

Food Processing

The food manufacturing industry (NAICS 311) includes establishments that transform livestock and agricultural products into products for intermediate or final consumption. The food products manufactured in these establishments are typically sold to wholesalers or retailers for distribution to consumers, although some establishments such as bakeries or confectioners may make direct sales to customers. This category includes some liquids, such as milk products and fruit juices.



Texas Industry Totals

Firms	1,616
Employment	86,898
Average Annual Wage	\$38,376
Total Capital Investments	\$629.6 million
Value Added Per Employee	\$173,331
Value of Shipments	\$39.3 billion

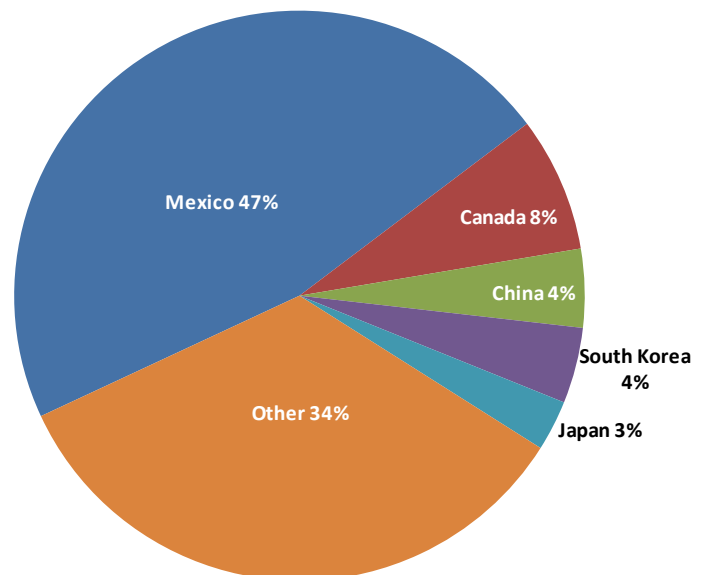
How Texas Ranks in the U.S.

All Employees	No. 2
Production Workers	No. 2
Value Added	No. 3
Value of Shipments	No. 2
Total Capital Investments	No. 5

Texas Exports

- Texas food products exports in 2011 were valued at \$5.3 billion – up from \$4.3 billion in 2010.
- In 2011, food processing was Texas' 15th largest export sector.

Top Export Markets



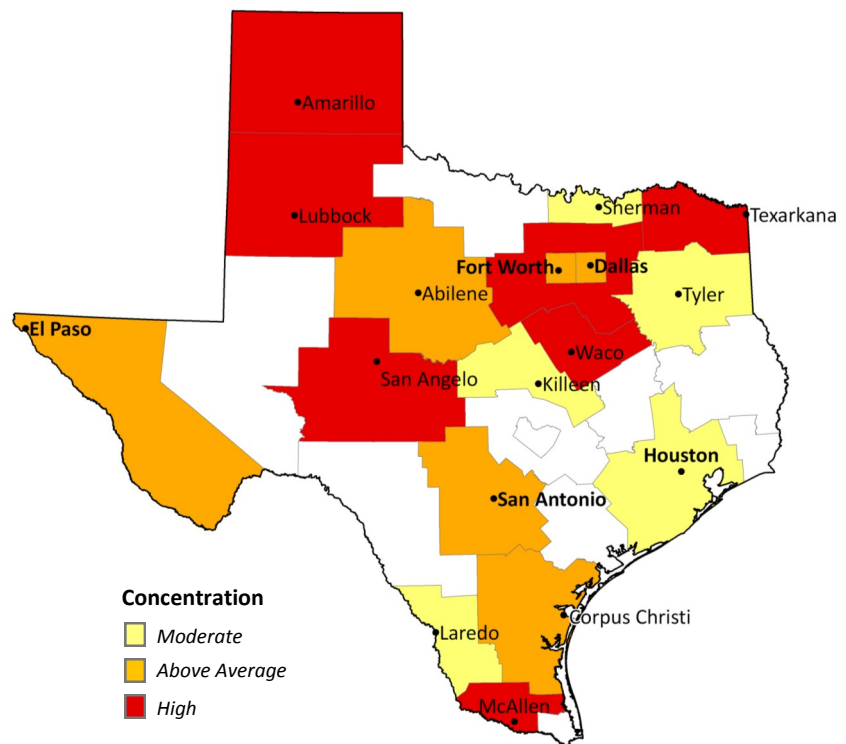
Sources: Texas Workforce Commission, U.S. Census Annual Survey of Manufactures, WISERTrade, Texas Manufacturers Register

Major Industry Employers in Texas

Company	Location(s)	Products
Tyson Foods	Amarillo, etc.	Meat processing and packing, packaged soups
Frito-Lay North America, Inc.	Plano, etc.	Snack foods
Dean Foods Co.	Dallas, etc.	Milk & dairy products
JBS Swift & Co. (Incl. Pilgrim's Pride)	Cactus, Mt. Pleasant	Meat & poultry processing
Cargill Meat Solutions	Plainview	Beef Processing

Regional Concentrations

The map at right identifies the state's Workforce Development regions with above-average specializations in food manufacturing. The highlighted regions are not the only areas in Texas where workers in this sector can be found, but rather represent areas with the greatest concentrations relative to the size of the local labor force. This industry is broadly distributed throughout the state in high concentrations.



Recent Industry Trends

- Texas food processing industry wages increased by 3.5% between Q3 2010 and Q3 2011.
- In 2011, baking goods maker C.H. Guenther & Sons announced a new corporate headquarters facility in its hometown of San Antonio. 125 employees will be relocated to the new building. Founded in 1851, C.H. Guenther is the oldest active family-owned business in Texas.
- Dallas-based Dean Foods announced plans to spend \$95 million buying and upgrading a Southwest Dallas building into a milk production facility. It is expected to employ 90 people by 2012.