



# Quarterly Infocado Report

## Crop Forecast - April 2019

Avocados Australia releases four quarterly Infocado crop forecast reports per year, in the months January, April, July and October.

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### Australian Avocados Forecast Apr 18 to Mar 19 (5.5 kg eqv trays) - from quarterly report April 18

	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Total
Hass	609,844	1,566,116	1,960,568	1,403,029	1,251,835	1,004,051	809,521	963,047	806,196	582,258	412,826	96,121	11,465,412
Shepard	649,104	22,091	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,129	446,740	1,223,884	2,350,948
Other	16,915	18,962	34,227	66,828	49,347	3,175	9,189	13,749	17,496	76,160	3,704	5,862	315,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,275,863</b>	<b>1,607,169</b>	<b>1,994,795</b>	<b>1,469,857</b>	<b>1,301,182</b>	<b>1,007,226</b>	<b>818,710</b>	<b>976,796</b>	<b>823,692</b>	<b>667,547</b>	<b>863,270</b>	<b>1,325,867</b>	<b>14,131,974</b>

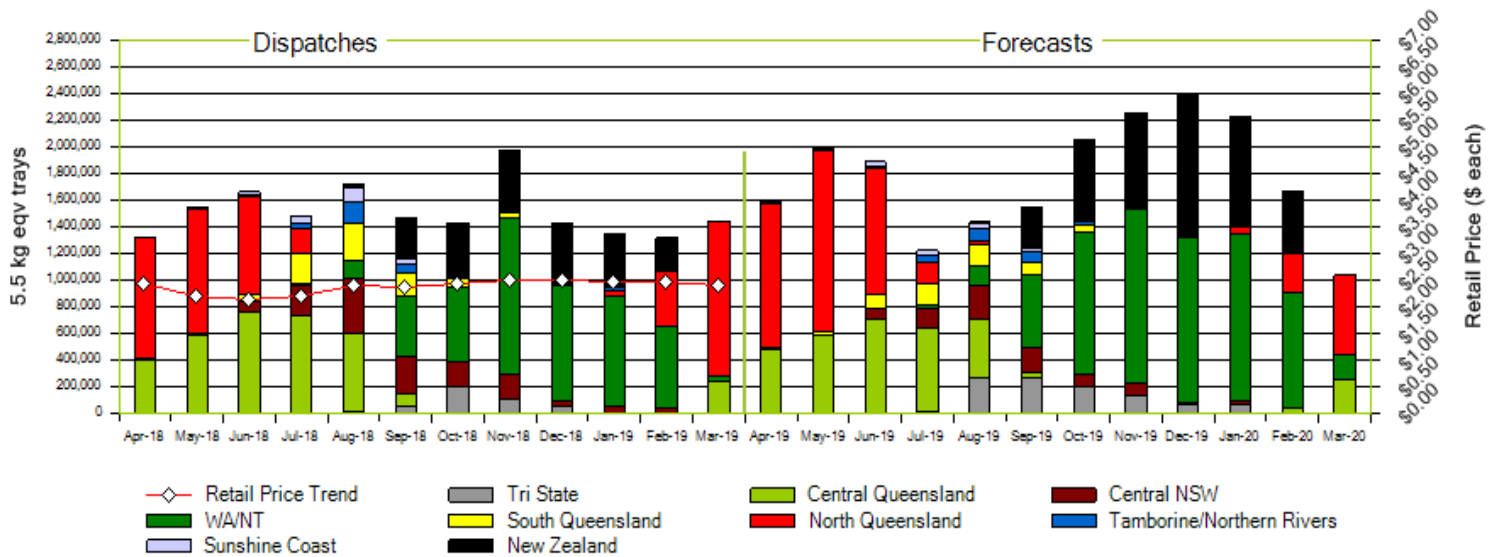
### Australian Avocados Dispatches Apr 18 to Mar 19 (5.5 kg eqv trays)

	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Total
Hass	441,211	1,488,084	1,637,580	1,448,256	1,656,279	1,095,365	1,017,671	1,446,673	919,587	897,994	646,474	49,717	12,744,891
Shepard	868,345	43,924	0	26	43	0	0	0	0	33,938	421,088	1,322,343	2,689,707
Other	13,667	14,380	23,111	26,865	40,387	58,193	3,976	72,100	38,341	1,630	1,744	72,641	367,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,323,223</b>	<b>1,546,388</b>	<b>1,660,691</b>	<b>1,475,147</b>	<b>1,696,709</b>	<b>1,153,558</b>	<b>1,021,647</b>	<b>1,518,773</b>	<b>957,928</b>	<b>933,562</b>	<b>1,069,306</b>	<b>1,444,701</b>	<b>15,801,633</b>

### Australian Avocados Forecast Apr 19 to Mar 20 (5.5 kg eqv trays)

	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Total
Hass	527,605	1,719,805	1,669,558	1,169,157	1,353,724	1,214,748	1,443,138	1,517,680	1,307,180	1,259,691	870,232	212,468	14,264,986
Shepard	1,036,650	31,455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62,038	321,043	818,591	2,269,777
Other	16,790	239,914	218,128	50,093	71,680	25,385	8,784	24,596	21,306	86,374	7,065	5,915	776,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,581,045</b>	<b>1,991,174</b>	<b>1,887,686</b>	<b>1,219,250</b>	<b>1,425,404</b>	<b>1,240,133</b>	<b>1,451,922</b>	<b>1,542,276</b>	<b>1,328,486</b>	<b>1,408,103</b>	<b>1,198,340</b>	<b>1,036,974</b>	<b>17,310,793</b>

### Australian & New Zealand Avocados : Apr 18 to Mar 19 Dispatch / Apr 19 to Mar 20 Forecast



### Apr 18 to Mar 19 Dispatches & Apr 19 to Mar 20 Avocado Production Estimates 5.5kg eqv trays

Region	Apr18 to Mar19	Apr19 to Mar20
North Queensland	4,377,872	4,520,346
Central Queensland	3,399,172	3,160,073
Sunshine Coast	247,632	167,219
Southern Queensland	867,547	612,495
Tamborine/Northern Rivers	312,930	300,877
Central NSW	1,524,722	919,457
Tri State	415,807	1,001,130
WA	4,655,951	6,629,196
New Zealand	2,326,467	3,989,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,128,100</b>	<b>21,300,134</b>

### Comments

Australian avocado supply for January, February and March (Q1) of 2019 increased by 571,309 trays (20%), respective to the same period last year. Volumes for Hass and Other increased by 621,810 trays (64%), and 2,392 trays (3%) respectively, while Shepard decreased by 52,893 trays (3%).

Supply during the quarter of April, May and June, will be dominated by Central and North Queensland. During these 3 months, supply is estimated to grow by 20% from 4.3 to over 5.1 million trays. While North Queensland is expected to account for 98% of the increase (823,249 trays), Central Queensland will be responsible for the remaining 2% (17,898 Trays).

During the summer months, Western Australia expects its peak supply in November at around 1.2 million trays for the month, and the largest percentage increase (92%) in the month of October respective to the same month the previous year, going from 562,118 trays to over 1 million trays. New Zealand is expecting a significant increase in supply this year also. Supply is expected to peak in the month of December when New Zealand is expecting to supply over 1 million trays, compared with 469,832 in Dec 2018 (128% increase).

The total volume for the 12 months between April 2019 and March 2020 is forecasted to increase by 1.5 million trays (10%) for Australian fruit, for that same period. The proportion becomes larger taking New Zealand into account, increasing the total forecast by over 3 million trays (17%).

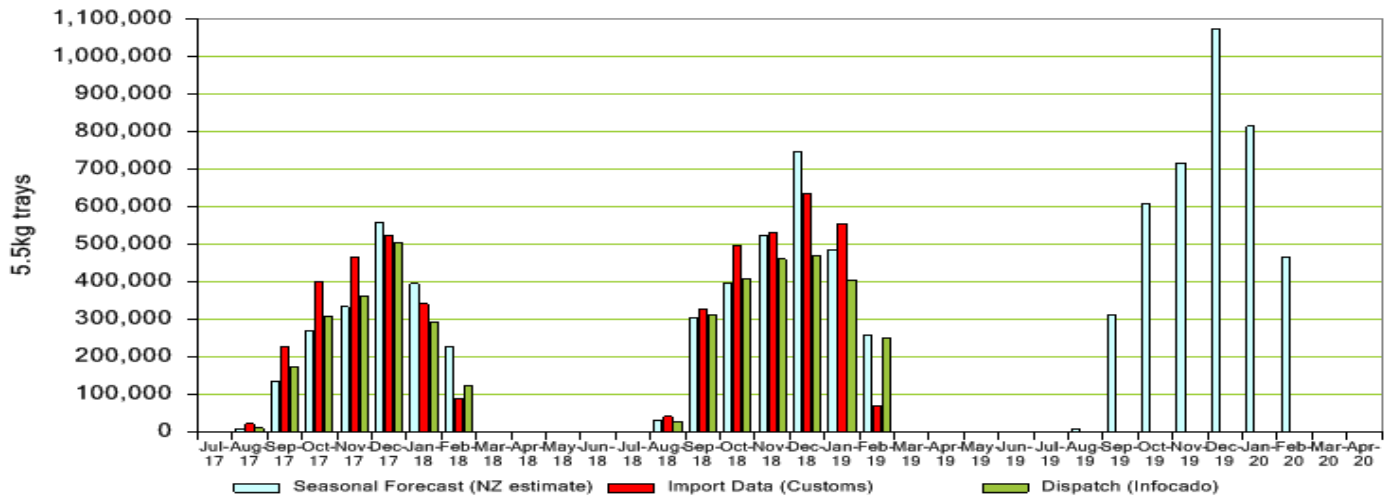
Nationally, the largest percentage change for the 12 months between April and March 2019 is forecast to occur in the Tri-State region where an increase of 585,000 trays (141%) is expected, followed by WA with an increase of 1.9 million trays (42%) respective to that same period the previous year. Supply from New Zealand is expected to increase by 1.6 million trays (71%). WA's large jump is explained by a large number of new plantings that have come into production, in addition to a recent increase in the region's participation level in the Infocado program.

While some regions have experienced a rapid growth in numbers dispatched and forecast, the majority of regions are experiencing declines in their production estimates to different degrees. Notable examples are Central NSW with a -40% forecasted decline, followed by Sunshine Coast at -32%, South QLD at -29%, Central QLD and Tamborine / Northern Rivers at -7% and -4% respectively.

### Report notes:

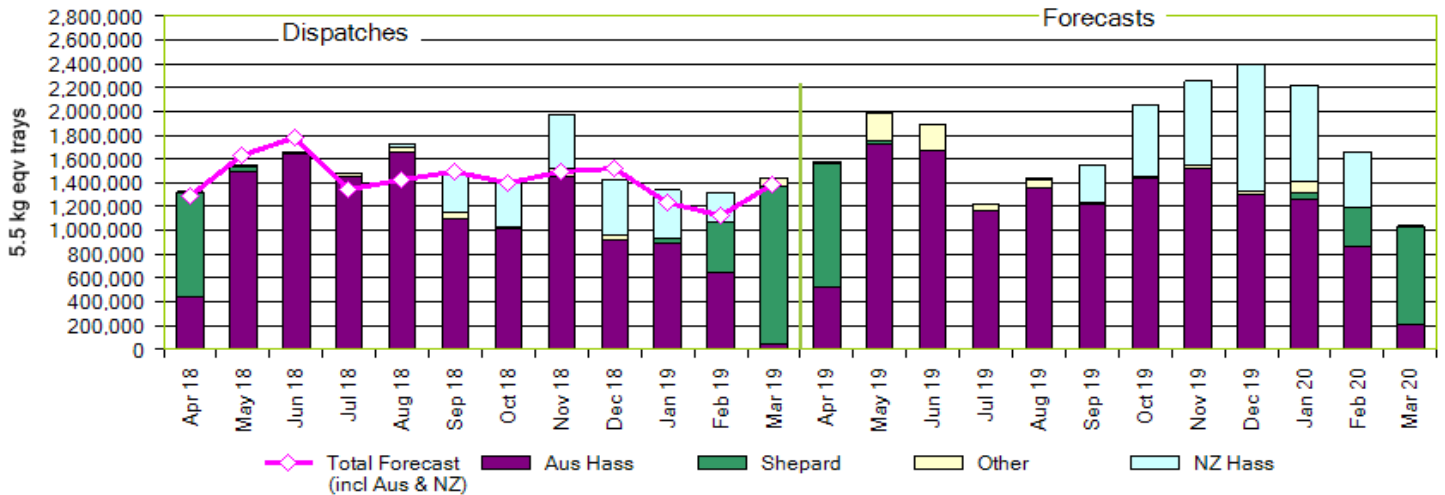
The Quarterly Infocado report is compiled using data collected through the Infocado system from an estimated 85+ % of industry packhouses, consolidators and wholesalers. This report incorporates an allowance (by region) for the data which is not contributed directly to the Infocado system. It is thus, not possible to extrapolate the figures from Weekly Infocado reports (which use unadjusted data) to those in Quarterly Infocado reports. This report is provided initially to Infocado contributors only. Until public release, the report is confidential

### New Zealand Avocados - Dispatch and Forecast



Note: Source of import data is ABS and/or NZ Infoshare (NZ govt customs data) depending on availability. December 2018 customs data not available at time of report.

### Apr 18 to Mar 19 Dispatches & Apr 19 to Mar 20 Forecasts Avocados by Variety



Note: NZ dispatch figures in the above graph are from Infocado, the total forecast line (pink) indicates the most up to date forecasts.

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