

## MANUFACTURING AND FOOD PROCESSING

### FROM ORGANIC BEER AND BOUTIQUE FOOD TO EXPORT LEADERS IN DAIRY AND MINING TECHNOLOGY

- Manufacturing sales at May 2006 were worth \$653 million a year
- Majority of manufacturing supports the agricultural sector
- Food processing employs about 460 people - more than half work in dairy product manufacturing
- Meat processing employs about 160 people
- Manufacturing of fabricated metal products employs 284 people

Many small to medium-sized firms, clustered mostly in and around the larger centres, make their living entirely from servicing the needs of mining and agriculture. Strong demand means many of the larger manufacturing firms are now offering modern apprenticeships for engineering, boiler making, welding, sheet metal, fitting and turning, panel beating and coach building.

**Dispatch & Garlick Ltd** of Greymouth exports rotary milking platforms, pressure vessels, mining and farming pumps world wide. **Westland Milk Products Ltd** is an international supplier of milk-based products. **CMP Ltd** at Kokiri is a modern meat processing plant. **Talley's Fisheries Ltd** has a fish factory, fishmeal plant and fish receiving depots at Westport and Greymouth. **Monteith's Brewing Company** started at Reefton as **Phoenix Breweries** in 1868 and continues operating in Greymouth. **West Coast Brewing** at Westport is certified for organic beer production. **Postie Plus Group Limited** (PPGL) was established by Thomas Dellaca in 1909 and continues as one of the largest retail businesses in New Zealand. The Company employs about 120 people coastwide. There are approximately 110 stores nationally in the group.



**Rata, kamahi and manuka honey** is sourced and produced in the region, supplied to other producers and is used for making honey mead. **Blackball Salami** produces a range of continental small goods and black puddings. **Grissini Martini** is based at Runanga and supplies the country with a range of Italian-styled grissini.