



9,369
2023 Employment

2.6
Location Quotient

158
2023 Payrolled
Business Locations

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FOOD PROCESSING & MANUFACTURING

This cluster involves the manufacturing of food products for both animal and human consumption, including processed food, beverages, protein processing, and the refining of agricultural products (grains, oil seeds).

In Northern Colorado, major employers focus on beef products, beer, and dairy items such as liquid milk, cheese, and yogurt. Smaller companies and startups contribute with malt beverage breweries, distilleries, snack foods, and sauces. The region also has strong ties to agriculture, particularly in protein production, flour milling, and seed oil processing. Adjacent Boulder County serves as a hub for natural and special-diet food manufacturing, further enriching the food product development ecosystem.

- The Food Processing & Manufacturing cluster experienced **18% growth** in the region from 2018-2023. **11% growth** is projected to occur from 2023-2028.
- The Gross Regional Product reported in 2023 was **\$1.3 billion**.
- There is a community of boutique food producers with regional or national market penetration in Erie, Fort Collins, Loveland, and Timnath.



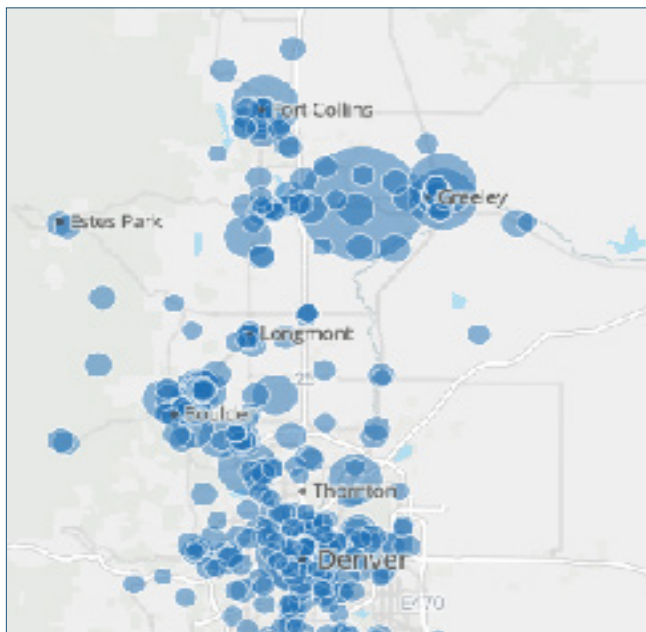
“Innovation and technology play a key part in what we're trying to do. We've invested heavily in innovative companies to really drive the future of soil health and plant health and sustainable ag type technologies, working closely again with CSU and their College of Agriculture to really help leverage that partnership on how we can affect greenhouse gas reduction, carbon sequestration, carbon credit generation, and monetization.”

BRENT SMITH
NUTRIENT AG SOLUTIONS

NAICS CODES IN CLUSTER

- Animal Foods
- Baked Goods
- Candy and Chocolate
- Coffee and Tea
- Dairy Products
- Distilleries
- Farm Wholesalers
- Glass Containers
- Malt Beverages
- Milling and Refining of Cereals and Oilseeds
- Milling and Refining of Sugar
- Packaged Fruit and Vegetables
- Soft Drinks and Ice
- Specialty Foods and Ingredients
- Wineries
- Meat Processing

EMPLOYMENT CENTERS OF GRAVITY



MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN REGION

Larimer/Weld County

- Anheuser Busch
- Bobo's
- Colorado Premium
- J.M. Smucker Company
- Leprino Foods Company
- Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.
- New Belgium Brewing Co, Inc
- Noosa Yoghurt
- Odell Brewing Company, Inc

Adams/Boulder/Broomfield County

- Allegro Coffee Company
- Ardent Mills
- Avery Brewing Co
- Celestial Seasonings
- Fresca Foods
- Hain Food Group Inc.
- Izzio Artisan Bakery Inc.
- Molson Coors

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