Exports of Queensland goods overseas, May 2016

Source: ABS 5368.0, released 5 July 2016

Note: From June 2013, the Australian Bureau of Statistics changed the treatment of certain commodities to maintain confidentiality. This has resulted in data on some commodities (such as sugar and aluminium ores) not being included in state level exports. As a consequence trade figures by commodity and total exports at state, and in some cases port, level are understated. Caution should therefore be exercised when interpreting changes as the movements may not be representative of underlying trade performance.

Key data

Value and change in value over year ending:

Queensland..... $47.8B ↑ $1.7B (3.8%)
Australia ..... $244.5B ↓ $10.7B (–4.2%)

Main findings

The commentary below is based on nominal values (in Australian dollars), therefore movements are affected by price and quantity changes. Data are based on exports of goods overseas by state of origin. Data excludes service and interstate exports. The latest six months data are preliminary and subject to revision.

- The value of Queensland exports increased $1.7 billion to be $47.8 billion over the year to May 2016. Australia's value decreased by $10.7 billion over this period.
- The largest increase in the value of non–confidentialised Queensland commodity exports for the year ending May 2016 was recorded in *Crops* (increasing $714.1 million) (Table 1).
- The largest decrease in the value of non–confidentialised Queensland commodity exports for the year ending May 2016 was recorded in *Coal* (decreasing $1.7 billion).
- The *Coal* commodity group recorded the largest non–confidentialised export value from Queensland for the year to May 2016 with $16.6 billion.
- China was Queensland's largest export destination over the year to May 2016 with $11.3 billion (Table 2). This was an increase of $474.5 million from the year to May 2015. Japan was Queensland's second largest export destination with $7.9 billion (a decrease of $515.8 million over the period).

Figure 1 Exports of goods overseas, value, year ending

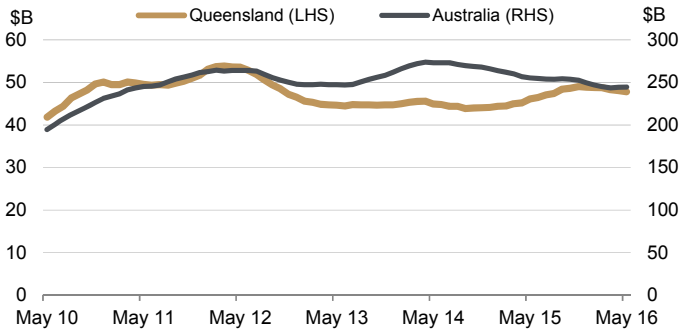

Table 1 Queensland exports by commodity, year ending

Commodity	May 16	Annual change	
	$m	$m	%
Rural goods	*9,043.0*	*341.1*	*3.9*
Meat	5,390.8	–54.3	–1.0
Cotton	503.7	–436.0	–46.4
Crops	1,616.8	714.1	79.1
Other rural goods	1,531.8	117.3	8.3
Non-rural goods	*27,328.3*	*–2,706.4*	*–9.0*
Coal	16,566.1	–1,712.0	–9.4
Minerals	7,147.6	–969.8	–11.9
Other manufactured	3,049.6	133.6	4.6
Other non-rural	565.0	–158.3	–21.9
Confidential[(a)(b)]	11,461.1	4,106.5	55.8
Total all commodities[(a)]	**47,832.4**	**1,741.3**	**3.8**

(a) From June 2013, the ABS changed the treatment of confidential items at a state level. This has resulted in state total export figures being understated.
(b) From October 2015, the ABS confidentialised the value of LNG exports at the state level. As a result, LNG exports can no longer be separately identified and are included in the 'Confidential' category for all time periods. In addition, the ABS also confidentialised live cattle exports in October 2015. As a result, live cattle exports have also been included in the 'Confidential' category for all time periods.

Table 2 Queensland exports by country, year ending

Rank (change)	Country	May 16	Annual change	
		$m	$m	%
1 (–)	China	11,291.3	474.5	4.4
2 (–)	Japan	7,936.3	–515.8	–6.1
3 (▲1)	Korea, Republic of	6,080.9	1,426.4	30.6
4 (▼1)	India	5,268.6	364.5	7.4
5 (–)	United States of America	2,100.2	–309.6	–12.8
6 (–)	Taiwan	1,681.9	–75.3	–4.3
7 (–)	Netherlands	1,041.1	–132.0	–11.3
8 (–)	Indonesia	855.5	–12.7	–1.5
9 (–)	New Zealand	824.1	–4.3	–0.5
10 (▲1)	United Kingdom	765.4	24.5	3.3
	Other countries	9,987.3	501.1	5.3
	Total all countries	**47,832.4**	**1,741.3**	**3.8**

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