

FACT SHEET

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Exports and projected demand

- The percentage of total Australian agricultural exports to China more than doubled over the ten year period to 2011-12, from 8 to 18 per cent (*ABARES, Agricultural Commodities, March quarter 2013*).
- The value of agricultural exports to China over the five year period to 2011-12 more than doubled from AUD 3.1 billion to AUD 6.5 billion (*ABARES, Agricultural Commodities, March quarter 2013*).
- China accounts for 43 per cent of the projected increase in global agrifood demand to 2050 (*ABARES, Food demand to 2050, March 2012*).

Dairy

- China remains the largest market in the world for whole milk powder and the second largest market in the world for skim milk powder, behind Mexico. (*FAO, Food Outlook, November 2012*).
- Imports of whole milk powder in the year to October 2012 totalled 327,000 tons – up 17 per cent compared to the same period in the previous year (*USDA Dairy: World Markets and Trade, December 2012*).
- In 2013, Chinese imports of skim milk powder are forecast to continue growing by 18 per cent to 230,000 tonnes (*USDA Dairy: World Markets and Trade, December 2012*).
- Over the medium term expected growth in domestic demand for dairy products in China is expected to exceed the projected increase in domestic dairy production. Consequently, China is expected to continue importing significant quantities of milk powders over the medium term (*ABARES, Agricultural Commodities, March quarter 2013*).

Beef and veal

- Beef and veal exports to China grew faster than total exports of beef and veal from 2005-06 to 2011-12 (*ABARES Agricultural Commodity Statistics, 2012*).
- In fiscal year to January 2013, beef and veal exports (shipped weight) to China grew by 594 per cent (*Meat and Livestock Australia, 2013*).
- Monthly exports of beef and veal to China have averaged around 6,000 tonnes since September 2012, compared with around 500 tonnes per month over the five years to August 2012. Increased exports to China have been underpinned by lower Chinese beef production (*ABARES, Agricultural Commodities, March quarter 2013*).
- Australian beef and veal exports to China are forecast to increase significantly in 2012-13 to around 50 000 tonnes (shipped weight), with frozen beef comprising the majority of shipments (*ABARES, Agricultural Commodities, March quarter 2013*).