

## SECTOR OVERVIEW

**18,997**

TOTAL JOBS

**2.04**

LOCATION QUOTIENT

**22%**

JOB GROWTH  
(2013-2018)

**233**

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS

**\$61,388**

AVERAGE EARNINGS

DATA SOURCE: EMSI

## NOTABLE FOOD PROCESSING MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	EMPLOYEES
Roskam Baking Co.	Cascade, Kentwood	2,090
Kellogg's Snacks	Wyoming, Grand Rapids	1000
Hearthside Foods	Kentwood, Grand Rapids	830
Peterson Farms	Shelby	800
Michigan Turkey Producers	Wyoming	780
Founders Brewing Co	Grand Rapids	650
Request Foods Inc.	Holland	600
Coca-Cola Distribution, L.L.C.	Grand Rapids	498
Gerber Products Company	Fremont	466
Country Fresh LLC	Wyoming	400
Indian Summer Cooperative Inc	Ludington	400

# FOOD PROCESSING MANUFACTURING

## INDUSTRY STRENGTHS

**ACCESS TO WATER:** Michigan is surrounded by over 9,679 miles of freshwater shoreline and borders four of the five Great Lakes. West Michigan hosts several large scale wastewater treatment facilities with excess capacity throughout the region. In Grand Rapids alone, businesses have access to over 61.1 million gallons per day (MGD) with over 10 MGD excess capacity, ideal for food processing.

**FOOD CHAIN:** West Michigan's agribusiness sector produces one-third of Michigan's total agricultural sales, contributing to \$1.5 billion to the regional economy. The sector is among the most productive and diverse regions in a state that is second only to California in its agricultural diversity.

**UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS:** The Michigan State University Product Center was established to improve economic opportunities in the Michigan agriculture, food and natural resource sectors. The Product Center provides assistance in developing and commercializing high value, consumer-responsive products and businesses in the agriculture and natural resource sectors. The Product Center is your key to the front door of MSU's vast and varied technical expertise, research, outreach, and educational service.

**FOOD PROCESSING MANUFACTURING  
CLUSTERS AND NOTABLE COMPANIES**

● Additional Food Processing Companies

