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Weekly Global Economic Report

MARKET INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Trade and economic updates

Fiji joins the Future of Investment and Trade Partnership

Fiji joins the Future of Investment and Trade (FIT) Partnership as its 20th member. Founded by New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates, the FIT Partnership is an innovative platform designed to address emerging trade issues, generate trade and investment opportunities, and to help foster economic growth and security among likeminded small and medium-sized economies. Through an action-oriented, informal and flexible approach, FIT Partnership members collaborate to strengthen supply chain resilience, advance digital trade, reduce trade barriers, and develop practical responses to contemporary trade issues. FIT Partnership members will meet for the third FIT Partnership Ministerial Meeting in early 2027 in the United Arab Emirates. More information on the FIT Partnership can be found here: The Future of Investment and Trade Partnership | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Food and fibre exports hit record $65.2 billion

On 9 October, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Hon Todd McClay, who is also the Minister for Trade and Investment, announced that New Zealand's food and fibre exports reached a record NZ$65.2 billion in the year to 30 June 2026. This is an increase of 8% on the previous year. Growth was driven by strong performance across key sectors, with dairy exports rising 6% to NZ$28.8 billion, meat and wool exports increasing 20% to NZ$14.8 billion, and horticulture exports growing 5% to NZ$9.3 billion.

The Minister noted that trade agreements are supporting exporters' access to key overseas markets. In the year to 30 June, food and fibre exports to the European Union increased 20% to NZ$5.3 billion, while exports to the United Arab Emirates rose 11% to NZ$1.1 billion. Exporters are also gaining ground in India, with food and fibre exports increasing 24% to NZ$541 million.

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Aussie Minds for Kiwi Exporters | Online

Thursday 22 October, 1:00PM

Join The Research Agency (TRA), the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) for a webinar designed for New Zealand businesses looking to better understand and succeed in the Australian market.

Register Here

ASEAN Export Success | Online

Wednesday 28 October, 12:30PM-1:30PM

Exporting isn't for the faint of heart – navigating rules of origin, tariff rates, standards, non-tariff barriers and free trade agreements, it can be hard to know where to get the help you need. The ASEAN New Zealand Business Council is hosting a quick-fire panel of the key New Zealand Government agencies that support your export journey.

Register Here

Exporter Outlook & Leveraging our FTAs | Christchurch

Tuesday 17 November, 7:30AM-9:30AM

Join ExportNZ and the Christchurch Business Club for a briefing from two of New Zealand's leading diplomats. Gain insights into the evolving global trade environment and practical advice on how to leverage New Zealand's suite of free trade agreements to support business growth and export success.

Register Here

External links

The following links may provide useful information to businesses:

- NZTE's website and myNZTE provide a range of insights and tools available to support New Zealand exporters.
- The Treasury releases a weekly economic update every Friday. Stats NZ has published a data portal with near real-time economic indicators.
- MBIE publishes a sector reports series which provides regularly updated reports on all industry sectors that make up the New Zealand economy. These include official economic data and the challenges and opportunities that face New Zealand's industry sectors.
- Business.govt.nz provides tools and advice from across government to save small businesses' time and help make the business a success.
- MFAT has created a tariff finder which is designed to help goods exporters and importers maximise benefits from New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements and compare tariffs in 136 other markets.
- The all of government Trade Barriers website can be used to register any trade barriers experienced or issues exporting to an offshore market. Queries can be sent via the website or through the MFAT Exporter Helpline 0800 824 605. Enquiries will be sent to the government agency best placed to answer.
- Tatauranga Aotearoa Stats NZ provides official data on the value of New Zealand's exports and imports of both goods and services, by commodity type via the New Zealand Trade Dashboard. This interactive dashboard is updated every quarter and allows for filtering by country and by commodity type.

More info

More reports

View full list of market reports from MFAT at www.mfat.govt.nz/market-reports

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