

Onion Export Update

April 2022

National exports of onions from January to April 2022 were **18,321** tonnes worth A\$16.62m. The result was 5.6 per cent below last year for the same period (Table 1) and 18 per cent higher in value influenced by higher unit values. The Moving Annual Total (MAT) 48,472 tonnes and fell 0.8 per cent in one month.

Table 1 : Onion Key Measures								
EXPORTS	YTD (from Jan)	Chg LY	MAT					
Volume (tonnes)	18,321	-5.6%	48,472					
Value (M AUD)	16.62	18.4%	36.0					
\$ per kg	\$0.91	25.4%	\$0.74					
Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis								

Taiwan was the largest market with 3,420 tonnes recording 544 per cent increase. Japan was also recording a 5-fold increase to 1,678 tonnes.

Europe was 32 per cent lower at 6,529 tonnes, with large falls in most markets except Spain.

Tasmania was the largest export state accounting for 50 per cent of the national exports followed by South

Australia. Western Australia recorded a 237 per cent increase and is the lead supplier to Taiwan.

The lower trade to Europe has impacted on Tasmania being 21 per cent lower and South Australia was also 21 per cent per cent lower to the end of April.

Table 2. Onion Exports by State

January to March **Tonnes** Chg LY MAT share **Tasmania** 9,070 -21% 50% 24,723 South Australia 4,798 -21% 26% 12.281 3,996 Western Australia 237% 22% 10.332 268 -36% 1% 412 **New South Wales** 80 253 38% 0% Queensland 110 -52% 1% 472 Total 18,321 -5.6% 100% 48,472

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Table 3 : Onion Exports by Market						
	January to	March	YTD			
Market	2022	Chg LY	March	MAT	MAT share	
	Tonnes	%	A\$ per kg	Tonnes	%	
Taiwan	3,420	544%	\$1.05	10,771	22.2%	
Thailand	4,442	33%	\$0.65	14,263	29.4%	
Japan	1,678	561%	\$1.26	2,088	4.3%	
Spain	1,973	34%	\$0.81	1,973	4.1%	
France	1,396	-35%	\$0.84	1,496	3.1%	
Italy	744	12%	\$1.34	744	1.5%	
United Arab Emirates	924	-44%	\$0.96	1,428	2.9%	
Netherlands	940	-58%	\$0.78	1,630	3.4%	
Belgium	459	-72%	\$0.73	1,108	2.3%	
Singapore	207	-69%	\$1.54	2,159	4.5%	
Hong Kong	316	56%	\$0.98	1,275	2.6%	
Norway	353	-37%	\$0.81	707	1.5%	
Germany	368		\$0.78	368	0.8%	
all other	1,101			8,462	17%	
Total YTD Tonnes	18,321	-5.6%	\$0.91	48,472	100%	

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis Ranked by YTD volume

share of season

LY - Last year

MAT - Moving Annual total

37.8% YTD - Year to Date

Table 4 : Onion Exports to Europe								
January to March								
EUROPE	2021	2022	change LY	A\$ per kg				
Spain	1,477	1,973	34%	\$0.81				
France	2,145	1,396	-35%	\$0.84				
Netherlands	2,265	940	-58%	\$0.78				
Italy	664	744	12%	\$1.34				
Belgium	1,619	459	-72%	\$0.73				
Germany	559	368	-34%	\$0.78				
Norway	563	353	-37%	\$0.81				
United Kingdom	274	270		\$0.77				
Slovenia	26	26	0%	\$0.94				
Ireland	-	-						
EUROPE	9,592	6,529	-32%	\$0.86				

On a month to month basis the April exports were 8,261 tonnes compared to 8,646 tonnes last year.

Onion Exports per month vs last 2 years



Source: ABS 2022 via IHS Global Trade Atlas & ITC Trademap; Fresh Intelligence analysis