

2. OVERVIEW

Weston is a Canadian public company, founded in 1882, and is one of North America's largest food processing and distribution companies. Weston has two reportable operating segments: Weston Foods and Loblaw. The Weston Foods operating segment is primarily engaged in the baking and dairy industries within North America. The Loblaw operating segment, which is operated by Loblaw Companies Limited and its subsidiaries, is Canada's largest food distributor and a leading provider of general merchandise, drugstore, and financial products and services.