

# NEW ZEALAND ECONOMICS ANZ COMMODITY PRICE INDEX

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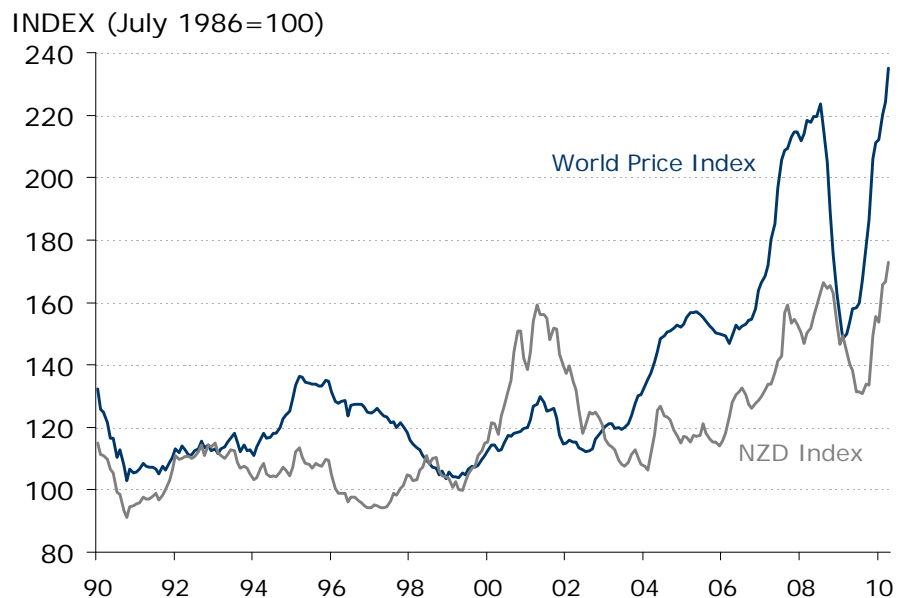
## A WHIPPED UP FRENZY

**A new record high.** The ANZ Commodity Price index jumped 4.9 percent in April, underpinned by a 9.9 percent surge in dairy prices in the month. The prices of nine other commodities also recorded a rise in April, three remained unchanged and none recorded price declines. As well as dairy, other large rises were recorded in the price of skins (up 10.1 percent, to an 18-month high) and wood pulp (up 7.7 percent, hitting a 10-year high). Aluminium prices rose 4.6 percent, beef prices lifted 4.0 percent, log prices rose 3.4 percent and the price of sawn timber increased 2.1 percent. Smaller increases were measured in the price of seafood, wool and sheepmeat (increasing 1.7, 1.2 and 0.2 percent, respectively)

**One of the broadest monthly increases on record.** Ten of the thirteen commodities we monitor recorded a rise in April. This represents the joint broadest lift across the export commodity basket. Since the start of the series in 1986, there has only been 5 occurrences of such a strongly synchronised lift. The last time was in May 2006.

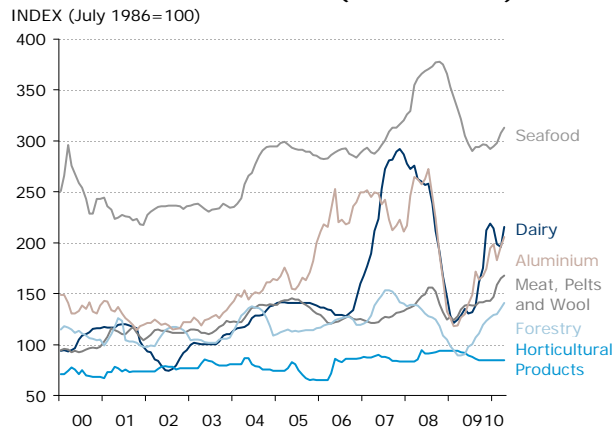
**Kiwi dollar index also hits a new high.** The New Zealand dollar strengthened slightly in April. However this was only modest relative to the lift in commodity prices. Consequently the ANZ NZD Commodity Price Index recorded a solid 3.8 percent lift, also hitting a new record high in April.

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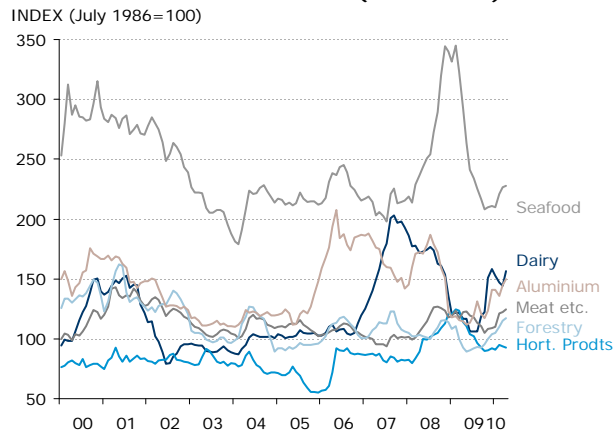


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## SUB-GROUP INDICES (WORLD PRICES)



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	World Price Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change	NZ\$ Index	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Apr-06	149.2	1.6	-4.7	128.1	3.9	9.2
Apr-07	180.4	4.9	20.9	133.9	-0.1	4.5
Apr-08	217.7	-0.3	20.7	151.8	1.1	13.4
Apr-09	153.7	2.6	-29.4	140.2	-2.7	-7.6
Nov-09	206.0	10.5	17.4	149.2	11.8	-8.4
Dec-09	211.3	2.6	30.0	155.6	4.3	1.7
Jan-10	212.2	0.4	36.5	153.7	-1.2	5.0
Feb-10	220.3	3.8	48.6	165.8	7.9	11.1
Mar-10	224.3	1.8	49.7	166.5	0.4	15.5
Apr-10	235.2	4.9	53.0	172.8	3.8	23.3

Commodity Price Index weights are based on contributions to merchandise exports. Weights for the 2010 year are: Wool 0.033; Beef 0.093; Lamb 0.150; Venison 0.013; Skins 0.019; Dairy 0.383; Apples 0.021; Kiwifruit 0.053; Logs 0.049; Sawn Timber 0.045; Wood Pulp 0.030; Seafood 0.065; Aluminium 0.046

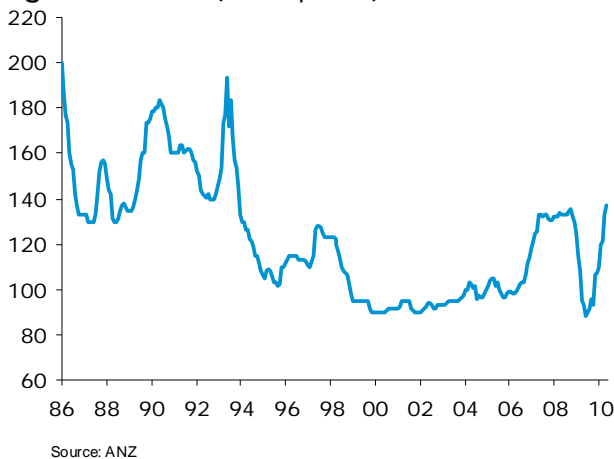
## FEATURED COMMODITY: LOGS

**New Zealand has a comparative advantage in forestry production. Forestry-based exports account for nearly ten percent our total merchandise exports, of which logs account for about a third.**

Mid-way through last century, the NZ Government undertook a strategic investment in forestry. The thrust of the initiative involved providing research, extensive plantings and a forestry management programme. The ultimate goal of the venture was to generate new employment opportunities and also earn foreign exchange from NZ's comparative advantage in forestry production. (Shorter growing times of NZ's plantations compare favourably with most softwood plantations in the Northern Hemisphere.)

While much of the ownership of our forestry assets has shifted into private hands, NZ is nevertheless enjoying the fruits of the investment made in the second half of last century. New Zealand's forestry-based sector is now the third largest exporter, behind meat and dairy products. On the world stage, New Zealand supplies about 1 percent of the global trade in softwood lumber. *Pinus radiata* is the dominant production species and accounts for about 90 percent of the country's total plantation area. Over two thirds of NZ's total plantation area is located in the North Island, with the central North Island accounting for roughly half of this.

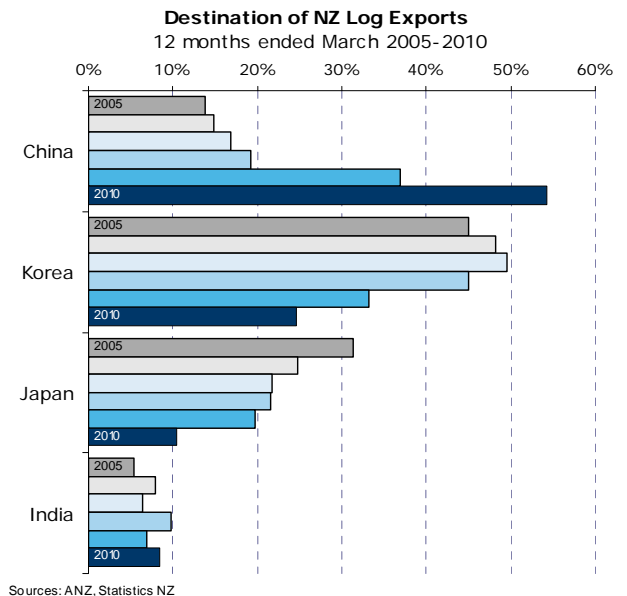
### Log Price Index (world prices)



Last year the volume of NZ's total forestry exports was in the vicinity of 10.6 million m<sup>3</sup>. Of this, about 8.7 million m<sup>3</sup> (or 82 percent) was exported as logs and poles. This share has risen from around 10 percent in the 1960s – a time when the export of logs was a fledgling industry. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the forestry and logging sector directly employs about 6,600 people, with another 12,800 in first-stage wood processing.

After plummeting in 2008, international export log prices have recovered, with prices firming in the past couple of months to a 17-year high. While the improvement in the global economy has been a factor, the bulk of this growth is due to China's growing demand for forest product imports. This reflects a large reduction in logs supplied by Russia and Chinese concerns about the reliability of supply from other suppliers.

In the 12 months to March, NZ log exports totalled \$1.2 billion. This made up nearly a third of the value of forestry exports and was 3 percent of the value of our total merchandise exports. The latest figure represents a 38 percent increase over a year earlier and is nearly double the value recorded at the low point of the global financial crisis.



Asia is by far the major destination of our log exports, taking 91 percent of the total value. China has overtaken Korea as the largest individual export market for logs, taking around 55 percent of our log exports in the 12 months to March 2010. Korea retains the highest concentration of log exports, with logs representing over a fifth (22 percent) of all of NZ's merchandise exports sent there. The equivalent figure for China is 16 percent, with India having the third highest concentration of log exports (14 percent of total NZ merchandise exports sent there).

Chinese and South Korean mill owners turn our logs into plywood, panels and timber. *Radiata* pine is used in Japan primarily for packaging materials and other low value end-uses. Elsewhere, logs are used in the production of plywood, wood pulp, paper, packaging products, sawn lumber and composite panel products.

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