

ANZ Commodity Price Index

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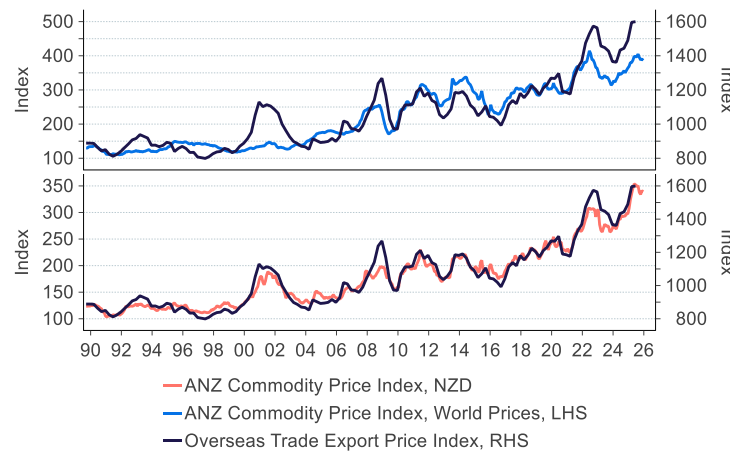


Commodity Price Index

The ANZ World Commodity Price Index fell 1.1% m/m in September. This was mainly driven by falling dairy prices, which make up a large proportion of the index – they resumed their downward trend after a brief rally in August. Log prices also fell. However, the other components of the index rose in the month. The overall index has drifted lower since May, despite rising meat prices, but compared to a year ago it is still up 6.2%.

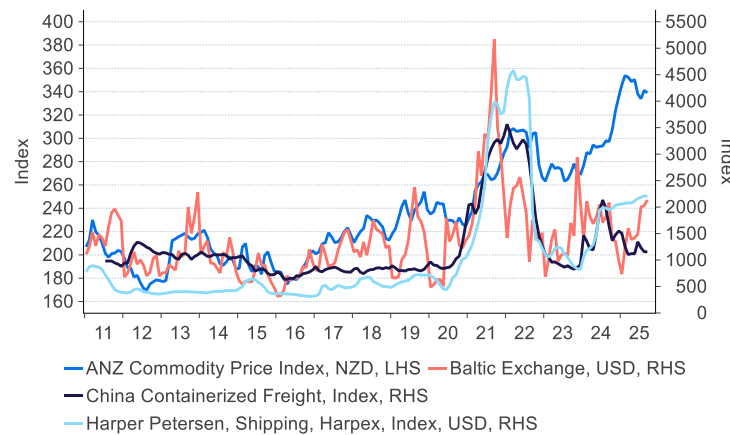
The NZD Commodity Price Index fell 0.6% m/m, with the NZD weakening for a third consecutive month. A weaker NZD lifts commodity prices in local currency terms.

Figure 1. ANZ Commodity Price Index



Source: Stats NZ, Macrobond, ANZ Research

Figure 2. ANZ Commodity Price Index and shipping costs



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

In world price terms, **dairy** prices fell 3.2% m/m in September. Prices for whole milk powder (New Zealand's largest export product) fell 5.6%, skim milk powder fell 5.9%, and butter fell 3.5%. These falls were partially offset by higher cheese and casein prices. After a surprisingly strong August, dairy prices have resumed the downward trend seen since May. However, the weak NZD is supporting local prices, and another strong payout is expected this season.

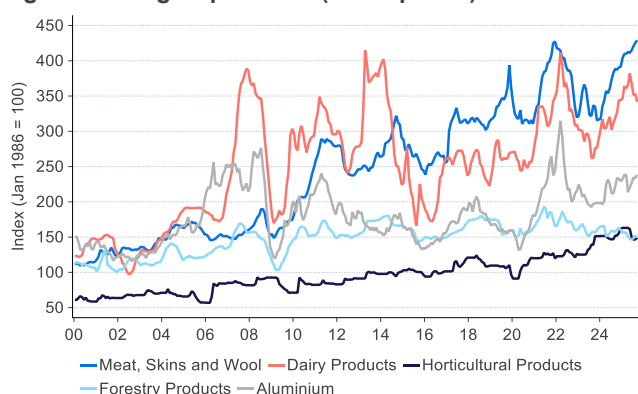
The **meat and fibre** index increased 0.8% m/m in September and is now up 10.4% y/y in world price terms. Despite higher tariffs to the US, our main export market, beef prices rose another 1.5% m/m. Lamb prices fell 0.9% m/m but are up 6.6% y/y. Global protein supply is tight, supporting high prices. Wool prices are accelerating, up 7.5% m/m.

The **horticulture** index rose 1.8% m/m in September. Apple prices fell slightly while kiwifruit prices rose. These price movements contrast with how the two seasons are going more generally. Apple prices are up 3.7% y/y. Kiwifruit prices, while still high, are down 3.0% y/y amid record harvest volumes.

The **forestry** index fell 1.2% m/m in September and is down 4.7% y/y. Chinese log demand has been trending sideways given a struggling property and construction sector. This has limited demand for New Zealand logs and other timber products.

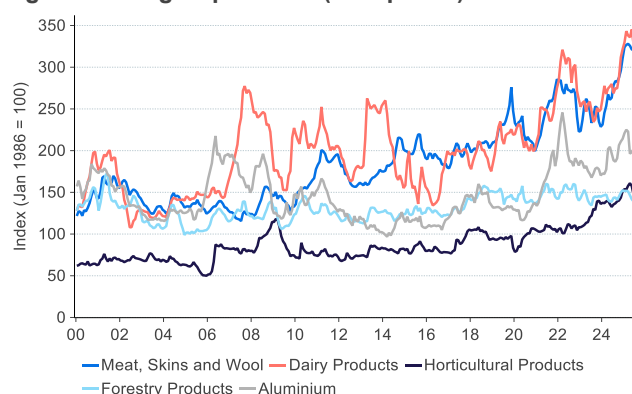
Aluminium prices were up 2.1% m/m in September, and are up 7.6% y/y. Aluminium prices are rising somewhat in contrast to subdued demand for other metals, and smelter margins are high.

Figure 3. Subgroup indices (world prices)



Source: Macrobond, ANZ Research

Figure 4. Subgroup indices (NZD prices)



Source: Macrobond, ANZ Research

	World Price Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change	NZD Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Sept-21	362.9	..	23.6	265.5	..	17.4
Sept-22	363.8	..	0.2	304.0	..	14.5
Sept-23	318.2	..	-12.5	270.3	..	-11.1
Sept-24	363.9	..	14.4	297.3	..	10.0
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
Jun-25	395.2	-2.4	10.9	338.0	-3.5	15.3
Jul-25	388.0	-1.8	10.7	334.0	-1.2	13.8
Aug-25	390.8	0.7	9.3	341.1	2.1	14.5
Sept-25	386.4	-1.1	6.2	339.1	-0.6	14.0

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

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