

National exports of onions from January to June 2021 were **36,950** tonnes worth A\$24.80m. The result was around 17 per cent above last year for the same period (Table 1) though 3 per cent lower in value influenced by lower unit value. The 12-month (MAT) to June result was 45,523 tonnes and rising 7 per cent in the month and indicating a stronger momentum particularly influenced by the result in May and June.

Table 1 : Onion Key Measures

EXPORTS	YTD (from Jan)	Chg LY	MAT
Volume (tonnes)	36,950	17%	45,523
Value (M AUD)	24.80	-3%	30.8
\$ per kg	\$0.67	-17.2%	\$0.68

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Europe overall was 15 per cent lower to 11,811 tonnes, while Asian markets were all higher with some very strong increases e.g., Thailand, Malaysia and Taiwan.

Tasmania was the largest export state accounting for 57 per cent of the national exports with exports 9 per cent higher to June. The lower trade to Europe has impacted on Tasmania the most. South Australia lifted 33 per cent and now accounts for 28 per cent of national exports.

Table 2. Onion By State

	January to June			
	Tonnes	Chg LY	share	MAT
Tasmania	20,599	9%	56%	22,633
South Australia	10,232	33%	28%	12,126
Western Australia	5,295	28%	14%	9,326
Victoria	465	100%	1%	615
Queensland	262	-5%	1%	661
New South Wales	98	-56%	0%	162
Total	36,950	17%	100%	45,523

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Table 3 : Onion Exports by Market

Market	January to June			MAT
	2021	Chg LY	share	
	Tonnes	%	%	Tonnes
Thailand	7,918	62%	21.4%	9,645
Taiwan	4,794	117%	13.0%	8,443
Malaysia	4,327	96%	11.7%	5,309
Netherlands	2,955	-8%	8.0%	2,955
Belgium	2,267	-31%	6.1%	2,267
France	2,245	-4%	6.1%	2,245
United Arab Emirates	1,986	-31%	5.4%	2,120
Singapore	1,817	45%	4.9%	2,638
Spain	1,477	49%	4.0%	1,477
Indonesia	1,445	109%	3.9%	1,445
Norway	917	6%	2.5%	917
Hong Kong	710	20%	1.9%	1,064
Italy	664	-15%	1.8%	664
<i>all other</i>	3,428		9%	4,334
Total YTD Tonnes	36,950	17%	100%	45,523

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Ranked by annual volume

++ >500% increase

On a month to month basis the June exports were 8,373 tonnes, compared to 4,414 tonnes last year (Figure 1.)

Onion Exports per month vs last 2 years

