



The Rural Industries in Numbers

Agriculture, food and forest industries on Åland 2014



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The Processing Link on Åland

Åland's agriculture is often considered to be an independent phenomenon, when in actuality, it is the first link in the food chain. The food industry, which represents the second link in the chain, has great significance for employment and export revenue (i.e. "new money"), which supplements Åland's economy.

Food Industry 2014

Company	Employees	Indirectly employed (excluding agriculture)	Total turnover, € 1,000	Turnover from export, €1,000	Export in %
Orkla Confectionery & Snacks Finland Ab	120	35	60 000	59 000	99 %
Chipsters Ab	50		14 000	14 000	100%
ÅCA	55	26	18 200	5 300	29 %
WJ Dahlman Ab	36	14	6 800	1 200	17 %
Ålands Trädgårdshall	24	15	12 300	11 300	92 %
Ab Lantbruk	13	10	9 000	1 400	15 %
Total	298	100	120 300	92 200	77 %

The food industry is completely dependent upon raw materials production, i.e. agriculture, remaining on Åland and the welfare of Åland is dependent upon the existence of viable businesses.

Processing within forestry 2014

Companies	Employees	Indirectly employed (excluding agriculture)	Total turnover, € 1,000	Turnover from export, €1,000	Export in %
Ålands Skogsägar- förbund & Ab Skogen	29	30	9 000	5 500	61 %
Carl Rundberg Ab	26	20	6 000	4 000	67 %
Totalt	55	50	15 000	9 500	63 %

Did you know that:

- 90 % of Finland's asparagus
- 80 % of Finland's pears
- 72 % of Finland's apples
- 30 % of Finland's onions

are produced on Åland!

Processing Companies



Orkla Confectionery & Snacks Finland Ab (previously Chips Ab)

Area of business operations: Snacks and food production

Number of employees: 120 on Åland, 20 on the Finnish mainland

Turnover: c. 60 million euros

Export share: c. 99 %

Number of Ålandic suppliers: c. 60 potato growers who cultivate 600 hectares of potatoes. Today c. 65% of potatoes come from Åland in a typical year, but the percentage could be increased to 95%, meaning a further 250 hectares of potatoes could be grown on Åland.

Need: Total of 850 ha

www.orklacs.fi



Ålands Trädgårdshall Andelslag

Area of business operations: Storage, packaging and marketing of onions, vegetables and fruit from Ålandic growers.

Number of employees: 24

Turnover: 12,3 million euros

Export share: 92 % (mainland Finland)

Number of Ålandic suppliers: 120

Annual cultivation area: 525 ha

Land requirements with crop rotation: 1500 ha

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Ålands Centralandelslag, ÅCA
Ålandsbagarn
ÅCA was founded in 1921
Subsidiary: Ålandsmejeriet Finland

Area of business operations: Dairy and bakery production and agency activities
Number of employees: 55 (group)
Turnover: 18,2 million euros (group)
Export share: 47% (of dairy's total sales, including agency)
Number of dairy farms in Åland: 38 (Dec 2014)
Milk weighed/year: 16,7 million liters (2014).
Export: Sweden 61% and Finland 39% (2014)

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W.J. Dahlman Ab
Founded 1924

Area of business operations: Slaughter and meat production
Number of employees: 36
Turnover: 6,8 million euros
Export share: 17% (mainland Finland)
Slaughter weighed/year: 676 tons
Meat production/year: 370 tons
Number of Ålandic suppliers: 210
Need: Total of 700 tons in slaughter

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Ab Lantbruk

Area of business operations: Sales of machines, feed and intermediate goods for professional agriculture and forestry. Handling and export of grain. Sales of feed and accessories for pets, sales of machines, tools and equipment for homeowners.

Number of employees: 13

Turnover: 9 million euros

Export share: 15 %

Number of Ålandic suppliers: c. 80 grain suppliers

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CHIPSTERS AB is the parent company and **AB CHIPSTERS FOOD OY** is the subsidiary

Area of business operations: FISH PROCESSING on Åland, all types of assorted food products

Number of employees: 100, 50 of which are on Åland

Turnover: c. 50 million euros for the whole company (70% HoReCa and c. 25% retail trade and 5% export to other countries), c. 14 million euros of which is from processing on Åland

Export share: C. 95% to Finland and 5% to other countries

Number of Ålandic suppliers: c. 200

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Ålands Skogsindustrier/Ab Skogen

Area of business operations: Wood procurement and processing industry

Number of employees: 29.

Turnover: c. 9 million euros

Export share: c. 65 % (to Sweden, Belgium, France and Finland)

Number of Ålandic suppliers: c. 500 annually, including 966 cooperative members and other Ålandic forest owners.

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Carl Rundberg Ab

Area of business operations: Forestry and sawmilling industry. C. 330 different processed items.

Number of employees: 26

Turnover: c. 6 million euros

Export share: c. 50% (Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Egypt and Finland)

Number of Ålandic suppliers: 1,250

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The Effects of Agriculture on Åland

Primary industries and the food industry

- Circa 880 employees (incl. those indirectly employed, c. 1,335)
- Total turnover, 186.0 million euros
- The food industry accounts for c. 50 percent of all of manufacturing industry turnover
- The primary industries and food industry account for c. 4.4 percent of Åland's GDP (2012)
- 80 percent of the products are exported, or c. 101,7 million euros
- We have open landscape as a result of grazing meadows and harvest fields

The most important product areas (2014)

Total revenue from agriculture was 24,3 million euros in 2014. Calculating in public funding, revenues from agriculture totaled 39.0 million euros. Furthermore, the turnover for the food industry was c. 147 million euros. The total turnover for the industry was c. 186 million euros.

The agricultural sector on Åland 2014

According to ÅSUB, in 2013, the food industry and primary industries generated the direct employment of just over 880 persons (1,335, or c. 9.6 percent of overall employment, when indirect employments are included).

The data is based on information from ÅSUB and industry businesses.

The agricultural sector in Åland 2014

Land Use on Farms

	2014	2013
Arable area	14 100 ha	13 800 ha
- of which is organic farmland	3 100 ha	3 100 ha
- of which is organic vegetables, fruit & berries, potatoes	43 ha	61 ha
Natural & forest pastures	4 600 ha	5 300 ha
Average acreage/farm (arable)	31,3 ha	29,5 ha
Forest area on all of Åland	69 000 ha	67 400 ha

	2014		2013	
Number of farms	449		470	
Gross income	24,3 milj €		23,7 milj €	
Public funds	14,7 milj €		15,6 milj €	
Total revenue from agriculture	39,0 milj €		39,4 milj €	
Biggest products in agriculture	Gross income € 1,000/yr	Tons/yr	Gross income € 1,000/y	Tons/yr
Milk	7 500	16 700	7 000	15 400
Apples	4 800	3 600	4 600	3 000
Potatoes	3 500	17 000	3 200	17 000
Onions	2 600	5 800	2 900	6 200
Garden products (excl. onions and apples)	2 100	1 700	2 000	1 500
Fishing	3200	10 500	2 000	4 300
Fishfarm	22 000	5 400	19 000	4 800
Forestry – timber sold	5 100	231 600 m³	4 700	221 700 m³

The goal of the different organizations of Ålands Landsbygdscentrum (a collective working for the development of rural Åland) is to help develop and expand economic activities in rural areas. This is achieved through consultation, training, experimental activities and different projects.



Rural development

The rural developer will initiate and lead development projects in rural areas and in the archipelago, as well as stimulate innovative thinking and development within rural industries. Coordinator for Ålands Landsbygdscentrum.

A branch of the Government of Åland, Ministry of Industry and Trade. 1 employee.



Lena Brenner



Ålands Hushållningssällskap r.f.

Ålands Hushållningssällskap (Åland's agricultural society) is working towards viable rural regions on Åland. This is done by providing test results, consulting and planning resources for farmers and rural entrepreneurs. Aside from individual consultations, we participate in development projects and initiate/take part in mentoring groups. *Financed by paid services and operating grants from the Government of Åland. 9 employees.*



Tina Bäckman-Hägglund



LPA Lantbruksföretagarnas Pensionsanstalt

Pension and accident insurance for farmers, fishermen and grant-holders.

Financed by rural entrepreneurs and the state. 1 employee.



Monica Oljemark



Ålands 4H District

Organization for children and youth, in which the pedagogic idea is learning by doing.

Financed by member fees, PAF and contributions from the municipalities. 4 employees.



Jaana Ojanen



Ålands Producentförbund

"Åland's producers' association" oversees the interests of Åland's agriculture, forestry and horticulture. *Financed by the member fees paid by the members. 2 employees.*



Henry Lindström



Ålands Skogsvårdsförening r.f.

The goal of Ålands Skogsvårdsförening (Åland's forest management association) is to help forest owners to maximize the value and profitability of their forests through consulting and lobbying.

Finances activities through legally imposed forest management fees. 3 employees.



Torbjörn Björkman



Skördefestens Vänner r.f.

Skördefestens Vänner ("friends of the harvest festival") arranges the harvest festival event on Åland for the purpose of increasing sale of local produce and learning about rural life. *Financed by member fees, participant fees, sponsors and grants from the Government of Åland. 1 part-time employee.*



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