

Table 6 Manufacturing Shipments, Manitoba: 1996 to 1999 (\$millions)

Industry Group	1996	1997	1998	1999
Transportation Equipment	1,211,169	1,369,568	1,728,384	1,762,747
Textile Products	54,126	76,507	75,858	80,176
Wood	388,150	434,499	476,897	498,451
Plastics	282,014	292,002	282,229	321,399
Furniture and Fixtures	295,970	319,145	352,440	361,359
Machinery	1,170,665	1,379,527	1,231,955	850,002
Fabricated Metal Products	504,957	556,165	626,704	592,770
Food	1,897,642	2,162,192	2,287,651	2,397,580
Non-Metallic Metals	162,962	157,108	175,166	192,829
Chemical Products	406,567	427,670	457,434	505,063
Unpublished Industries	132,687	139,727	128,616	124,324
Paper and Allied Products	396,479	364,685	396,053	391,385
Printing and Publishing	568,238	632,850	674,891	697,231
Clothing	325,509	327,184	409,908	400,133
Misc. Manufacturing	117,630	124,462	139,192	137,697
Primary Metals	536,379	622,461	616,199	549,561
Beverages	159,559	202,366	187,758	204,943
Electrical and Electronic	360,772	410,881	365,878	291,305
Total All Industries	8,971,475	9,998,999	10,613,213	10,358,955

Source: Statistics Canada

International Trade

Manitoba experienced significant growth in exports during the nineties. Exports have increased from approximately \$3 billion in 1991 to just over \$8 billion in 1999, with much of this growth attributable to an expansion of value-added exports.

The composition of Manitoba's exports reflects the diversity of its economy. Manitoba's leading exports include aircraft parts, wheat, canola seeds/oil, electrical energy, minerals, buses/public transport passenger vehicles, processed potatoes, lumber and newsprint.

The United States continues to be the most important market for Manitoba exports. Of total exports of \$8.1 billion in 1999, 81.4 percent went to the United States. After the United States, Manitoba's leading export markets include Japan, China and Hong Kong, Mexico and the European Union. Manitoba also aspires to improve trade with Chile, Argentina, Brazil and parts of the Central America and the Caribbean.

Manitoba's total exports of manufactures, energy and minerals to the United States exceeded its total exports of agricultural goods in 1999, although its exports were led by agri-food exports. Manitoba's agri-food exports to the United States in 1999 were \$1.2 billion, including a record high for exports of

processed food products (by value). Processed and semi-processed exports represented 81 percent of Manitoba's agri-food exports to the United States in 1999. Overall, the United States accounted for more than one-half of all Manitoba's agri-food exports (by value).

Manitoba's agriculture and agri-food sector is changing, however, and is rapidly becoming more diversified with more value-added processing. For example, Manitoba is fast becoming the leading producer of potatoes in Canada. When completed, J.R. Simplot Company's new \$120 million processing plant in Portage la Prairie (announced on December 12, 2000) will result in Manitoba potato acreage expanding to an estimated 95 to 100 thousand acres. The bulk of this production is intended for export, particularly the North American market as well as Asia. It is also expected that there will be sufficient by-product to support 25,000 head beef feedlot.

Manitoba's pork industry continues to show steady growth as demand for pork products in Asia increases steadily. While Manitoba is the third largest pig producer in the country (production in 2001 is forecast to be 5.6 million pigs), it is the second largest pork exporter. Between 1994 and 1999, pork exports have increased in value from \$79 million to \$214 million. China is becoming an increasingly significant market for pork by-products.