

FOOD PROCESSING

Food product technology and science

Sector in numbers

5,4%

of total Latvia's exports
in 2025 (export amounts
to EUR 1.07 B)

4th

in EU for renewable
freshwater resources per
capita for aquaculture
development

1 360+

enterprises and
registered private
merchants

EUR 2.5 B

annual turnover, with food
processing output growing by
9.6% in 2025

2nd

largest industrial sector
producing around 19 % of the
total output in manufacturing

15,6%

share of organic farming
in utilized agriculture
area in EU-27 (2024)

Source: EM RIS3 Information Report, Eurostat, CSB

A scalable and diverse talent base for advanced food growth



22 000+ employees
In sector (2025)



#1 among OECD
by the share of women in science,
technology and innovation.



150+ students
students enrolled in higher
education programmes in
food product technology
and food science (2025)

Relevant Education Institutions and Initiatives in Latvia

Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LBTU) gives private companies access to:

- top-level research and innovations developed by university researchers and students.
- LBTU's scientific expertise and intellectual property portfolio to jointly develop products.



The Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics (AREI) one of main research areas includes also development of innovative products, including food and animal feed.



Food processing value chain member have been involved in wide range of projects for example Interreg Europe programme Accelerating Agritech evolution in EU agrifood system.



For the period of 2026-2028, Riga Technical University (RTU) together with **Biocatalyst Foundation** will serve as **EIT Food** Country Representatives in Latvia, acting as a key link between the national agrifood innovation ecosystem and the wider European EIT Food network.



Innovative food processing and next-gen protein sector companies



L-blend

A ready-to-drink, non-alcoholic beverage intended for daily consumption. Made from dealcoholized red wine and dietary fibers



Wisemeal

offers clean, natural food enriched with vitamins, protein and fiber for convenient, nutritious eating.



Field and Forest

Expert in crafting textured pea and faba protein, rooted in dry processed concentrates of pea and faba protein, alongside pea and faba starch. Company offers Peas and Beans Flour complemented by pea fibre concentrate.



ASNS Ingredient

Is set to become a major plant-based smart-nutrition ingredients producer in Latvia, specialising in the extraction and refinement of yellow pea fractions.



Karavela

One of the leading and largest producers of canned fish and preserves in Europe with 140 years of experience in the production of canned fish and other fish products. Products include vegan seafood alternatives.



Spirulina nord

Created by a biotech-driven company cultivating fresh spirulina in a smart urban farm using precision bioreactors.



Valmiermuiza Beer

Company created an original snack for beer "Drabiņu cepumi" (beer dregs) which is baked by the brewery's neighbors – the Liepkalni bakery.

Industry leaders

