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**Examples of Food companies responding to NZ’s lockdown**

The Hawke’s Bay apple juice company **‘The Apple Press’** has continued operation at its production facility, bottling new season apple juice for New Zealand supermarkets nationwide, filling containers for export to Japan and Australia and even recently donating 2 pallets of juice to the local District Health Board.

“In these challenging and unprecedented times our thoughts and support go out to all New Zealanders. Here at The Apple Press we are putting all measures in place to ensure the ongoing safety of our people and products. The team are working hard to ensure continued supply to both domestic and export markets,” says Co-founder Ross Beaton.

Christchurch based **Golden Goose Foods** are experiencing an increase in demand for their frozen meat, vegetarian and vegan ‘Howler Hotdogs’. Managing director, Joanna Williamson says overall, its sales in supermarkets are up around 20%.

“In the week leading up to the lockdown, we experienced sales levels similar to what we would expect to see just before Christmas, and we don’t anticipate demand slowing over the coming weeks. We are incredibly grateful for our supply relationship with supermarkets because this is what’s keeping our business going, during what is an incredibly difficult time for many businesses across New Zealand.”

Seafood exporter, **Moana New Zealand**, has stepped in to help Palmerston North City Council and the Salvation Army to produce ready to eat meals for residents in need. Because Moana’s products shelf stable for up to two years they don’t require refrigeration.

“Moana’s protocols and procedures under Covid-19 have been audited by MPI which has given their approval of the safe working and processing environment we have created for our people. This initiative has been a great way for us to contribute.” Says Group Communications and Sustainability Manager, Michelle Cherrington

Christchurch based, **Trickett’s Grove**, owned by a cooperative of more than 50 walnut growers, has experienced a 500% increase in online sales in the start of lockdown. General Manager Shane McKenzie says “Traditionally around 80% of the walnuts sold in NZ are imported already out of their shells, which impacts negatively on eating quality. Right now is harvest time for us and unlike imported nuts, New Zealand walnuts are cracked just-in-time to ensure optimum freshness”.

“It feels like there is quite a movement out there to support smaller producers who are selling online at the moment. People have the time and interest to look for local businesses when they may not have previously.”