Agricultural export snapshot: Summer 2021-22

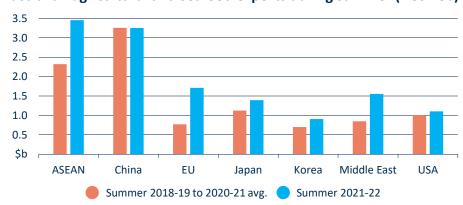
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Bumper crops and high prices led to a record \$16.8 billion in Australian agricultural and seafood exports in summer 2021–22. The value of exports to major markets increased. Fruit export results were mixed, with Vietnam the stand-out market.

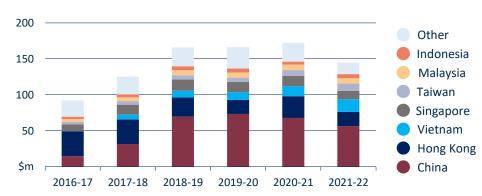
Australian agricultural export overview - Summer 2020-21

- > Australia exported over \$16.8 billion in agricultural and seafood products from Dec–Feb 2021–22. This was a 35% increase on the 2018–19 to 2020–21 average.
- > Increased exports were predominately caused by record crop production and record high global food prices.
 - > <u>ABARES estimate</u> that Australian grain, oilseed and pulse production will reach 67 million tonnes in FY 2021–22, more than double the drought affected 2019–20 crop.
- > Exports to all of Australia's major markets, apart from China, were above the three-year summer average.
 - > Exports to ASEAN, the EU and the Middle East grew substantially. Exports to Japan, Korea and the USA also rose.

Australian agricultural and seafood exports during summer (Dec-Feb)



Australian stone fruit exports during summer 2016-17 to 2021-22



Mixed results for fruit exports

- > It was a challenging summer for fruit producers. Elevated costs and reduced labour and freight availability created issues for producers. Some crops were also impacted by untimely rain
- > Despite these challenges, 2021–22 mango export volumes were 10% higher than the previous record set in 2020–21
- > The value of summer stonefruit (cherry, peach and nectarine) exports fell by 14%.
 - > Vietnam (+56%) and Taiwan (+55%) were the stand-out export markets for summer stonefruit in 2021-22.
 - > Australia's first substantial consignment of peaches and nectarines since 2014 arrived in Vietnam on 19 March 2022. There is potential for further growth in Australian fruit exports to Vietnam.