

Locational advantage Food industry



Food industry in Eastern Switzerland

Eastern Switzerland is a key pillar of the Swiss food industry with a long tradition in agriculture and food production. Today, the agro-food sector in the region encompasses a wide range of food producers – from small farm stores to innovative large companies. The well-known brands in the region enjoy an excellent reputation throughout Switzerland.

The agricultural, industrial and scientific environment of Eastern Switzerland offers an ideal platform for innovations. Due to the availability of quality commodities, such as berries, apples, sugar, cereals and meat, as well as the opportunity to collaborate with regional SMEs, the region serves as an ideal location for food production along the entire value chain.

Education, Research and Development



Segments and companies

Beverages alcoholic / non-alcoholic

- Appenzeller Alpenbitter AG, Appenzell, appenzeller.com
- Biotta AG, Tägerwil, biotta.ch
- Brauerei Locher AG, Appenzell, appenzellerbier.ch
- Brauerei Schützengarten AG, St. Gallen, schuetzengarten.ch
- Goba AG, Gontenbad, goba-welt.ch
- Holderhof Sulgen AG, Sulgen, holderhof.ch
- Mosterei Möhl AG, Arbon, moehl.ch
- RAMSEIER Aachtal AG, Oberaach, ramseier-suisse.ch
- RAUCH Schweiz AG, Widnau, rauch.cc.ch

Sugar production and sweets

- Chocolat Bernrain, Kreuzlingen, swisschocolate.ch
- Gottlieber Spezialitäten AG, Gottlieben, gottlieber.ch
- Jogamed AG, Altnau, jogamed.ch
- Kägi Söhne AG, Lichtensteig, kaegi.com
- Schweizer Zucker AG, zucker.ch

Head quarters function

- Lidl Schweiz AG, Weinfelden, lidl.ch

Cheese and milk processing

- Appenzeller Käse GmbH, Appenzell, appenzeller.ch
- Hochdorf Swiss Nutrition, Sulgen, hochdorf.ch
- Käserei Studer AG, Amriswil, kaeserei-studer.ch
- Molkerei Biedermann AG, Bischofszell, biomolkerei.ch
- SO Tilsiter Switzerland GmbH, Weinfelden, tilsiter.ch
- Strähl Käse AG, Siegershausen, straehl.ch

Cereals processing and distribution

- Meyerhans Mühlen AG, Weinfelden, meyerhans-muehlen.ch
- mymuesli GmbH, Tägerwil, ch.mymuesli.com
- Pasta Premium AG, Frauenfeld, bschuessig.ch
- Schweizerische Schälmmühle E. Zwicky AG, Müllheim-Wigoltingen, zwicky.ch

Meat processing

- frifag märwil AG, Märwil, frifag.ch
- Micarna, Bazenheid, micarna.ch
- Natura Güggeli AG, Märwil, natura-gueggeli.ch

Ingredients

- Givaudan Suisse SA, Givaudan International SA, Lindau, givaudan.com
- Naturex AG, Bischofszell, naturex.ch
- Polygal AG, Märstetten, polygal.ch
- Unipektin Ingredients AG, Eschenz, unipektin.ch
- Veripan AG, Matzingen, veripan.ch

Broad variety of products

- Bischofszell Nahrungsmittel AG, Bischofszell, bina.ch
- Hilcona AG, Schaan (LI), Salez/Sennwald (CH-SG), hilcona.com
- Morga AG, Ebnat-Kappel, morga.ch

Others

- A.Vogel AG, Roggwil TG, avogel.ch
- Ceposa AG Oliven & Antipasti, Kreuzlingen, ceposa.com
- Hefe Schweiz AG, Stettfurt, hefe.ch
- Knorr-Nährmittel Aktiengesellschaft, Thayngen, knorr.com
- Sabo Specialities AG, Horn, sabo-oil.com



Knowledge partners and networks

KOMPETENZNETZWERK ERNÄHRUNGSWIRTSCHAFT (FOOD INDUSTRY COMPETENCE NETWORK)

The network is a service provider for those involved in the entire value chain of agriculture and the food industry throughout Switzerland, as well as internationally. It offers advice, innovation and know-how transfer for all stakeholders. (ernaehrungswirtschaft.ch)

The network operates the digital networking platform Agro Food Scout (agrofoodscout.com), and manages the offices of the Stiftung Innocuisine (Innocuisine Foundation – Foundation for Innovation and Science in the Kitchen, innocuisine.ch) and of the Swiss Society for Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (sse-sga.ch). In addition, it offers various services, seminars and events for the agro-food sector.

VERBAND THURGAUER LANDWIRTSCHAFT (ASSOCIATION OF THURGAU AGRICULTURE, VTL)

The VTL is the contact for politics, administration and society. It represents the farmers of Thurgau and their interests. The VTL advocates framework conditions that promote economical and sustainable agriculture in Thurgau. It thus contributes to the secure supply of the population with high-quality products and healthy food. The VTL promotes the multifunctional tasks of agriculture, the various forms of production and the different strategies of the individual farms. (vtgl.ch)

THURGAUER MILCHPRODUZENTEN (THURGAU DAIRY PRODUCERS)

The purpose of the cooperative is to maintain and improve the economic situation of its members and of agriculture and dairy farming in general. The cooperative promotes economic, environmentally friendly and high-quality milk production and processing in order to achieve the sale of the highest possible quantity of milk with high added value. (milchthurgau.ch)

AGROSCOPE

Agroscope is the federal competence centre for research and development in the agricultural, food and environmental sectors. One of its locations is Tänikon in the canton of Thurgau where the research areas Competitiveness and System Assessment and Production Systems Animals and Animal Health are located. (agroscope.admin.ch)

SWISS FUTURE FARM

The Swiss Future Farm conducts agricultural technology research and development and professional exchange with farmers. It uses smart-farming technologies for sustainable agriculture. (swissfuturefarm.ch)

SWISS FOOD RESEARCH

As an association with over 160 members from research institutions, companies and start-ups as well as national and international partner networks, the network effectively drives innovation in the agro-food ecosystem through knowledge and technology transfer. (swissfoodresearch.ch)

Please note: This fact sheet is only intended as a guide. The information provided in this fact sheet is not exhaustive.

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