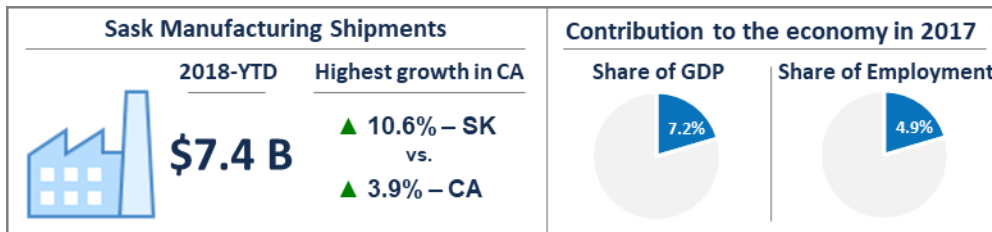
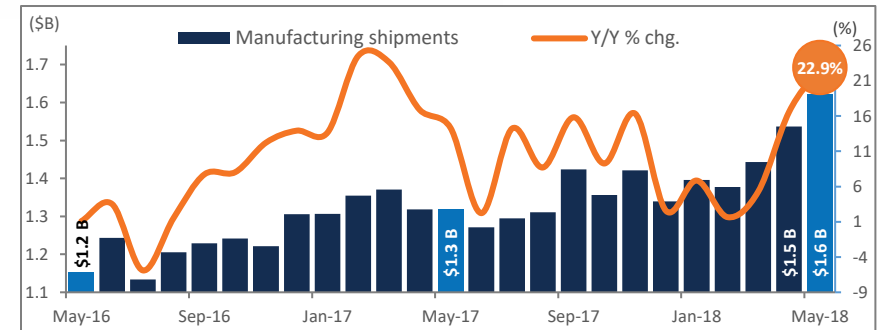


Sask. manufacturing shipments hit a new record

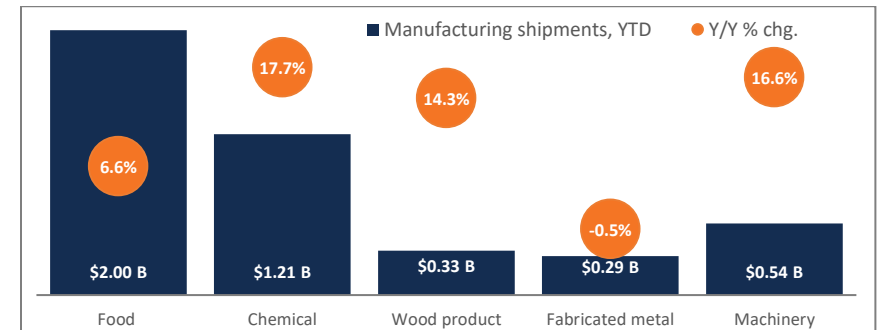
- Manufacturing shipments¹ rose 5.5% to a historic \$1.6 billion in May, following a 6.5% increase the prior month. Compared to same period last year, shipments from Saskatchewan factory floors were up 22.9%, the highest year-over-year gain among the provinces (Chat 1).
- Strong demand for chemical, machinery, food and wood products continue to drive the manufacturing industry. So far this year, shipments have increased 10.6%, led by solid gains in chemical sales (+17.7%), particularly pesticides, fertilizer and other agro chemicals (Chat 2). Saskatchewan factory sales growth is ahead of most provinces, especially the manufacturing heartlands of Ontario (+1.0%), Quebec (+5.7%) and Alberta (+4.4%).



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...propelled by strong chemical, machinery, food & wood product sales



Manufacturing shipments and key industries

	2016	2017	2018YTD	Mar-2017	Apr-2018	May 2018
Manufacturing sales (\$B)	14.21	16.09	7.37	1.44	1.54	1.62
Y/Y % change	1.1%	13.2%	10.6%	5.3%	16.6%	22.9%
Food (\$B)	4.07	4.44	2.00	0.42	0.45	0.46
Y/Y % change	27.2%	9.0%	6.6%	11.4%	20.5%	21.2%
Chemicals (\$B)	1.71	2.58	1.21	0.22	0.20	0.29
Y/Y % change	--	--	17.7%	6.1%	5.9%	33.4%
Machinery (\$B)	0.59	0.74	0.33	0.07	0.07	0.07
Y/Y % change	21.9%	26.5%	14.3%	20.8%	13.8%	8.2%
Fabricated metals (\$B)	0.68	0.71	0.29	0.06	0.07	0.06
Y/Y % change	-1.6%	4.1%	-0.5%	4.0%	14.1%	-5.0%
Wood products (\$B)	1.09	1.27	0.54	1.04	1.06	1.01
Y/Y % change	-2.1%	17.1%	16.6%	6.2%	8.5%	3.9%

Statistics Canada Tables 16-10-0048-01 (seasonally adjusted)

“Manufacturing is one of Saskatchewan’s key sectors. The fact that shipments have hit a record high is an indication that Saskatchewan’s diversified economy is stable – despite recent layoffs in the mining sector. The key now will be seeing if shipments remain strong over the next quarter.”

Alex Fallon – President & CEC, SREDA

Note: Manufacturing shipments refer to the value of manufactured goods produced and destined for retail and wholesale markets in Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada, exports to international markets, or use as inputs by other industries.