** of the volume of UK Food & Drinks Exports was from *Northern Ireland* and *Scotland*.

The *North East* area and *Wales* had the joint smallest contribution (**2.6%**).

Table 5a:

## Value of Food &amp; Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region [£ millions]

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016 % change	2013 % change
Wales	398.5	408.3	403.8	435.6	527.4	91.8 ↑21.1%	128.8 ↑32.3%
North East	240.7	219.1	242.3	240.7	244.6	3.8 ↑1.6%	3.9 ↑1.6%
North West	1,593.5	1,545.8	1,508.4	1,735.6	1,925.4	189.8 ↑10.9%	331.8 ↑20.8%
Yorkshire and the Humber	942.2	993.3	931.7	1,010.3	1,124.8	114.4 ↑11.3%	182.6 ↑19.4%
East Midlands	857.2	809.1	854.9	927.1	942.6	15.4 ↑1.7%	85.4 ↑10.0%
West Midlands	685.6	664.6	643.3	694.4	777.9	83.5 ↑12.0%	92.3 ↑13.5%
East	1,601.8	1,670.7	1,690.2	1,843.8	1,992.1	148.3 ↑8.0%	389.2 ↑24.3%
London	2,490.4	2,597.6	2,332.7	2,624.6	2,899.2	274.6 ↑10.5%	408.8 ↑16.4%
South East	1,179.1	1,220.9	1,281.8	1,487.8	1,608.9	121.0 ↑8.1%	429.7 ↑36.4%
South West	580.8	644.0	635.2	728.5	802.2	73.7 ↑10.1%	221.5 ↑38.1%
Northern Ireland	1,566.8	1,557.6	1,426.1	1,435.9	1,742.3	306.4 ↑21.3%	175.5 ↑11.2%
Scotland	5,180.7	4,962.0	4,746.6	5,234.9	5,773.9	539.0 ↑10.3%	593.2 ↑11.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,935</b>	<b>18,979</b>	<b>18,363</b>	<b>20,342</b>	<b>22,361</b>	<b>2,019.5 ↑+9.9%</b>	<b>3,426.1 ↑+18.1%</b>

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue &amp; Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 5b:**

**% Value of Food & Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016	2013
Wales	2.10%	2.15%	2.20%	2.14%	2.36%	↑0.22%	↑0.25%
North East	1.27%	1.15%	1.32%	1.18%	1.09%	↓-0.09%	↑0.18%
North West	8.42%	8.14%	8.21%	8.53%	8.61%	↑0.08%	0.19%
Yorkshire and the Humber	4.98%	5.23%	5.07%	4.97%	5.03%	↑0.06%	↑0.05%
East Midlands	4.53%	4.26%	4.66%	4.56%	4.22%	↓-0.34%	↓0.31%
West Midlands	3.62%	3.50%	3.50%	3.41%	3.48%	↑0.07%	↓-0.14%
East	8.46%	8.80%	9.20%	9.06%	8.91%	↓-0.16%	↑0.45%
London	13.15%	13.69%	12.70%	12.90%	12.97%	↑0.06%	↓-0.19%
South East	6.23%	6.43%	6.98%	7.31%	7.19%	↓-0.12%	↑0.97
South West	3.07%	3.39%	3.46%	3.58%	3.59%	↑0.01%	↑0.52%
Northern Ireland	8.27%	8.21%	7.77%	7.06%	7.79%	↑0.73%	↓-0.48%
Scotland	27.36%	26.14%	25.85%	25.73%	25.82%	↑0.09%	↓-1.54%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics



**Table 5c:**

**Volume of Food & Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region (tonnes)**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016	2013
Wales	188,388	219,535	223,604	202,963	200,611	-2,353 ↓-1.2%	12,223 ↑6.5%
North East	119,916	169,024	235,567	265,848	139,913	-125,908 ↓-47.4%	19,997 ↑16.7%
North West	762,067	761,963	770,466	777,703	812,873	35,170 ↑4.5%	50,806 ↑6.7%
Yorkshire and the Humber	643,827	840,955	859,629	893,655	781,690	-111,965 ↓-12.5%	137,864 ↑21.4%
East Midlands	857,548	1,051,752	1,376,521	1,585,859	1,137,031	-448,828 ↓-28.3%	279,483 ↑32.6%
West Midlands	537,771	520,401	509,512	503,076	516,862	13,785 ↑2.7%	-20,909 ↓-3.9%
East	1,491,167	1,741,484	2,113,732	2,274,131	1,660,256	-613,876 ↓-27.0%	169,089 ↑11.3%
London	1,206,685	1,294,218	1,208,722	1,306,693	1,280,460	-26,234 ↓-2.0%	73,775 ↑6.1%
South East	1,041,391	1,320,426	1,574,979	1,841,376	1,139,334	-702,042 ↓-38.1	97,943 ↑9.4%
South West	394,179	415,320	459,913	452,307	458,790	6,483 ↑1.4%	64,612 ↑16.4%
Northern Ireland	1,775,217	1,820,394	1,881,436	1,874,975	2,122,125	247,151 ↑13.2%	346,908 ↑19.5%
Scotland	1,574,698	1,650,932	1,638,679	1,757,606	1,720,847	-36,759 ↓-2.1%	146,149 ↑9.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,269,237</b>	<b>13,123,133</b>	<b>14,468,145</b>	<b>15,668,155</b>	<b>13,097,648</b>	<b>-2,570,507</b> <b>↓-16.4%</b>	<b>828,410</b> <b>↑6.8%</b>

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

**Table 5d:**

**% Volume of Food & Drink Exports by UK Country/English Region**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 compared to:	
						2016	2013
Wales	1.54%	1.67%	1.55%	1.30%	1.53%	↑0.24%	0.00%
North East	0.98%	1.29%	1.63%	1.70%	1.07%	↓-0.63%	↑0.09%
North West	6.21%	5.81%	5.33%	4.96%	6.21%	↑1.24%	0.00%
Yorkshire and the Humber	5.25%	6.41%	5.94%	5.70%	5.97%	↑0.26%	↑0.72%
East Midlands	6.99%	8.01%	9.51%	10.12%	8.68%	↓-1.44%	↑1.69%
West Midlands	4.38%	3.97%	3.52%	3.21%	3.95%	↑0.74%	↓-0.44%
East	12.15%	13.27%	14.61%	14.51%	12.68%	↓-1.84%	↑0.52%
London	9.84%	9.86%	8.35%	8.34%	9.78%	↑1.44%	↓-0.06%
South East	8.49%	10.06%	10.89%	11.75%	8.70%	↓-3.05%	↑0.21
South West	3.21%	3.16%	3.18%	2.89%	3.50%	↑0.62%	↑0.29%
Northern Ireland	14.47%	13.87%	13.00%	11.97%	16.20%	↑4.24%	↑1.73%
Scotland	12.83%	12.58%	11.33%	11.22%	13.14%	↑1.92%	↑0.30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

## Key Quality Information

### Relevance

This bulletin contains analysis of HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) Regional Trade Statistics (RTS). All data used in this briefing are for the year from January 2017 to December 2017, with comparison to the same period in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Please note that data for 2017 First Quarter onwards are currently provisional and subjects 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 invertebrates 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  
(not including 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



**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.

From 2015 "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](http://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.

## Revisions

From the 1st May 2016, there was a methodological change to the way the Non-EU trade-in-goods statistics are compiled. Following a change in legislation, the Non-EU trade-in-goods statistics have changed from the "General Trade" system of compilation to the "Special Trade" system. For further information on the differences between General and Special Trade, please see the HMRC's **Methodology Paper for Overseas Trade Statistics**<sup>1</sup>. Special Trade data is only available for 2012 Q1 onwards. All data in this bulletin is Special Trade.

**Table 6:**  
Value of Welsh Exports by Year (£ billions)

Year	Pre-revised data	Revised data	Difference (£)	% change
2013	12.4	16.6	4.2	34%
2014	11.8	14.1	2.3	20%
2015	11.6	13.3	1.7	14%
2016	12.3	14.6	2.3	19%

Source: Welsh Government analysis of HM Revenue & Custom Regional Trade Statistics

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<sup>1</sup> <http://gov.wales/docs/statistics/2017/171109-welsh-exports-quarter-2-2017-en.pdf>