

NZ's Merchandise Trade Update – June 2014 year

Economic Division, September 2014.

Purpose

The purpose of this note is to detail key merchandise trade statistics for the **June 2014 year**.

Note that services data on a June year basis will only be available at the end of September.

For more detail on NZ's merchandise trade please see Statistics NZ's [Overseas Merchandise Trade](#) releases.

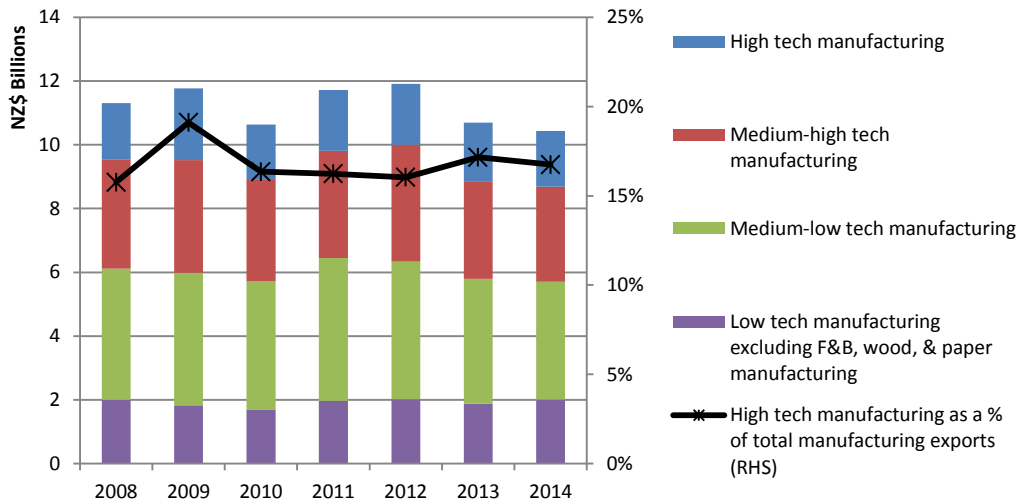
June 2014 year

- NZ's **two-way good trade** (exports + imports) for the year ended June 2014 was valued at \$101 billion, up \$8.9 billion (or 9.7%) from the previous year.
- **Goods exported** were valued at \$51 billion, up \$5.5 billion (or 12%) from the June 2013 year.
- The value of **goods imported** was \$50.0 billion, up \$3.5 billion (or 7.4%) from the year ended June 2013.
- For the June 2014 year, there was an **annual trade surplus** of \$1.2 billion.

Goods exports

- For the year ended June 2014 NZ's **main commodity exports** were:
 - Milk powder – valued at \$10 billion (up 52% on the previous year);
 - Sheepmeat – valued at \$3.0 billion (up 12% on 2013);
 - Butter – valued at \$2.7 billion (an annual increase of 41%); and
 - Logs – valued at \$2.5 billion (up 37% on 2013).
- For the year ended June 2014, dairy exports comprised 34% of total merchandise exports by value.
- Crude oil exports showed the largest decrease in the June 2014 year, down \$286 million (or 17%).
- For the year ended June 2014, NZ's exports of **high-tech manufacturing** (as defined by the OECD) were valued at \$1.7 billion, an annual decline of \$88 million (or 4.8%). The fall was led by a decrease in medical and surgical equipment manufacturing exports (down \$65 million), and exports of other electronic equipment manufacturing (down \$40 million).
- Exports of high-tech manufacturing as a share of total manufacturing exports remained at 17% in the June 2014 year – similar to a year prior.

- The chart below provides a breakdown of NZ's manufacturing exports by level of technology (LHS) and high-tech manufacturing exports as a share of total manufacturing exports (RHS) over 2008-14 June years.



- The annual movements for our top five export destinations were:

	2013 (NZ\$ millions)	2014 (NZ\$ millions)	Annual % change	Annual \$ change (NZ\$ millions)
China	7,715	11,572	50%	3,857
Australia	9,531	8,931	-6%	-600
ASEAN	4,350	5,231	20%	881
EU-28	4,510	5,033	12%	524
United States	4,116	4,225	3%	109

- China** – up \$3.9 billion (50%), due to milk powder. China contributed 23% to total exports in the June 2014 year.
- Australia** – down \$600 million (6.3%), led by crude oil. Australia contributed 17% to total exports in the June 2014 year.
- ASEAN** – up \$881 million (20%), led by milk powder.
- The value of exports to the **European Union (EU)** was up \$524 million to \$5.0 billion, led by butter, sheep meat, and wine.
- United States** – up \$109 million (2.7%), led by wine.

Goods imports

- For the year ended June 2014 NZ's **main commodity imports** were:
 - Crude petroleum oil – valued at \$5.2 billion (down 6% on 2013);
 - Motor vehicles – valued at \$4.0 billion (up 16% annually);
 - Non-crude petroleum oils – \$2.8 billion (up 19% on 2013).

- The annual movements for our top five import sources were:

	2013 (NZ\$ millions)	2014 (NZ\$ millions)	Annual % change	Annual \$ change (NZ\$ millions)
EU-28	7,405	8,811	19%	1,406
China	7,762	8,459	9%	697
ASEAN	7,561	8,341	10%	779
Australia	6,910	6,134	-11%	-776
United States	4,228	4,965	17%	737

- **EU** – up \$1.4 billion to \$8.8 billion, led by aircraft and parts, and motor cars.
- **China** – up \$697 million (9.0%) to \$8.5 billion, over a range of commodities.
- **ASEAN** – up \$779 billion (10%) to \$8.3 billion, led by light-vessels and floating docks (this can be affected by large, one-off imports).
- **Australia** – down \$776 million (11%), led by crude oil and raw cane sugar.
- **United States** – up \$737 million (17%), led by aircraft and parts, motor cars, and trucks.