



Germany's Number One Food Producers

- Niedersachsen's Agribusiness industry employs around 391,000 people.

Rich Harvests

Niedersachsen's fertile soil yields an impressive proportion of the nation's arable produce; in 2015

- 39,500 farms and livestock breeders supply the raw materials for Niedersachsen's food industry, which generates an annual production value of 11.6 billion Euro.
- 15 % of the cereals, 30 % of the sugar beet and almost 50 % of the potatoes
- 72 % of the blueberries, around 27 % of the strawberries and about 23 % of cultivated raspberries
- 28 % of the apples and almost 20 % of the pears
- 34 % of the iceberg lettuces, 22 % of the asparagus and almost 44 % of the curly kale grown in Germany came from Niedersachsen!

Leaders in Livestock Husbandry

- Centre of animal product processing in Germany
- Two-thirds of the chickens, more than one in three eggs and around a third of the pork produced in Germany come from Niedersachsen.
- Very important dairy industry, delivering around a fifth of all German produce

High Quality, Safe and Strictly Monitored Food Processing

- More than 90,000 employees in over 3,200 Niedersachsen companies produce foodstuffs, drinks, and animal feeds.
- Approx. 660 companies in the food industry with more than 20 employees generate a total turnover of around 33 billion Euro.
- The strongest sector in the food industry is meat production, with a turnover of almost 10 billion Euro generating almost a third of the total.
- Exports of food and animal feed make up almost 22 % of the sector's turnover.
- Maximised efficiency in foodstuff processing: enhanced energy efficiency, use of automated technology, applications of innovative technologies in raw materials processing.
- Integrated food safety strategies at all stages of the production process.

Excellence in Research – Current Projects

- i³-Food: investigating applications in three innovative process technologies: gentle preservation by pulsating electrical fields, high-pressure sterilisation, and extrusion
- Bioökonomie 2.0: extraction of new useful materials such as enzymes and aromatics from plant ancillary flows in processing potatoes, rapeseed and carrots
- iAlgaePro: innovative algae processing to produce ingredients for foodstuffs and animal feed
- EntomoFood: using edible insects to produce high quality semi-products through adaptation of effective foodstuff process technologies

Our services

- Independent advice on the market, framework conditions and funding possibilities
- Location scouting: industry-specific location search, first contact service
- Support and advice on investment realisation
- Introductions to networks



Bon appétit!

Land of Food Industry

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Welcome to Niedersachsen!



The food industry is Niedersachsen's second most productive business sector, and leads Germany with its high-quality produce – meat, fish, dairy products, specialty food, fruit and vegetables. Complete value-added chains and a dense concentration of high-performing businesses in the up- and downstream sectors guarantee the production of safe and healthy foodstuffs. Northwest Niedersachsen is also one of the world's leading centres for processing animal products.

Niedersachsen's companies, many of them SMEs including numerous global players and hidden champions, punch above their weight in international competition – especially our innovative agricultural technology manufacturers. Together, they benefit from the rapid progress in applying digitally controlled production methods – in our fields, stalls and factories.

Working towards sustainable foodstuff production and healthy nutrition is a global concern, and our wide spectrum of research facilities and innovative companies in Niedersachsen are in the vanguard of developing solutions for the future.

Discover for yourself the potential of these companies, supply networks, research facilities and promising business locations! My team will be happy to support your enterprises.

Yours,

Dr. Bernd Althusmann

Niedersachsen Minister of Economic Affairs, Employment, Transport and Digitalisation



Legend

Competence Centres

- NieKE Niedersachsen Agrifood Competence Centre, Vechta
- Marketing Association for the Niedersachsen Agri- and Food Industry, Hannover
- State Dairy Industry Association, Hannover and Oldenburg
- KÖN: Organic Agriculture Competence Centre for Niedersachsen, Visselhövede
- 3N Competence Centre for Niedersachsen, Network for Renewable Raw Materials, Werlte
- Agri-Social Association, Göttingen
- Association for Plastics in Agriculture (GKL), Hannover
- German Soil Science Society, Göttingen

Research Facilities

- DIL: German Institute for Food Technology, Quakenbrück
- LUFA Nord-West: Service Laboratory for the Chamber of Agriculture, Oldenburg and Hameln
- Julius Kühn-Institut: Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants, Braunschweig
- Federal Plant Variety office, Hannover
- Institute for Sugar Beet Research, Göttingen
- IFF: International Research Association of Feed Technology, Braunschweig
- Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut: National Institute for Animal Health, Braunschweig
- Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut: Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, Braunschweig
- Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Hannover
- Institute of Structural Research and Planning in Agrarian Intensive Areas, Vechta

Universities

- University of Veterinary Medicine, Foundation, Hannover
- Leibniz University, Hannover
- Braunschweig Technical University
- Leuphana University, Lüneburg
- Carl-von-Ossietzky University, Oldenburg
- Osnabrück University
- Georgia Augusta University, Göttingen
- Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences
- Clausthal University of Technology
- University of Vechta

Main Production Companies

- Agricultural technology
- Eggs
- Meat
- Milk
- Potatoes
- Beverages
- Sugar
- Fish

Infrastructure

- Seaport
- Deepwater port
- Airport
- ICE railway station
- Railway
- Motorway
- Planned motorway/ European highway