

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

## BY THE NUMBERS



### FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING

NEARLY

**1,400**  
COMPANIES



**93,000**  
INDUSTRY JOBS



ANNUAL FOOD PROCESSING  
INDUSTRIAL SALES

**\$67.8** BILLION\*



Source: Infogroup 2017; EMSI 2017.3 Class of Worker QCEW Employees 2015; 2016 U.S. Census Bureau data as reported by WISERTrade

### WISCONSIN IS



**#1** in cheese production, with over **3 BILLION POUNDS** of cheese made each year.



In 2016, Wisconsin's milk production topped **3 BILLION POUNDS** for the first time.



Source: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, 2017; NASS via Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board

### WISCONSIN IS

**#1** in **ORGANIC** production of corn, oats, beans and hay acreage.



Organic acreage in Wisconsin **INCREASED** by 17 percent from 2008 to 2014.

Source: Organic Agriculture in Wisconsin: 2017 Status Report, UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Farms and agricultural businesses generate more than **\$88.3 billion** in economic activity, supporting **413,500** total jobs throughout the state.\*

**\$88.3**  
BILLION



**413,500**  
TOTAL JOBS



\*Source: Contribution of Agriculture to the Wisconsin Economy: Updated for 2012, UW-Madison/Extension, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics by Steven C. Deller and David Williams

 *The concentration of technology we need and partners we need here is remarkable. If you just said, look anywhere in the world and choose a partner—the ones we would choose are right here in Wisconsin.* 

~ Jim Paskind  
President of Joint Ventures  
Salm Partners