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- ▶ New Zealand is a fertile and mountainous group of islands in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.
- ▶ Agriculture: Wheat, barley, potatoes, pulses, wool and fish.
- ▶ Exports: Dairy products, meat, wood and wood products, fish, chemicals, wool and mutton.



# Geography of New Zealand

- ▶ New Zealand, southeast of Australia, consists of two main islands and a number of smaller outlying islands so scattered that they range from the tropical to the Antarctic.
- ▶ The North Island is volcanic in its south-central part. This area contains many hot springs.
- ▶ The South Island has the Southern Alps along its west coast, with Mount Cook being the highest point.
- ▶ Population: 4.886 million
- ▶ Capital: Wellington



# Climate

- ▶ New Zealand experiences four seasons. Summer starts in December and ends in February, although March is also a warm month. Winter lasts from June to August (-10 degrees) but September and October can also be cold.
- ▶ Temperate climate means not too hot or too cold.
- ▶ Average temperature 10 - 16 degrees.
- ▶ New Zealand has a temperate climate and the climate is also maritime meaning that it is affected by the sea.





# Natural Resources

- ▶ Natural resources in New Zealand provide for thriving rural industries in forestry, agriculture, horticulture, and fisheries. The most primary groups are agriculture and horticulture with New Zealand being the leading dairy provider in the world, exporting nearly one third of the world's dairy needs. Along with beef and sheep meat, New Zealand is the second largest producer of wool in the world. Agricultural totals over half of all New Zealand's exports.

# Sport

- ▶ New Zealand's varied and rugged landscape lends itself to outdoor activities such as hiking, caving, hunting, and both river and ocean fishing.



- ▶ Other popular adrenalin activities include: mountain climbing, kayaking, and sky diving.
- ▶ New Zealand has been incredibly successful in a number of sports especially rugby, yachting, and netball.
- ▶ A recent survey suggests that New Zealand is the third most successful sporting nation in the world based on population.



# Adrenalin Sports

Both bungee jumping and jet boating were invented in New Zealand.



# Interesting Facts

- ▶ Rugby is the most popular spectator sport in New Zealand but a variety of sports such as football (soccer), cricket, netball, golf and others are popular among participants.
- ▶ Their rugby team is called “The all Blacks”.



# Wildlife

- ▶ The bird species of New Zealand are particularly diverse, including alpine parrots and ground dwelling Kiwis.
- ▶ The term 'Kiwi' is also used as a nickname for a New Zealander.

