

CIAA Key Figures

CIAA is the voice of the EU food and drink (F&D) industry - first manufacturing sector, major employer and exporter. The F&D industry purchases and processes 70% of EU agricultural production.



Turnover

€ 800 billion

With more than 13% of total turnover in the manufacturing sector, the F&D industry, pillar of the EU-25 economy, is ranked first ahead of the automobile and chemical sectors.

Employment

4.1 million workers

The F&D industry is the first manufacturing employer in the EU with a share of 12% of the manufacturing industry workforce.

Number of companies

282.000 of which **279.000** SMEs

99% of F&D companies are SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) with less than 250 employees. These SMEs employ 61% of F&D workers. SMEs account for 49% of the sector's turnover.

EU-25 external trade

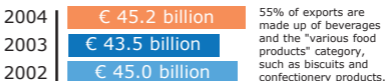
€ 4.5 billion positive trade balance

The EU is a net exporter of foodstuffs. This trade surplus has, however, decreased by 24% in 2004 due to a rise in imports.

Exports 2004

€ 45.2 billion

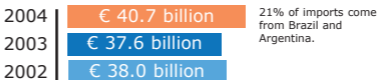
Evolution of exports 2002-2004



Imports 2004

€ 40.7 billion

Evolution of imports 2002-2004



EU-25 internal trade

€ 139 billion

The Netherlands, Germany and France exported 50% of this total. Intra-EU exports account for 17% of the turnover.