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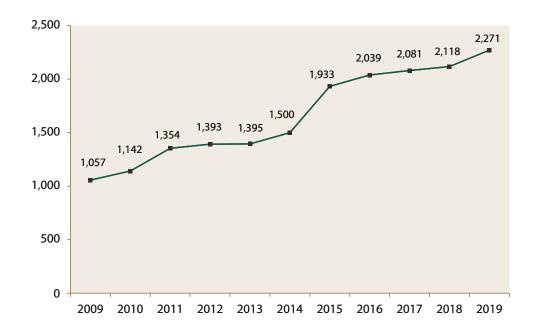
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Summary

- In 2019, New Brunswick exported¹ \$2.3 billion worth of agri-food² and seafood³ products to 91 countries, accounting for 17 per cent of the province's total exports. Particularly, New Brunswick exported \$531 million worth of agri-food products and \$1.7 billion worth of seafood products.
- Since 2009, the total value of New Brunswick's agri-food and seafood exports has risen 115 per cent. Specifically, agri-food exports have grown by 47 per cent while seafood exports have increased by 150 per cent.
- The top exported agri-food commodities in 2019 were: potato and potato products; live trees, plants and flowers; and animal feed. The leading exported seafood products were: lobster, salmon and crab.
- The United States continued to be the largest export market for New Brunswick's agri-food and seafood products, accounting for 85 per cent of sales. Other key markets included Japan, China, Dominican Republic, South Korea, Hong Kong and Belgium.

Total value of New Brunswick agri-food and seafood exports, 2009-2019 (\$ millions)



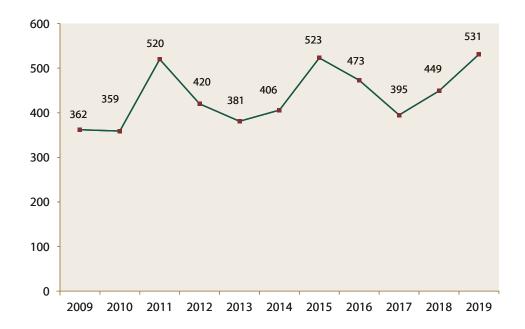
New Brunswick agri-food export highlights – 2019

The total value of New Brunswick's agri-food exports has fluctuated significantly over the last ten years, driven largely by changes in demand in the United States. Despite these fluctuations, New Brunswick's agri-food exports reached a record-high \$531 million in 2019.

Below are the key market highlights for 2019 compared to 2018:

- New Brunswick's exported agri-food products increased markedly in value by \$82 million (18 per cent) to total \$531 million in 2019, largely due to higher sales of potato and potato products, wild blueberries and preparations of grains. The top markets for New Brunswick's agri-food exports in 2019 were the United States, Costa Rica and Mexico, accounting for 88 per cent, two per cent and one per cent of sales, respectively.
- Exports of potato and potato products rose notably in value by \$36 million (13 per cent) to \$321 million in 2019. This was mainly due to higher sales of frozen french fries, as a result of increased price and export volume. The greatest increase was seen in sales to the United States, up by \$38 million (16 per cent).
- The value of wild blueberry exports⁴ increased significantly by 385 per cent (\$17 million) to reach \$22 million in 2019, with practically all sales going to the United States. This increase mainly resulted from a substantially greater volume of frozen wild blueberries being sold at a considerably higher price.
- Exports of preparations of grains rose in value by \$13 million (77 per cent) to \$29 million in 2019, mainly due to a significant rise in the volume of exported baked goods outweighing a drop in average market price. Exports to the United States increased the most, up by \$13 million (126 per cent).
- Animal feed exports rose by \$5.4 million (19 per cent) to \$33 million in 2019, due to a considerable increase in average price outweighing a drop in exported volume. The United States accounted for 97 per cent of sales.
- The top market for New Brunswick's agri-food products continued to be the United States valued at \$466 million in 2019. Compared to 2018, sales were up by \$81 million (21 per cent), with the largest increases seen in exports of potato and potato products, wild blueberries and preparations of grains.
- Other important markets that increased in value in 2019 were Poland and Jamaica. Particularly, exports to Poland increased by \$1.1 million (562 per cent) to \$1.3 million, due to higher cranberry sales; while exports to Jamaica rose by \$1 million (165 per cent) to total \$1.6 million, largely due to greater meat sales.
- On the other hand, markets that decreased most in value include Japan and Costa Rica. Specifically, exports to
 Japan were down one-fifth (\$1.2 million) to \$4.7 million, while those to Costa Rica fell by \$1.1 million (11 per
 cent) to \$8.5 million. These declines resulted mostly from lower sales of potato and potato products.

Total value of New Brunswick agri-food exports, 2009-2019 (\$ millions)



Top New Brunswick agri-food export products by value (\$ millions)

Rank	Product	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top markets in 2019
1	Potato and potato products	248.2	284.8	320.7	14.7%	12.6%	United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Japan, Bahamas, United Arab Emirates, Panama, Kuwait, Iceland, Trinidad and Tobago
2	Live trees, plants and flowers	30.3	34.4	36.4	13.3%	5.9%	United States
3	Animal feed	16.9	27.9	33.3	65.2%	19.3%	United States, South Korea, Mexico, Russia
4	Preparations of grains	9.3	16.6	29.4	78.7%	76.9%	United States, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Mexico, Bahamas, French Polynesia
5	Live animals	22.3	20.8	22.7	-6.7%	9.3%	United States
6	Wild blueberries	3.2	4.5	21.7	38.6%	384.9%	United States
7	Preparations of nuts and seeds	26.9	22.6	20.0	-16.1%	-11.4%	United States
8	Maple products ⁵	10.8	9.7	10.8	-10.6%	11.5%	United States, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy
9	Beer	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.9%	-2.4%	United States
10	Preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)	3.7	4.5	5.4	22.1%	20.5%	United States, Kuwait, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago
11	Chocolate confectionery	3.0	3.6	3.1	21.5%	-14.8%	United States
12	Meat	1.6	1.7	2.5	6.3%	43.9%	Jamaica, United States, Curaçao, Mexico, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago
13	Dairy products	1.0	0.6	2.0	-42.1%	239.3%	Syria, Georgia, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Iceland, Peru, United Arab Emirates, Jamaica
14	Soups and broths	1.1	1.4	1.4	32.2%	3.2%	United States, Japan
15	Cranberries	0.5	0.0	1.3	-100.0%		Poland
All oth	er agri-food products	8.6	7.7	12.3			
Total a	ngri-food products	394.8	448.6	530.9	13.6%	18.3%	United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Bahamas, Kuwait, Denmark, Panama, Iceland

⁻⁻ Export value in the base period is zero or so close to zero that the percentage change is meaningless. Source: Statistics Canada, CATSNET Analytics (March 2020).

Top New Brunswick agri-food export product breakdown — potato and potato products (\$ millions)

Rank	Product	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top markets in 2019
1	Prepared or preserved potato	175.1	214.9	255.2	22.7%	18.8%	United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Japan, Bahamas, United Arab Emirates, Panama, Kuwait, Iceland, Honduras
2	Fresh potato 54.2 51.3 46.4 -5.4		-5.4%	-9.5%	United States, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic		
3	Potato flakes	9.9	9.7	10.6	-2.5%	9.9%	United States
4	Seed potato	7.9	7.2	5.8	-8.7%	-18.7%	United States, Dominican Republic, Jamaica
All other	All other potato and potato products		1.8	2.6			
Total potato and potato products		248.2	284.8	320.7	14.7%	12.6%	Refer to previous table

Top New Brunswick agri-food export markets by value (\$ millions)

Rank	Market	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top products in 2019
1	United States	349.4	384.1	465.5	9.9%	21.2%	Potato and potato products, live trees, plants and flowers, animal feed, preparations of grains, live animals, wild blueberries, preparations of nuts and seeds, beer, maple products, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
2	Costa Rica	10.4	9.6	8.5	-7.5%	-11.5%	Potato and potato products, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
3	Mexico	6.1	7.8	7.4	27.4%	-4.0%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains, animal feed, meat
4	Japan	1.6	5.8	4.7	265.8%	-20.2%	Potato and potato products, soups and broths, meat
5	United Arab Emirates	2.3	3.7	4.2	59.6%	13.1%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains, dairy products
6	Bahamas	1.8	3.1	3.5	74.9%	12.0%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains
7	Kuwait	1.3	2.6	3.2	91.7%	26.2%	Potato and potato products, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes), preparations of grains
8	Denmark	1.6	2.6	2.7	64.6%	5.3%	Maple products
9	Panama	0.8	1.9	2.4	130.5%	24.3%	Potato and potato products
10	Iceland	0.5	1.7	2.0	260.7%	18.8%	Potato and potato products, dairy products
11	Trinidad and Tobago	0.8	1.6	1.9	95.4%	22.8%	Potato and potato products, meat, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
12	Saudi Arabia	1.3	2.6	1.6	90.6%	-38.1%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains
13	Jamaica	0.4	0.6	1.6	41.2%	165.0%	Meat, potato and potato products, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes), dairy products
14	Taiwan	0.4	1.0	1.5	171.2%	52.6%	Potato and potato products
15	Honduras	0.2	1.1	1.5	359.7%	33.8%	Potato and potato products
16	Poland	0.0	0.2	1.3		562.3%	Cranberries
17	Saint Lucia	0.5	0.9	1.1	69.6%	29.2%	Potato and potato products
18	Peru	0.7	1.0	1.0	35.8%	0.8%	Potato and potato products, dairy products
19	Australia	0.8	0.7	1.0	-3.6%	34.6%	Maple products
20	Qatar	0.5	0.9	0.9	97.3%	-0.8%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains
All other	export markets	13.4	15.2	13.3			
World		394.8	448.6	530.9	13.6%	18.3%	Potato and potato products, live trees, plants and flowers, animal feed, preparations of grains, live animals, wild blueberries, preparations of nuts and seeds, maple products, beer, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)

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Top New Brunswick agri-food export market breakdown — United States (\$ millions)

Rank	State	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top products in 2019
1	Maine	70.7	83.9	111.7	18.7%	33.1%	Potato and potato products, animal feed, live trees, plants and flowers, wild blueberries, preparations of grains, preparations of nuts and seeds, live animals, beer, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
2	Puerto Rico*	37.7	40.9	58.0	8.7%	41.7%	Potato and potato products, preparations of grains, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
3	Pennsylvania	36.9	43.6	50.6	18.2%	16.1%	Potato and potato products, live animals, preparations of nuts and seeds, beer, maple products, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes)
4	Massachusetts	50.3	40.1	44.2	-20.2%	10.3%	Potato and potato products, live trees, plants and flowers, animal feed, preparations of grains, live animals, soups and broths, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes), beer
5	New York	36.0	42.6	41.2	18.4%	-3.5%	Potato and potato products, live trees, plants and flowers, preparations of vegetables (other than potatoes), beer
All other	states	117.8	132.9	159.9			
Total Un	nited States	349.4	384.1	465.5	9.9%	21.2%	Refer to previous table

^{*}A territory of the United States.

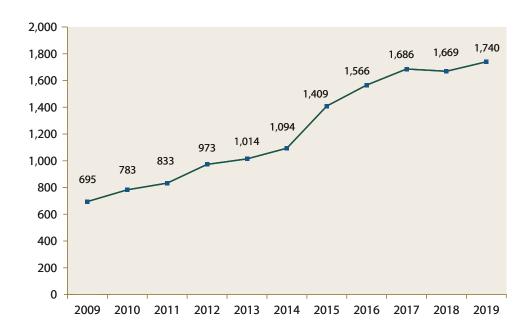
New Brunswick seafood export highlights – 2019

New Brunswick's seafood exports have increased significantly in value over the past decade reaching an all-time high of \$1,740 million in 2019, due to increased international demand for seafood products.

Below are the key market highlights for 2019 compared to 2018:

- New Brunswick's seafood exports increased in value by \$71 million (4 per cent) to \$1,740 million in 2019.
 Lobster and crab exports increased notably, while sales of salmon and eel dropped. The United States, Japan and China were New Brunswick's largest export markets accounting for 84 per cent, four per cent and two per cent of sales, respectively.
- Lobster exports rose notably by \$122 million (14 per cent) to total \$962 million in 2019. Increases were seen
 in sales of live, frozen and prepared/preserved lobsters. Markets that increased most in value were the United
 States (by \$107 million), Japan (by \$11 million) and South Korea (by \$3.7 million).
- Crab exports grew by one-quarter (\$58 million) to reach \$295 million in 2019, principally due to a rise in the
 exported volume of frozen snow crab. This was partly due to increased quota. The largest increases were seen in
 the United States and Japan, with sales up by \$58 million (32 per cent) and \$5.7 million (26 per cent), respectively.
- Salmon exports fell noticeably by \$101 million (24 per cent) to \$315 million in 2019. This mainly resulted from declines in the volume and price of fresh/chilled Atlantic salmon (including fillets). Exports to the United States and China declined the most, by \$88 million (23 per cent) and \$14 million (81 per cent), respectively.
- Exports of eel declined considerably by 37 per cent (\$9.2 million) to \$16 million in 2019, mainly due to a significant drop in the market price of live eels outweighing a rise in exported volume. Sales to Hong Kong decreased by \$11 million (54 per cent), however, sales to other international markets such as Belgium, Portugal, Denmark and Spain increased.
- The United States continued to be the top market for New Brunswick's seafood products valued at \$1,461 million in 2019, about six per cent (\$83 million) higher than the previous year. Greater lobster and crab exports contributed most to this increase.
- Seafood exports to Japan, Israel and the Dominican Republic also increased notably in value. Particularly:
 - » Exports to Japan rose by about one-third (\$16 million) to \$64 million, due to higher lobster and crab sales.
 - » Exports to Israel grew by \$6.6 million (252 per cent) to \$9.3 million, due to higher salmon sales.
 - » Exports to the Dominican Republic increased by \$4.7 million (18 per cent) to \$31 million, due to greater herring sales.
- On the other hand, notable decreases were seen in sales to China and Hong Kong. Specifically, exports to China fell by \$15 million (27 per cent) to reach \$40 million in 2019, mainly as a result of lower salmon sales; while those to Hong Kong dropped \$13 million (42 per cent) to \$18 million, largely due to a decline in eel exports.

Total value of New Brunswick seafood exports, 2009-2019 (\$ millions)



Top New Brunswick seafood export products by value (\$ millions)

Rank	Product	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top markets in 2019
1	Lobster	790.5	840.6	962.1	6.3%	14.5%	United States, Japan, South Korea, China, Belgium, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Taiwan, France, Spain
2	Salmon	391.8	415.5	314.8	6.0%	-24.2%	United States, Israel, Taiwan, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Guam, Hong Kong, Qatar
3	Crab	342.1	236.7	294.7	-30.8%	24.5%	United States, Japan, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, France, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore
4	Herring	65.1	69.3	70.7	6.5%	2.1%	Dominican Republic, United States, Haiti, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, Netherlands, Suriname, Jamaica, China, Chile
5	Sardine	21.5	16.9	15.9	-21.4%	-5.6%	United States
6	Eel	3.6	24.8	15.6	594.1%	-37.1%	Hong Kong, Belgium, Portugal, Denmark, Spain, United States
7	Scallop	16.8	11.8	13.0	-29.7%	10.3%	United States, Netherlands
8	Seaweed and algae	9.0	7.4	9.0	-17.2%	20.5%	United States, Singapore, Japan, France
9	Oyster	5.7	6.1	7.6	7.0%	24.4%	United States
10	Shrimp and prawn	8.6	9.0	7.2	4.4%	-20.4%	United States, United Kingdom, Sweden
11	Clam, cockle and ark shell	3.1	3.7	3.9	18.9%	7.2%	United States
12	Sea urchin	4.3	3.0	3.6	-29.8%	18.0%	United States
13	Cod	1.2	1.5	1.0	27.1%	-33.3%	United States
14	Trout	3.6	1.9	0.7	-47.1%	-63.3%	United States
15	Halibut	0.8	0.7	0.7	-16.6%	-1.5%	United States
16	Mollusc	1.3	0.8	0.6	-41.6%	-21.8%	United States
17	Sea cucumber	1.9	2.1	0.6	10.4%	-72.5%	United States, China
All other s	seafood	15.3	17.2	18.4			
Total sea	food	1,686.2	1,668.9	1,740.1	-1.0%	4.3%	United States, Japan, China, Dominican Republic, South Korea, Hong Kong, Belgium, Taiwan, Haiti, Vietnam

Top New Brunswick seafood export product breakdown — lobster (\$ millions)

Rank	Product	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top markets in 2019
1	Frozen lobster	413.7	483.1	578.6	16.8%	19.8%	United States, Japan, South Korea, Belgium, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Spain, United Kingdom, France
2	Prepared or preserved lobster	231.7	212.4	225.0	-8.3%	5.9%	United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China, Belgium, France, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, Sweden
3	Live lobster	143.2	145.0	158.5	1.3%	9.3%	United States, China, France, Hong Kong, Italy, United Kingdom
All other lo	bster	1.9	0.0	0.0			
Total lobs	ter	790.5	840.6	962.1	6.3%	14.5%	Refer to previous table

Top New Brunswick seafood export markets by value (\$ millions)

Rank	Market	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top products in 2019
1	United States	1,353.7	1,378.2	1,460.7	1.8%	6.0%	Lobster, salmon, crab, herring, sardine, scallop, seaweed and algae, oyster, shrimp and prawn, clam, cockle and ark shell
2	Japan	93.1	47.9	64.1	-48.5%	33.8%	Lobster, crab, herring, seaweed and algae
3	China	75.0	54.5	39.9	-27.3%	-26.8%	Lobster, crab, salmon, herring, sea cucumber
4	Dominican Republic	22.4	26.4	31.1	18.1%	17.8%	Herring
5	South Korea	10.2	21.1	23.7	106.8%	12.2%	Lobster, crab
6	Hong Kong	12.0	31.3	18.2	160.9%	-41.7%	Eel, lobster, crab, salmon
7	Belgium	23.0	15.1	15.8	-34.3%	4.3%	Lobster, eel
8	Taiwan	9.1	15.7	13.8	72.5%	-12.2%	Salmon, lobster
9	Haiti	14.2	15.7	11.8	10.3%	-24.8%	Herring
10	Vietnam	17.1	8.2	9.5	-51.8%	15.8%	Crab, salmon, lobster
11	Israel	3.9	2.6	9.3	-31.6%	251.7%	Salmon
12	United Kingdom	4.3	8.4	7.3	94.0%	-12.6%	Lobster, shrimp and prawn, herring
13	France	7.6	7.0	6.4	-8.3%	-8.7%	Lobster, crab, seaweed and algae, herring
14	Indonesia	3.8	7.8	4.1	103.1%	-47.6%	Crab
15	Spain	10.2	5.4	3.6	-47.3%	-33.8%	Lobster, eel
16	Trinidad and Tobago	3.0	2.4	3.0	-20.3%	26.8%	Herring
17	Netherlands	4.1	3.8	2.4	-7.4%	-37.8%	Herring, lobster, scallop
18	Denmark	0.6	1.4	2.2	141.5%	57.4%	Lobster, eel
19	Germany	3.1	2.1	1.9	-32.7%	-10.4%	Lobster
20	Italy	2.7	2.7	1.8	0.4%	-34.5%	Lobster
All other	export markets	13.1	11.1	9.5			
World		1,686.2	1,668.9	1,740.1	-1.0%	4.3%	Lobster, salmon, crab, herring, sardine, eel, scallop, seaweed and algae, oyster, shrimp and prawn

Top New Brunswick seafood export market breakdown — United States (\$ millions)

Rank	State	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018 growth	2018-2019 growth	Top products in 2019
1	Massachusetts	710.5	779.3	871.0	9.7%	11.8%	Lobster, crab, salmon, scallop, shrimp and prawn, clam, cockle and ark shell, oyster, herring, trout, halibut
2	Maine	135.6	115.4	123.0	-14.9%	6.6%	Lobster, salmon, sea urchin, oyster, seaweed and algae, scallop, clam, cockle and ark shell, crab, sea cucumber, mollusc
3	New York	110.9	100.9	76.6	-9.0%	-24.1%	Salmon, lobster, herring, oyster, crab, sardine, cod, mollusc, eel
4	Florida	68.4	66.9	71.3	-2.1%	6.5%	Lobster, crab, salmon, herring, sardine, cod
5	California	61.6	75.4	59.2	22.4%	-21.5%	Salmon, lobster, crab, shrimp and prawn, sardine, herring, seaweed and algae, oyster
All other	states	266.7	240.2	259.6			
Total Un	nited States	1,353.7	1,378.2	1,460.7	1.8%	6.0%	Refer to previous table

Source: Statistics Canada, CATSNET Analytics (March 2020).

Notes and definitions

- 1. Export data refer to "New Brunswick Domestic Exports" not "New Brunswick Origin Exports." Domestic exports consist of the exports of all goods grown, produced, extracted or manufactured in New Brunswick, leaving the province (through customs) for a foreign destination. Exports of imported merchandise that have been substantially enhanced in value are also included.
- 2. "Agri-food" includes agricultural products produced by farmers, growers and ranchers in New Brunswick as well as food and beverage products manufactured by the province's food and beverage processors (regardless from where ingredients were sourced). Agri-food does not include any fish, shellfish or marine plant products.
- 3. "Seafood" includes fish, shellfish and marine plants and products harvested or cultured in marine and fresh water as well as seafood products manufactured by New Brunswick's seafood processors.
- 4. A significant proportion of wild blueberries produced in New Brunswick are processed in and shipped out of Nova Scotia. Thus, these exports are counted towards Nova Scotia domestic exports. It is hence more plausible to analyze combined wild blueberry exports from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In 2019, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia together exported wild blueberries worth \$161 million, with about 62 per cent of the production coming from New Brunswick. The top four export destinations were the United States, Germany, Japan and Poland with market shares of 32 per cent, 21 per cent, seven per cent and seven per cent, respectively.
- 5. New Brunswick was the second largest producer of maple products in Canada in 2019, behind Quebec. The province accounted for about five per cent of Canada's production with 598,000 gallons of syrup produced in 2019. A significant proportion of the maple products produced in New Brunswick are transported to neighbouring provinces, predominantly Quebec, for further processing and eventual exportation. Thus, these exports are not counted towards New Brunswick domestic exports.

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