

# **Agricultural export markets continue to diversify** August 2022

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# ASEAN overtakes China as Australia's largest agricultural and fisheries export destination

- > Australia's agricultural and fisheries export markets were more diversified in 2021-22.
  - > The proportion of exports that went to Australia's top-5 markets has fallen from a high of 60% in 2019-20 to 51% in 2021-22.
- > Record wheat and cotton exports to ASEAN countries saw the proportion of exports to the ASEAN region exceed exports to China.

## Drivers of export diversification in 2021-22

- > Favourable seasonal conditions, commercial decisions by Australian industry and the Australian government's support of trade expansion initiatives all contributed to increased diversification in 2021-22.
- > Increased rainfall led to higher crop production, including wheat, canola, barley and cotton.
  - > Wheat exports to Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines increased.
  - > Barley exporters found new markets in the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.
- > Restrictive trade measures affected exports to China. However, China's demand for Australian wheat and sorghum grew.
- > Herd rebuilding affected the value of exports to major beef markets, such as Japan, Korea and the US.
- In 2021-22, the Australian Government opened or improved access to 46
  agricultural and fisheries export markets, worth a potential \$337 million.

# Figure 1: Value of agricultural and fisheries exports by destination

#### FY 2019-20, total exports = \$50.5b



## FY 2021-22, total exports = \$66.2b



Sources: ABS Catalogue 9920.0; ABARES commodity outlook, June 2022



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## Figure 2: Proportion of exports to top 4 markets, wheat, beef, barley, and wine, FY 2019-20 and FY 2021-22



With the exception of China, exports have increased to most markets, especially Saudi Arabia, Japan and the Philippines.





## **Outlook for diversification**

- > High grain production in 2022-23 is likely to see continued high export values to ASEAN.
- > Beef production is likely to increase, leading to a larger proportion of exports to Japan, the US and Korea.
- Recent trade agreements with India and the UK have created new diversification opportunities.