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## Bilateral agricultural trade relations

### EU agricultural trade with New Zealand

The EU records a constant deficit in agricultural trade with New Zealand, oscillating around EUR 2 billion (in 2015 it was EUR 2.025 billion). New Zealand exported over EUR 2.4 billion in agriculture goods in 2015. The lion's share of these exports is in red meat, dairy, fruit and wine. In fact, New Zealand accounts for a great majority of supplies (around 85%) of sheep and goat meat to the EU market. New Zealand is also a major dairy supplier, providing butter, cheese and caseins. Another major category is fruits – in which dried currants and kiwifruit stand out as the top speciality products provided by New Zealand to the EU. Other important products exported by New Zealand include, among others, wine, beef meat, wool and silk.

The EU exports are rather negligible compared to imports (EUR 444 million in 2015), although these have gradually increased (from EUR 177 million EUR in 2009). The top exported categories include pork meat, spirits and liqueurs, fruit and vegetable preparations, wine and vermouth, other sugar and molasses. The EU also exports fresh dairy products and milk powders.

Further details of trade in agricultural products can be found by following this link:

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/trade-analysis/statistics/outside-eu/countries/agrifood-new-zealand\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/trade-analysis/statistics/outside-eu/countries/agrifood-new-zealand_en.pdf)

A permanent mechanism of dialogue and consultation on trade topics related to agriculture, the *Agricultural Trade Talks*, is convened annually alternately in the EU and New Zealand.

Relations between the EU and New Zealand are now set to develop further, as a process towards an EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is now underway. On 29 October 2015 a Joint Statement was issued by Presidents Juncker and Tusk and NZ PM Key committing "to start the process for negotiations to achieve swiftly a deep and comprehensive high-quality FTA". Actual FTA negotiations would possibly start in 2017.