

AUSTRALIAN CERTIFIED ORGANIC EXPORT UPDATE

This regular column covers recent data on export of Australian Organic Products Internationally
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I have recently received updated data from AQIS, for the whole of industry, in relation to exports of organic products and thought it worthwhile to revisit an analysis I did twelve months ago looking at where the growth has occurred in the last twelve months (May 2002 to April 2003).

GROWTH OF ORGANIC EXPORTS

Table One has two columns for each composition group - the first column depicts the growth which occurred from 2000/01 year to the 2001/02 year. The second column depicts that growth which then occurred from 2001/02 compared to 2002/03.

COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS

Wine is an area which has exhibited tremendous growth to the point where it now makes up 4% of exports (Table Two) - if it were possible to gain figures on value I would expect that this would be considerably more. Grain, although having negative growth for the two periods is still the second largest export - being surpassed by processed product - once again value would tell a totally different story.

GROWTH BY COMPOSITION

Table Three indicates the overall volume of organic products have fallen, however the primary cause of this is the bumper wheat crop in 2000-01 followed by a couple of tighter years as a result of drought. It is also heartening to note that the value added products are on the increase - meat, wine, processed goods and dried fruit.

TABLE 1

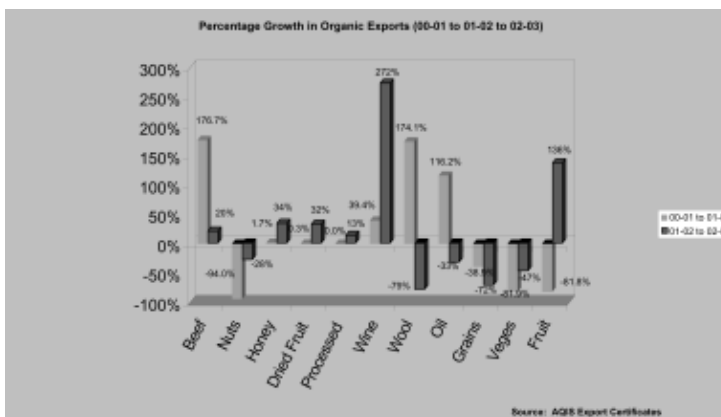


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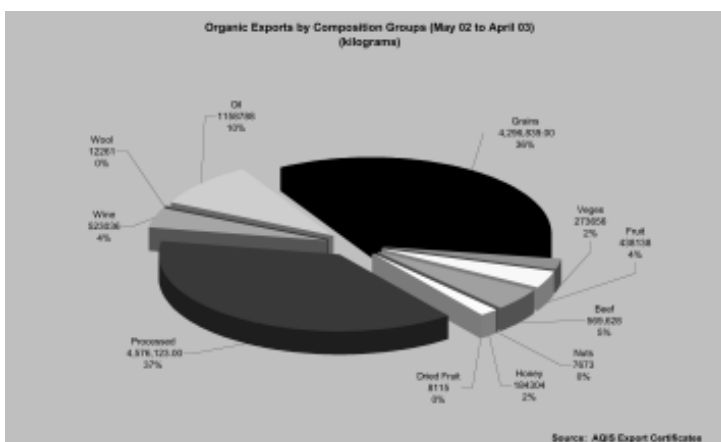
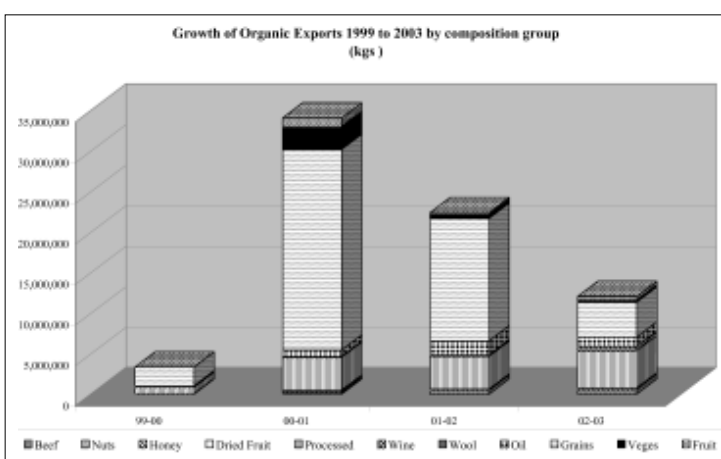


TABLE 3



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