

By end of April, exports of melons were **20,381** tonnes worth A\$36.7m. The result was around 12 per cent higher than the same period last year (Table 1). Unit values were 6 per cent higher and has meant the overall value has increased by 18 per cent for the 2019/20 season to date. The 12 month (MAT) to April result was 23,638 tonnes.

**Table 1 : Melons Key Measures**

EXPORTS	YTD	Chg LY
Volume (tonnes)	20,381	12%
Value (M AUD)	36.72	18%
\$ per kg	\$1.80	6%

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Japan has increased 268 per cent to 2,989 tonnes and is now the No.4 destination. Singapore has recorded 5,015 tonnes to date up 4 per cent. Other movers were Malaysia up 95 per cent and Qatar up 40 per cent. UAE declined by 16 per cent impacting the overall result.

Muskmelons accounted for 67 per cent of the shipments to date and watermelons accounted for 33 per cent.

**Table 3 : Melon Exports by Market**

Market	July to April		
	2019/20	Chg LY	MAT
	Tonnes	%	Tonnes
Singapore	5,015	4%	5,856
United Arab Emirates	4,635	-16%	5,633
New Zealand	4,603	7%	5,491
Japan	2,989	268%	3,140
Hong Kong	1,159	-2%	1,232
Qatar	756	40%	869
Malaysia	395	95%	444
Kuwait	229	-6%	304
Papua New Guinea	138	-14%	159
Seychelles	98	97%	98
New Caledonia	70	-40%	92
Brunei Darussalam	63	83%	71
Saudi Arabia	59	-17%	60
Fiji	48	78%	52
French Polynesia	38	-47%	41
all other	231		96
<b>Total YTD Tonnes</b>	<b>20,381</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>23,638</b>

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

Ranked by annual volume MAT - Moving Annual Total  
share of season **86.2%**

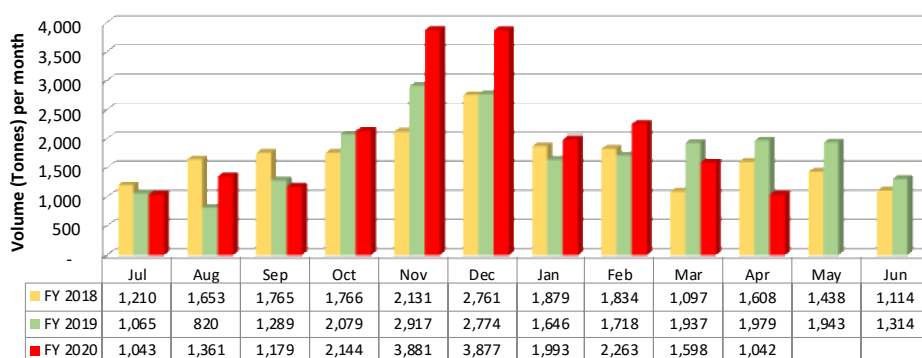
**Table 2. Melon export by type**

July to April			
	Tonnes	Chg LY	share
		%	%
Muskmelons	13,696	11%	67%
Watermelons	6,680	14%	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,381</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: IHS Global Trade Atlas; Fresh Intelligence analysis

On a month by month basis the April exports were 1,042 tonnes, compared to 1,979 tonnes last year (Figure 1) and showing a reversing of the strong growth trends that had been higher in most months until March. This appears influenced by a lack of air freight capacity. In April, 278 tonnes were exported by air, 80 per cent less than April 19.

**Figure 1 Melon Exports per month vs last 2 years**



Modal data is now available. Air freight accounted for 56 per cent of export shipments and was 6 per cent lower YTD.

**Table 4. Melon export by transport mode**

July to April			
	Tonnes	share	change
		%	%
Air	11,341	56%	-6%
Sea	9,040	44%	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,381</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12%</b>