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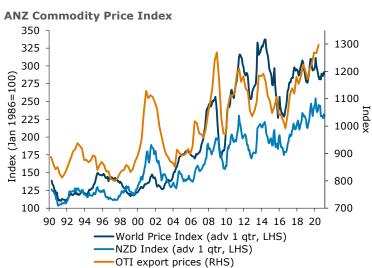


The next issue of the ANZ Commodity Price Index is scheduled for release on 3 December 2020 at 1pm.

Against the odds

The ANZ World Commodity Price Index gained 1.9% in October, reversing the downward trend present in the past couple of months. Recent strength in dairy prices has been the main factor driving the index higher.

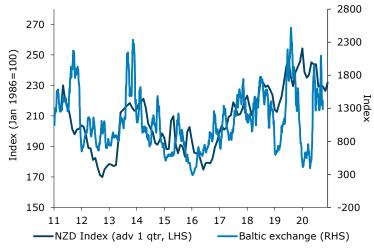
In local currency terms the index also lifted 2.5% with the NZD broadly stable on a Trade Weighted Index (TWI) basis during October. The NZD depreciated 0.5% against the USD but gained against the AUD.



Source: ANZ, Stats NZ

Global shipping costs have eased, with the Baltic Dry Index falling 25% in October. This follows a sharp lift the previous month when a shortage of vessels operating along with improving demand pushed up the cost of shipping. But while the fleet of vessels sailing has since increased, the number of ships calling at New Zealand ports has not really changed, and the cost of shipping goods from New Zealand remains relatively high.





Source: ANZ, Bloomberg

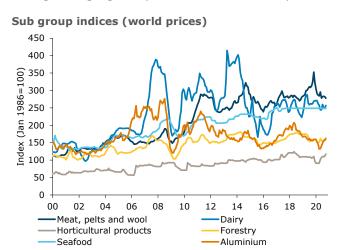
Dairy prices lifted 3.6% in October. Demand for dairy products has been surprisingly resilient in recent months. The quantity of product being traded lifts at this time of the season, as does New Zealand's milk supply. The additional volumes have readily been absorbed by global markets but there are mounting concerns that stocks may be building in-market rather than being consumed.

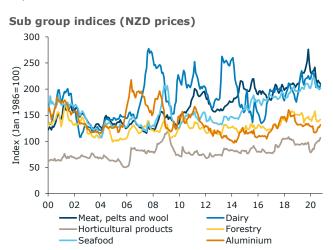
The **meat and fibre** index fell 1.7% in October, continuing the recent downward trend. Lower returns for beef were the main culprit, whereas returns for lamb products inched up on limited supply. Beef prices are under pressure due to strong supply of beef in the US and increased volumes of pork in China stemming their demand for beef. Lower-returning cuts of lamb are holding their value but the higher-priced cuts continue to be a challenge to sell. Wool posted gains during October but from a very low base. Coarse wool still has a long way to go before it will be adding to the bottom line of farm returns.

The **horticulture** index lifted 5.7% in October. Returns for kiwifruit have lifted in the European market, but we are now at the tail end of our kiwifruit export season, meaning any improvement in price will have minimal impact at the orchard gate. Kiwifruit producers in Italy's main production region have been hit by a disease that is destroying the roots of vines. and a smaller harvest is therefore expected this year. Italy produces more kiwifruit than New Zealand but less than China who tops world production.

The **forestry** index gained 1.0% in October. Log prices are now 3% higher than they were a year ago. Demand for sawn timber remains strong with local millers now competing strongly with exporters to secure logs. Demand for logs from China has been strong with healthy usage rates but the quantity of logs in the market also increased in October. If stocks continue to increase then we may see some downward pressure on prices.

Aluminium prices lifted 3.3% during October, continuing the upward trend in pricing that has been in play for six months. Supply of aluminium from Rusal – the world's largest producer – is increasing and demand remains strong for high-grade product. Last week US president Trump removed tariffs on Canadian aluminium.





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	World Price Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change	NZD Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Oct-16	266.9		4.0	193.5		-4.6
Oct-17	294.6		10.4	220.2		13.8
Oct-18	278.2		-5.6	223.8		1.7
Oct-19	298.2		7.2	245.6		9.7
May-20	284.6	1.3	-8.1	243.8	0.0	-1.3
Jun-20	280.9	-1.3	-5.7	229.2	-6.0	-2.9
Jul-20	289.1	2.9	-1.5	229.9	0.3	0.2
Aug-20	286.3	-1.0	-2.8	229.3	-0.3	-3.9
Sep-20	285.8	-0.2	-3.0	226.3	-1.3	-6.4
Oct-20	291.3	1.9	-2.3	231.9	2.5	-5.6

Commodity Price Index weights are based on contributions to merchandise exports. Weights for the 2019 year are: Wool 1.6%; Beef 10.9%; Lamb 11.7%; Venison 0.5%; Skins 0.8%; Dairy 40.2%; Apples 2.6%; Kiwifruit 6.8%; Logs 10.4%; Sawn Timber 3.1%; Wood Pulp 2.2%; Seafood 5.5%; Aluminium 3.6%



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