

## SUMMARY

In the 12 months to August 2020:

- South Australia's overseas goods exports totalled \$11.2 billion, down 2.2% (\$249 million) on the previous twelve months ([moving annual total](#), in original terms).
- Nationally, the value of overseas goods exports totalled \$369.7 billion, down 3.3% (\$12.8 billion) over the same period.
- South Australia accounted for 3.0% of national overseas goods exports. In the last 4 years, over a third of the growth in national overseas goods exports has come from coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG).
- Increases in the value of overseas goods exports were recorded in the Northern Territory (up 16%), Western Australia (up 4.8%), while falls were recorded in Victoria (down 1.4%), South Australia (down 2.2%), Tasmania (down 4.2%), New South Wales (down 11%) and Queensland (down 18%). See Chart 1.

## MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

Major South Australian export markets that experienced growth in the year to August 2020 compared with the year to August 2019 included:

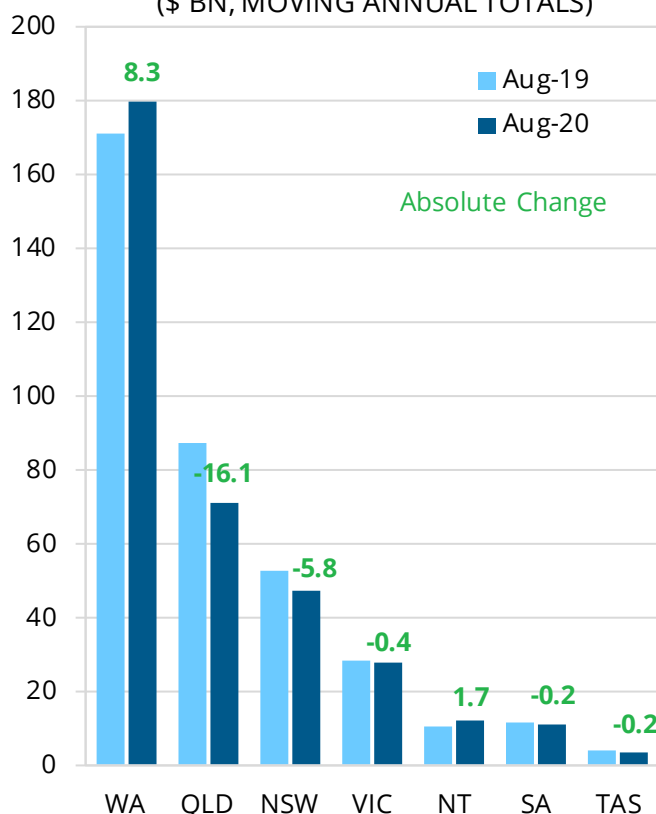
- China (up \$544 million or 20%);
- Canada (up \$158 million or 33%);
- Germany (up \$108 million or 150%);
- Indonesia (up \$94 million or 58%); and
- Netherlands (up \$29 million or 24%).

Major South Australian export markets that experienced a decline in the year to August 2020 included:

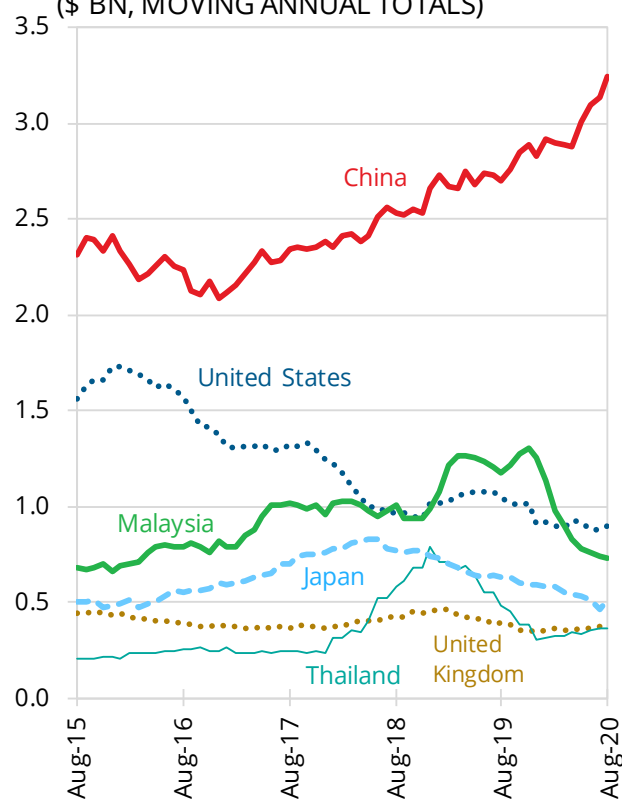
- Malaysia (down \$451 million or 38%);
- USA (down \$143 million or 14%);
- Japan (down \$118 million or 19%);
- Thailand (down \$113 million or 24%); and
- Belgium (down \$79 million or 49%).

See Table 1 and Chart 2.

**CHART1: OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS**  
(\$ BN, MOVING ANNUAL TOTALS)



**CHART 2: SA OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS**  
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## MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES

In South Australia, export commodities recording growth in the year to August 2020 compared with the year to August 2019 included:

- Wheat (up \$186 million or 36%);
- Iron ore and concentrates (up \$175 million or 39%);
- Fruit and vegetables (up \$84 million or 13%);
- Barley (up \$60 million or 51%); and
- Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits (up \$14 million or 9.8%).

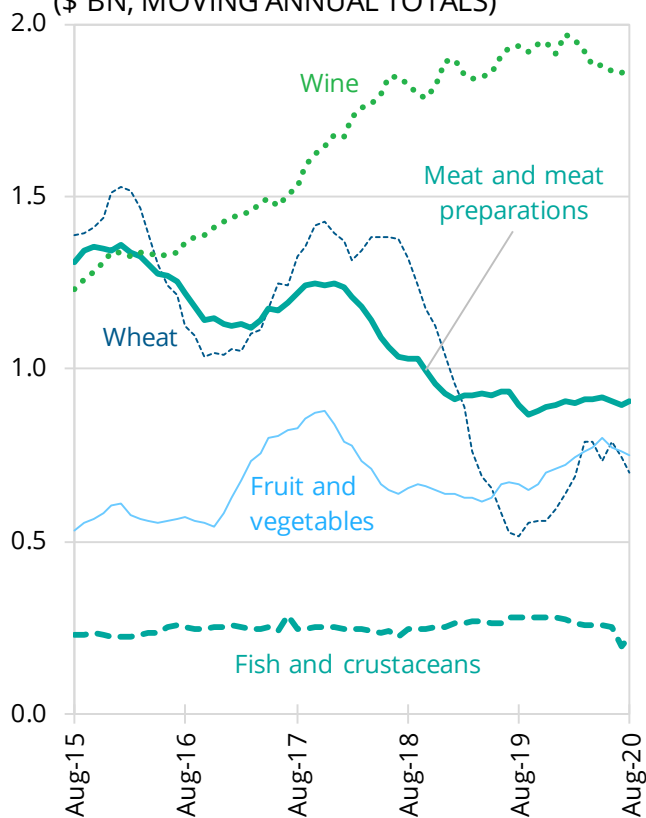
During the same period, South Australian exports that recorded a decline in value included:

- Petroleum and petroleum products (down \$274 million or 53%);
- Machinery (down \$105 million or 24%);
- Wool and sheepskins (down \$103 million or 43%);
- Refined copper and copper products (down \$103 million or 6.1%); and
- Iron and steel (down \$76 million or 69%).

See Table 2 and Charts 3 and 4.

**CHART 3: SA OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS**

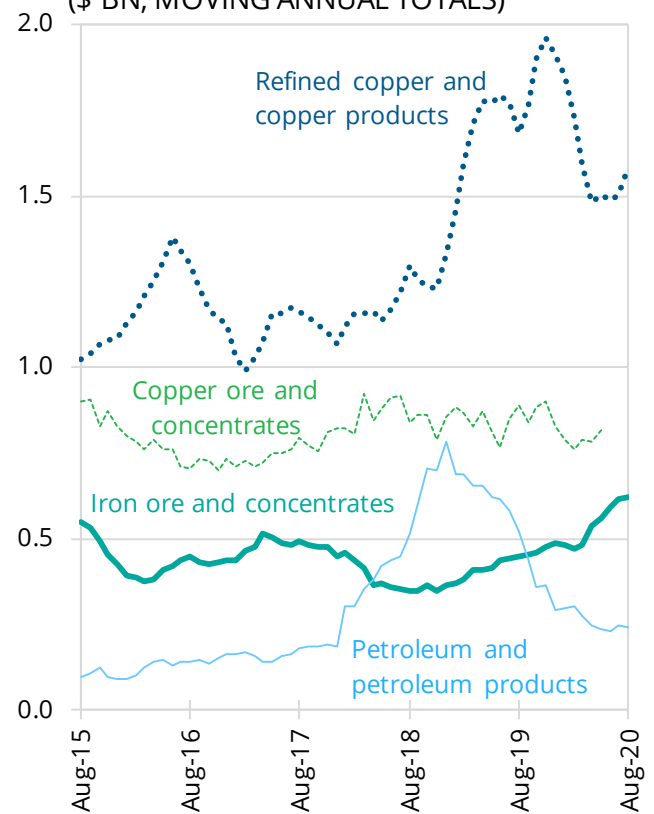
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**CHART 4: SA OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS**

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**Notes:**

Copper ore and concentrates became confidentialised by the ABS in June 2020.

Monthly estimates of merchandise exports are generally volatile and are unadjusted for seasonal factors—consequently monthly data should be treated with caution. Figures in this brief are reported in moving annual total terms to remove the impact of seasonality.

All data is in original nominal terms, hence both quantity and price changes contribute to changes in values.

**Table 1: South Australian Overseas Exports by Country**

	12 months to August 2020 (\$m)	Change from previous year (%)	Share of total exports (%)
United States	898.8	-13.7	8.0
Canada	634.2	33.2	5.7
Middle East	386.6	0.7	3.5
United Kingdom	369.1	-6.1	3.3
European Union	665.6	-2.2	6.0
France	95.4	-41.8	0.9
India	526.1	2.2	4.7
New Zealand	419.7	-3.9	3.8
Total East Asia*	6,662.7	-2.7	59.6
Japan	515.5	-18.7	4.6
China	3,246.1	20.1	29.0
Hong Kong	220.1	-15.2	2.0
ASEAN#	2,067.1	-20.9	18.5
Malaysia	724.8	-38.4	6.5
Thailand	365.4	-23.6	3.3
Other	620.1	-5.1	5.5
<b>Total^</b>	<b>11,182.9</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*Japan, China, Hong Kong, ASEAN, and 5 other Asian countries.

# Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

^ Total may not add due to rounding

**Table 2: South Australian Overseas Exports by Commodity**

	12 months to August 2020 (\$m)	Change from previous year (%)	Share of total exports (%)
Live Animals	8.6	67.0	0.1
Meat & Meat Preparations	908.3	1.2	8.1
Wheat	701.1	36.2	6.3
Barley	178.0	51.3	1.6
Fish and Fish Crustaceans	222.8	-19.8	2.0
Fruit and Vegetables	752.3	12.6	6.7
Wine	1,880.9	-3.1	16.8
Wool and Sheepskins	138.3	-42.8	1.2
Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits	154.8	9.8	1.4
Crude Minerals excluding Fuels	12.7	6.5	0.1
Metal Ores and Metal Scrap	1,366.2	-9.8	12.2
Copper Ore and Concentrates	na	na	na
Iron Ore and Concentrates	622.3	39.2	5.6
Petroleum and Petroleum products	243.6	-52.9	2.2
Total, Metals and Metal Manufactures	1,940.4	-11.3	17.4
Iron and Steel	34.0	-69.1	0.3
Refined Copper and Copper Products	1,579.0	-6.1	14.1
Lead	286.7	-18.0	2.6
Other Metals	0.7	-25.5	0.0
Metal manufactures	40.0	-11.9	0.4
Machinery	328.6	-24.2	2.9
Road Vehicles, Parts & Accessories	41.7	-39.8	0.4
Other/Confidential*	2,304.6	21.8	20.6
<b>Total^</b>	<b>11,182.9</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Other/Confidential includes copper ore and concentrates from June 2020 and uranium oxide.

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