

# **FIJI TRADE STATISTICS HIGHLIGHTS**

**[January 2020]**

The Table below summarizes the National Trade Statistics for January 2020 which was recently released on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as “**FBoS Release No: 24, 2020, International Merchandise Trade Statistics, January 2020**”.

This Summary somehow identifies the position of Crop & Livestock Trade to the National Trade in January 2020.

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) National Trade**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Value (FJD Million)</b>
• Total Export Value	<b>\$145.5</b>
○ <i>Export Growth rate (compared to Jan 2019)</i>	- 33%
• Total Import Value	<b>\$404.1</b>
○ <i>Import Growth rate (compared to Jan 2019)</i>	- 30.4%
• Total Trade Deficit	<b>\$258.6</b>

## **b) National Import**

<b>Major Contributors to National Imports in January 2020</b>	
1. Mineral products	\$110.9 (27.4%)
2. Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	\$57.1 (14.1%)
3. Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	\$38.1 (9.4%)
4. Base metals & articles thereof	\$26.1 (6.5%)
5. Chemicals and allied products	\$25.6 (6.3%)

6. Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	\$22.1 (5.5%)
7. Vegetable products	\$22.0 (5.4%)
8. Plastic, rubber & article thereof	\$20.5 (5.1%)

**Note:**

It was highlighted in the FBoS Release No: 24, 2020 that,

- Prepared Food stuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco and Vegetable Products are on the Top 8 **Major Contributor** to National Imports in January 2020
- And Fiji's Import Value of **Vegetable Products** decreased by 20% in January 2020 as compared to January 2019 due to **decreased imports of Other Wheat & Meslin**

**Major Source of National Imports in January 2020**

1. Singapore	\$103.2
2. China	\$71.8
3. Australia	\$55.8
4. New Zealand	\$50.1
5. Japan	\$19.7

**Note:**

It was highlighted in the FBoS Release No: 24, 2020 that Fiji's

- Import Value for **Australia** has decreased by 19.1% in January 2020 as compared to January 2019 due to decline imports of Other Wheat and Meslin

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE IMPORT COMMODITIES**

**Live Animals: Animal Products**

1. Milk & Cream	\$4.2 <i>(Increase by 35% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
2. Meat of Sheep's and Goats	\$2.9 <i>(Decrease by 6% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
3. Butter & Other Fats	\$1.8 <i>(Increase by 64% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
4. Cheese and Curd	\$0.8 <i>(Decrease by 11% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
5. Poultry	\$0.5 <i>(Decrease by 55% compared to Jan 2019)</i>

**Chemicals & Allied Products**

6. Fertilizers	\$1.7 <i>(Decrease by 19% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
7. Insecticides and Similar Products	\$2.4 <i>(Increase by 60% compared to Jan 2019)</i>

<b>Vegetable Products</b>	
8. Wheat & Meslin	\$2.0 (Decrease by 84% compared to Jan 2019)
9. Rice (Semi & Wholly milled and broken)	\$6.2 (Increase by 77% compared to Jan 2019)
10. Potatoes	\$2.9 (Increase by 4% compared to Jan 2019)
11. Onions	\$1.7 (Decrease by 11% compared to Jan 2019)
12. Garlic	\$1.5 (Increase by 200% compared to Jan 2019)
13. Kava	\$1.8 (Increase by 20% compared to Jan 2019)
14. Grapes, Pears and Oranges	\$0.5 (Increase by 150% compared to Jan 2019)
15. Tea	\$0.9 (Increase by 80% compared to Jan 2019)
16. Fresh Apples	\$0.5 (Increase by 150% compared to Jan 2019)
17. Carrots	\$0.5 (Constant as compared to Jan 2019))
<b>Prepared Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco</b>	
18. Animal Feed	\$1.3 (Decrease by 48% compared to Jan 2019)
19. Oil- cake residues	\$0.1 (Decrease by 80% compared to Jan 2019)
20. Fruit and Vegetable Juice	\$0.6 (Decrease by 63% compared to Jan 2019)
<b>Animal &amp; Vegetable Fats and Oils</b>	\$6.2 (Increase by 100% compared to Jan 2019))

## c) National Domestic Export

### Major Contributors to National Domestic Exports in January 2020

1. Prepared Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	\$19.2 (26.9%)
2. Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals	\$12.1 (16.9%)
3. Vegetable products	\$8.7 (12.2%)
4. Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	\$8.4 (11.7%)
5. Live animals: animal products	\$7.0 (9.8%)
6. Textiles & textile articles	\$5.7 (7.9%)

### Major Source of National Domestic Exports in January 2020

1. Australia	\$19.9
2. United States of America	\$14.5
3. Japan	\$9.3

4. New Zealand	\$5.0
5. Samoa	\$2.8
<b>PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE DOMESTIC EXPORT COMMODITIES</b>	
<b>Prepared Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits &amp; tobacco</b>	
1. Biscuits (except sweet biscuits)	\$1.3 <i>(Decrease by 28% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
2. Sweet Biscuits	\$2.2 <i>(Increase by 144% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
3. Potatoe Chips and other assorted snacks	\$1.0 <i>(Decrease by 9% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
4. Uncooked Pasta	\$0.8 <i>(Constant as compared to Jan 2019)</i>
5. Preserved Ginger	\$0.2 <i>(Increase by 75% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
6. Corned Meat of bovine animals	\$0.5
7. Pastry Products	\$0.6 <i>(Increase by 20% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
<b>Vegetable Products</b>	
8. Sharps and Flour	\$1.8 <i>(Decrease by 25% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
9. Taro	\$1.8 <i>(Constant as compared to Jan 2019)</i>
10. Kava	\$3.3 <i>(Increase by 57% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
11. Spices	\$1.1 <i>(Increase by 22% compared to Jan 2019)</i>
<b>Coconut Oil</b>	<b>\$0.4</b> <i>(Increase by 300% compared to Jan 2019)</i>

**Source:**

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