

**TABLE 4**  
**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF FOODS**  
 (billion current Mexican pesos)

YEAR	AMOUNT	NOMINAL CHANGE	REAL CHANGE
1980	571.6	29.3%	5.5%
1981	739.2	58.0%	5.2%
1982	1,167.7	92.8%	0.7%
1983	2,250.8	79.6%	2.2%
1984	4,043.2	65.3%	2.4%
1985	6,683.6	78.8%	0.2%
1986	11,949.6	125.2%	(0.8%)
1987	26,914.4		

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática.

As can be seen from the above table, growth in the industry tends to be pro-cyclical and to grow with the economy as a whole, but it does not undergo major fluctuations, since one of its principal determinants is total demographic growth.

Total gross production by the food industry amounted to \$26.9 trillion pesos or \$18.3 billion dollars in 1987, broken down as follows:

**TABLE 5**  
**TOTAL GROSS PRODUCTION OF THE**  
**MEXICAN FOOD INDUSTRY - 1987**  
 (billion Mexican pesos  
 million US dollars)

CATEGORY	PESOS	DOLLARS	%
Meat & milk	9,474.7	6,445	35.2%
Processed fruits & vegetables	944.6	643	3.5%
Wheat milling	3,238.1	2,203	12.0%
Corn milling	4,878.0	3,318	18.1%
Coffee	1,586.9	1,080	5.9%
Sugar	1,480.5	1,007	5.5%
Fats & oils	1,712.5	1,165	6.4%
Animal feed	658.6	448	2.4%
Other	2,940.9	2,001	10.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,914.8</b>	<b>18,310</b>	

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática.

As can be seen, meat and milk production dominate the total food market, with a 35.2% participation, which corresponds mostly to