Spain for
Agri-food Industry
Why Spain for

Agri-food Industry?

- Fifth agri-food power in Europe.
- European leader in agricultural land dedicated to organic farming.
- Access to an abundance of top-quality raw material.
  Among European Union countries, Spain is second largest in cultivable farmland and her agricultural production extensive and diverse.
- Competitiveness of the industry. Greater productivity coupled with lower unit labor costs than the EU average.
- The importance of tourism in Spain and its topnotch gastronomy are key driving forces behind the country’s agri-food industry.
Facts & Figures

A strong sector of the economy
Production in the Spanish agri-food industry continues to be dynamic, with sales of close to €120 billion (3% of GDP), it accounts for 16% of the industry’s added value.

Innovation
Spain has prestigious universities, technology parks and technology centers that specialize in the sector. 84% of businesses in the sector do R&D activities.

Jobs
A sector that employs over 500,000 people (21% of total industry employment). An industry with available skilled labor and competitive labor costs.

Consumption
Food and beverages account for 19% of a Spaniards’ shopping cart, a higher percentage than that of European consumers in general (17%).

Solid business structure
There are over 31,000 agri-food companies operating in Spain. The industrialization of the Spanish agri-food industry has been more intense than the European average.

Large market
Food and beverage companies established in Spain have access to 46 million internal consumers and over 82 million tourists who visit Spain each year, as well the European Union with no restriction.

International competitiveness
Spain is the fourth largest exporting economy for agri-food products in the European Union, with 11 years of trade balance surplus.

Institutional support
As a key industry for the Spanish economy, the agri-food sector benefits from ample aid and incentives at the regional, state and European level.
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