

2019 FIJIs TRADE STATISTICS

HIGHLIGHTS

The Table below summarizes the National Trade Statistics for the year 2019 which was recently released on the 9th of March 2020 as “FBoS Release No: 11, 2020, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Annual 2019”.

The Detail Trade Statistics specifically for Crop & Livestock Sub-sector will be circulated once we have received and processed the the HS Code 1-24 Annual Trade Datasets.

This Summary somehow identifies the position of Crop & Livestock Trade to the National Trade in 2019 at some extent.

Texts that are highlighted in Yellow and also in **Blue Font** specifically refers to the Crop & Livestock Sector.

Table 1: National General Trade Statistics

a) <u>National Trade</u>	
Indicator	Value (FJD Million)
• Total Export Value	\$2,228.8
○ <i>Export Growth rate</i>	5.1%
• Total Import Value	\$6,010.5
○ <i>Import Growth rate</i>	5.5%
• Total Trade Deficit	\$3,781.7

b) <u>National Import</u>	
Major Contributors to National Imports in 2019	
1. Vehicles, aircrafts & associated transport equip.	\$1,448 (24.1%)
2. Mineral Products	\$1,170.6 (19.5%)
3. Machinery & Mechanical & Electrical appl.	\$877.8 (14.6%)
4. Vegetable Products	\$322.5 (5.4%)
5. Base Metals & Articles thereof	\$308.9 (5.1%)

Note:

It was highlighted in the FBoS Release No: 11, 2020 that,

- Vegetable Products is one of the Top 4 Major Contributor to National Imports in 2019
- And Fiji's Import Value of Vegetable Products has increased by 8.6% in 2019 as compared to 2018 due to increased imports of Other Wheat & Meslin and KAVA or YAQONA

Major Source of National Imports in 2019

1. Singapore	\$1,091.7 (Decreased by 8.1%)
2. Australia	\$853.6 (Decreased by 4.7%)
3. France	\$834.5 (Increased by >100%)
4. China	\$752.6 (Decreased by 19%)
5. New Zealand	\$735.8 (Decreased by 11.6%)

Note:

It was highlighted in the FBoS Release No: 11, 2020 that Fiji's

- Import Value for Australia and New Zealand has decreased by 4.7% and 11.6% respectively in 2019 as compared to 2018 due to decline imports of Milk for infant use and Flours, Meals & Pellet, of Meat or Meat Offal, Other Meat of Sheep or Goats (Fresh/Chilled) and other items and products.
- Import from Vanuatu increased by 41.1% due to increased imports of KAVA or YAQONA

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE IMPORT COMMODITIES

1. Wheat & Meslin	\$118.0 (Increased by 25%)
2. Fresh Fish	\$51.5 (Decreased by 10%)
3. Rice (Semi & Wholly Milled & Broken)	\$42.4 (Decreased by 8%)
4. Fertilizers	\$21.1 (Decreased by 10%)
5. Soya Bean Oil	\$14.1 (Decreased by 22%)
6. Palm Oil	\$6.9 (Increased by 8%)
7. Other Vegetable Oil	\$4.4 (Decreased by 48%)
8. Kava	\$20.7 (Increased by 36%)

c) National Domestic Export

Major Contributors to National Domestic Exports in 2019

1. Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	528.4 (44.9%)
2. Vegetable products	112.9 (9.6%)
3. Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals	109.8 (9.3%)
4. Textiles & textile articles	101.2 (8.6%)
5. Live animals: animal products	98.7 (8.4%)
6. Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	67.8 (5.8%)

Note:

It was highlighted in the FBoS Release No: 11, 2020 that;

- [Vegetable Product](#) is in the Top 2 List of Major Contributor to National Domestic Exports in 2019
- Export Value of [Vegetable Products](#) increased by 9.6% in 2019 as compared to 2018 due to [increased exports of Turmeric, Flour, Taro \(Dalo\) and KAVA or YAQONA](#)

Major Source of National Exports in 2019

1. United States of America	\$340.2 (Increased by 7.2%)
2. Australia	\$230.9 (Decreased by 1.1%)
3. New Zealand	\$77.3 (Increased by 15.9%)
4. Japan	\$60.1 (Decreased by 32.8%)
5. Vanuatu	\$46.9 (Decreased by 6.2%)

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE DOMESTIC EXPORT COMMODITIES

1. Sugar	\$97.6 (Increased by 24.3%)
2. Sweet Biscuits	\$16.9 (Increased by 21.6%)
3. Molassess	\$17.7 (Increased by 17.2%)
4. Mineral Water	\$293.5 (Increased by 11.4%)

5. Taro	\$25.0 (Increased by 10.1%)
6. Sharps and Flour	\$29.7 (Increased by 6.8%)
7. Fresh Fish	\$89.3 (Increased by 6.1%)
8. Kava	\$32.5 (Increased by 5.5%)

Source:

FBoS Release No: 11, 2020, international Merchandise Trade Statistics, Annual 2019

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