

ANZ Commodity Price Index

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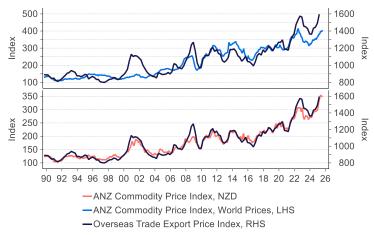
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The ANZ World Commodity Price Index was up 1.9% m/m in May, with dairy and aluminium prices lifting the index. The NZD Commodity Price Index rose 0.5% m/m.

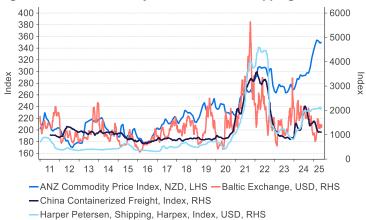
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Source: Stats NZ, Macrobond, ANZ Research

Global shipping prices were largely stable in May. Exporters expect costs to ease in the coming months due to reduced global demand.

Figure 1. ANZ Commodity Price Index and shipping costs



Source: Baltic Exchange, Harper Petersen & Co., Shanghai Shipping Exchange, Bloomberg, Macrobond, ANZ Research

In world price terms, **dairy** prices rose 4.5% month-on-month (m/m) as the global milk shortage continues. An exceptionally strong Global Dairy Trade event early in the month saw prices for whole milk powder (New Zealand's largest export product) surge 6.2% before moderating later in the month. Prices lifted for butter, cheese and casein, while skim milk powder saw a modest 0.5% fall. In the short term, prices are being supported supply constraints.

The **meat and fibre** index inched lower in May, but meat is enjoying a strong export demand backdrop. High demand across North America, Europe and Asia is contributing to a worldwide protein shortage. Low cattle numbers and stocks of substitute products in North America are contributing to the imbalance. Wool prices lifted 2.3% m/m to be up 19% y/y.

The **horticulture** index dipped slightly as new-season apples and kiwifruit finally make it to shelves in overseas markets. Apple prices rose 2.9% m/m and kiwifruit prices were down 2.1% m/m on last season's closing prices. It has been a remarkable export season to date where apples surpassed \$1bn for the first time and gold kiwifruit is knocking on the door of \$3bn export value.

The **forestry** index fell for a third consecutive month, down 2.3% m/m in May, sinking to its lowest point in nine years. Domestic suppliers are hoping demand will pick up later in the year as lower interest rates work their magic. Offshore, domestic wholesale rates for logs in China are low and inventories are tracking higher than expected, making for a difficult export market.

Aluminium prices were volatile during May before settling 3.0% higher versus April. The challenging global economic backdrop has businesses on high alert, but robust demand from China and a lack of supply growth will provide support for prices going forward.

Figure 2. Subgroup indices (world prices)

Source: Macrobond, ANZ Research

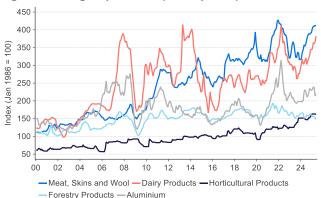
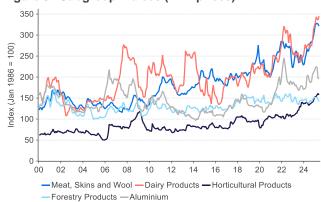


Figure 3. Subgroup indices (NZD prices)



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Source: Macrobond, ANZ Research

	World Price Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change	NZD Index	Monthly % Ch
May-21	366.4		25.2	263.1	
May-22	389.0		6.2	306.6	

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May-23	337.6		-13.2	275.0		-10.3
May-24	350.9		4.0	292.3		6.3
Dec-24	380.2	0.1	15.0	335.3	3.6	24.7
Jan-25	387.1	1.8	14.6	345.9	3.2	25.1
Feb-25	398.6	3.0	14.0	353.8	2.3	22.9
Mar-25	397.1	-0.4	15.0	352.4	-0.4	22.9
Apr-25	397.2	0.0	14.4	348.7	-1.1	18.4
May-25	404.9	1.9	15.4	350.4	0.5	19.9

Commodity Price Index weights are based on contributions to merchandise exports for the prior calendar year.

Annual % Change

7.9

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