



\$679.4 billion total sales for world's top 100 food processors

Each year's ranking of the 100 largest food and beverage makers introduces new names, and this year is no exception. Joining the international elite are Constellation Brands, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., Pilgrim's Pride and Barilla. They replace some corporations that no longer exist, including IBP Inc., which merged into Tyson Foods in September 2001; Quaker Oats Co., now part of PepsiCo Inc.; Ralston Purina Co., which was sold to Nestle in December; and the Earthgrains Co., now the centerpiece of Sara Lee Corp.'s bakery division. Also disappearing are Suiza Foods, which acquired Dean Foods and adopted the Dean name, and Eridania Beghin-Say, the French ingredients company that was broken up into four companies.

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Food sales (U.S. millions)	Change	Period ending	Product type
1	Nestlé S.A.	Vevey, Switzerland	\$46,628	20%	12/31/01	Diversified
2	Kraft Foods Inc.	Northfield, Ill.	\$38,119	11.9%	12/31/01	Diversified
3	ConAgra Inc.	Omaha, Neb.	\$27,630	1.6%	5/31/02	Diversified
4	PepsiCo Inc.	Purchase, N.Y.	\$26,935	31.8%	12/31/01	Beverages & snack foods
5	Unilever plc	London, England, & Rotterdam, the Netherlands	\$26,672	2.5%	12/31/01	Diversified
6	Archer Daniels Midland Co.	Decatur, Ill.	\$23,454	17%	6/30/02	Ingredients, grain-based products
7	Cargill Inc.	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$21,500	2.8%	5/31/02	Grain-based foods
8	The Coca-Cola Co.	Atlanta, Ga.	\$20,092	-1.8%	12/31/01	Beverages
9	Diageo plc	London, England	\$16,644	0.7%	6/30/01	Alcoholic beverages
10	Mars Inc.	McLean, Va.	\$15,300	7.1%	12/31/01	Confections
11	Anheuser-Busch Inc.	St. Louis, Mo.	\$12,262	5.3%	12/31/01	Brewery
12	Groupe Danone	Paris, France	\$12,184	-4.1%	12/31/01	Dairy, biscuits, water
13	Kirin Brewery Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$11,287	-1.2%	12/31/01	Beverage
14	Asahi Breweries Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$11,050	2.4%	12/31/01	Brewery
15	Tyson Foods	Springdale, Ark.	\$10,751	45.1%	9/29/01	Meat & poultry
16	Dean Foods Co.	Dallas, Texas	\$9,700	66.3%	12/31/01	Dairy
17	H. J. Heinz Co.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$9,431	0%	5/1/01	Frozen & shelf-stable foods
18	Sara Lee Corp.	Chicago, Ill.	\$9,219	25.6%	6/29/02	Meats, bakery, beverage
19	Kellogg Co.	Battle Creek, Mich.	\$8,853	27.3%	12/31/01	Grain-based foods
20	Snow Brand Milk Products Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$8,511	2.1%	3/31/02	Dairy
21	Heineken N.V.	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	\$8,233	11.5%	12/31/01	Brewery
22	Cadbury Schweppes plc	London, England	\$8,070	17.5%	12/31/01	Beverages, confections
23	General Mills Inc.	Minneapolis, Minn.	\$7,949	46%	5/26/02	Grain-based foods
24	Dairy Farmers of America Inc.	Kansas City, Mo.	\$7,902	20%	12/31/01	Dairy
25	Nippon Meat Packers Inc.	Osaka, Japan	\$7,589	3.8%	3/31/02	Meat processor
26	Parmalat Finanziaria SpA	Milan, Italy	\$7,392	-0.1%	12/31/01	Dairy, bakery
27	Interbrew	Brussels, Belgium	\$6,918	-15.9%	12/31/01	Brewery
28	Campbell Soup Co.	Camden, N.J.	\$6,664	6.3%	7/29/01	Shelf-stable & baked goods
29	Suntory Ltd.	Osaka, Japan	\$6,227	-34.3%	12/31/01	Food and liquor

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30	Maruha Corp.	Tokyo, Japan	\$6,078	-5.6%	3/31/02	Seafood processor
31	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Smithfield, Va.	\$5,900	14.5%	4/29/01	Pork processor
32	Associated British Foods	London, England	\$5,618	1%	9/16/01	Bakery, fats & oils
33	Fonterra Cooperative Group	Hamilton, New Zealand	\$5,540	31.9%	5/31/02	Dairy
34	Yamazaki Baking Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$5,417	-0.5%	12/31/01	Bakery
35	Ajinomoto Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$5,151	3.9%	3/31/02	Diversified
36	Danish Crown	Randers, Denmark	\$5,100	8.8%	9/30/01	Beef and pork processor
37	Tate & Lyle plc	London, England	\$5,060	-4.2%	3/31/02	Sweeteners and starches
38	Meiji Milk Products Co. Inc.	Tokyo, Japan	\$4,929	0.8%	3/31/02	Dairy
39	Hershey Food Corp.	Hershey, Pa.	\$4,557	8%	12/31/01	Confections
40	Groupe Lactalis	Laval, France	\$4,500	-0.1%	12/31/01	Dairy
41	Scottish & Newcastle plc	Edinburgh, Scotland	\$4,495	-3.5%	4/30/02	Brewery
42	Arla Foods Group	Arhus, Denmark	\$4,453	118.5%	9/30/01	Dairy
43	Dole Food Company Inc.	Westlake Village, Calif.	\$4,449	-6.6%	12/31/01	Canned fruits & vegetables
44	Carlsberg Breweries A/S	Copenhagen, Denmark	\$4,383	26.5%	12/31/01	Beverages
45	SABMiller plc	Johannesburg, S. Africa	\$4,364	4.3%	3/31/02	Brewery
46	CHS Cooperatives	St. Paul, Minn.	\$4,270	-9.5%	8/31/01	Grain-based foods
47	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$4,162	-1.5%	12/31/01	Diversified
48	FEMSA de C.V.	Monterrey, Mexico	\$4,147	0%	12/31/01	Beverages
49	Hormel Foods Corp.	Austin, Minn.	\$4,124	12.2%	10/27/01	Meat & food
50	Royal Numico NV	Zoetermeer, the Netherlands	\$4,110	-3.4%	12/31/01	Infant formula
51	ContiGroup Companies Inc.	New York, N.Y.	\$4,000	N/A	12/31/01	Pork, poultry and seafood
52	Sapporo Breweries Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$3,890	-1.2%	12/31/01	Beverage
53	Südzucker AG	Mannheim, Germany	\$3,825	-3.4%	2/28/02	Sweeteners, ice cream
54	Friesland Coberco Dairy Foods Holding N.V.	Meppel, the Netherlands	\$3,818	-0.1%	12/31/01	Dairy
55	The Procter & Gamble Co.	Cincinnati, Ohio	\$3,801	2.5%	6/30/02	Food & beverage
56	Koninklijke Wessanen NV	Amstelveen, the Netherlands	\$3,764	-5.1%	12/31/01	Natural & specialty foods
57	McCain Foods Ltd	Florenceville, N.B., Canada	\$3,750	-7.5%	6/30/01	Frozen foods
58	Itoham Foods Inc.	Hyogo, Japan	\$3,737	-2.1%	3/31/02	Meat products
59	Farmland Industries	Kansas City, Kan.	\$3,720	-3.9%	12/31/01	Beef processor
60	Nichirei Corp.	Tokyo, Japan	\$3,706	-0.3%	3/31/02	Frozen foods
61	Campina Melkunie BV	Zaltbommel, the Netherlands	\$3,703	0.2%	12/31/01	Dairy
62	Grupo Bimbo S.A. de C.V.	Mexico City, Mexico	\$3,687	13.1%	12/31/01	Baked goods
63	Allied Domecq plc	Bristol, U.K.	\$3,562	9.7%	8/31/01	Spirits & wine
64	Interstate Bakeries Corp.	Kansas City, Mo.	\$3,532	1%	6/2/02	Baked goods
65	Nippon Suisan Kaisha Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$3,527	4.1%	3/31/02	Seafood processor

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66	Bongrain SA	Viroflay, France	\$3,500	-2.3%	12/31/01	Cheese processor
67	Grupo Modelo SA de CV	Mexico City, Mexico	\$3,440	15.3%	12/31/01	Brewery
68	CSM NV	Diemen, the Netherlands	\$3,142	37.4%	9/30/01	Ingredients
69	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	Toronto, Canada	\$3,106	14.1%	12/31/01	Meat, bakery
70	Land O'Lakes Inc.	Arden Hills, Minn.	\$3,062	14.1%	12/31/01	Dairy
71	Schwan's Sales Enterprises Inc.	Marshall, Minn.	\$3,000	-10.4%	12/31/01	Frozen foods
72	Pernod Ricard Co.	Paris, France	\$2,970	-2.2%	12/31/01	Wine & spirits
73	Novartis International AG	Basil, Switzerland	\$2,955	-11.4%	12/31/01	Ingredients
74	International Multifoods Corp.	Minnetonka, Minn.	\$2,849	12.8%	3/02/02	Grain-based foods
75	Constellation Brands Inc.	Fairport, N.Y.	\$2,821	17.7%	3/31/02	Wine, beer, spirits
76	American Beverage Co.	Sao Paulo, Brasil	\$2,796	6.6%	12/31/01	Brewery
77	Perdue Farms Inc.	Salisbury, Md.	\$2,700	8%	3/31/01	Poultry
78	QP Corp.	Tokyo, Japan	\$2,666	3.2%	11/30/01	Diversified
79	Panamerican Beverages Inc.	Panama City, Panama	\$2,651	2%	12/31/01	Beverage
80	Keystone Foods LLC	Philadelphia, Pa.	\$2,643	1.9%	12/31/01	Meat and poultry
81	Kerry Group plc	Kerry, Ireland	\$2,605	7.7%	12/31/01	Ingredients
82	Fosters Group Ltd.	Victoria, Australia	\$2,577	12.1%	6/30/01	Beverage
83	Nisshin Seifun Group Inc.	Tokyo, Japan	\$2,575	-1.4%	3/31/02	Flour milling
84	George Weston Ltd	Toronto, Canada	\$2,490	4%	12/31/01	Baked goods
85	Nissin Food Products Co. Ltd.	Osaka, Japan	\$2,476	2.5%	3/31/02	Soy sauce, frozen foods
86	Wm Wrigley Jr. Co.	Chicago, Ill.	\$2,430	13.2%	12/31/01	Confections
87	Adolph Coors Co.	Golden, Colo.	\$2,429	-0.6%	12/30/01	Brewery
88	National Dairy Holdings LP	Dallas, Texas	\$2,400	N/A	4/30/02	Dairy
89	Le Groupe SODIAAL	Paris, France	\$2,375	15.7%	12/31/01	Dairy
90	Nordmilch	Bremen, Germany	\$2,360	8.8%	12/31/01	Dairy
91	Glanbia plc	Kilkenny, Ireland	\$2,254	2.8%	12/31/01	Dairy, ingredients
92	Chiquita Brands Int'l. Inc.	Cincinnati, Ohio	\$2,242	-0.5%	12/31/01	Produce
93	Pilgrim's Pride	Dallas, Texas	\$2,215	47.7%	12/29/01	Poultry
94	Prima Meat Packers	Tokyo, Japan	\$2,212	-2.1%	3/31/02	Meat
95	Saputo Inc.	Montreal, Canada	\$2,167	60%	3/31/02	Dairy
96	Barilla	Parma, Italy	\$2,088	4.8%	12/31/01	Pasta
97	Uniq plc	London, England	\$1,991	45.3%	3/31/02	Convenience foods
98	Meiji Seika Kaisha Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan	\$1,779	1.4%	3/31/02	Confections
99	Corn Products International Inc.	Bedford Park, Ill.	\$1,887	1.2%	12/31/01	Ingredients
100	Gold Kist Inc.	Atlanta, Ga.	\$1,811	16.1%	6/30/01	Poultry

Source: Global Food Market Database, Leatherhead Food RA, Surrey, UK.