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of

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA

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TABLE I. MONTHLY FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - STATES.

(See Section 2 and Table II. of December "Summary")

State	Year	Month of -			Cumulative Totals from 1st July to end of:-		
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
		cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
New South Wales ..	1936-37	70,680	118,420	106,680	382,680	501,100	607,180
	1937-38	135,426	130,285	125,175	480,845	611,130	736,305
Victoria..	1936-37	176,900	157,400	117,100	775,360	932,760	1,049,860
	1937-38	162,871	123,580	91,929	766,592	890,172	982,101
Queensland	1936-37	45,960	74,980	74,120	287,800	362,780	436,900
	1937-38	111,463	119,109	126,515	396,099	515,208	641,723
South Aust alia	1936-37	14,320	12,740	10,680	94,820	107,560	118,240
	1937-38	16,052	13,934	11,232	103,020	116,954	128,186
Western Australia	1936-37	11,440	7,400	4,680	69,300	76,700	81,380
	1937-38	13,935	9,074	5,596	85,999	95,073	100,669
Tasmania..	1936-37	12,260	10,260	7,960	38,960	49,220	57,180
	1937-38	12,777	11,518	9,018	41,202	52,720	61,738
Australia:	1936-37	331,560	381,200	320,620	1,648,920	2,030,120	2,350,740
	1937-38	452,524	407,500	369,465	1,873,757	2,281,257	2,650,722

TABLE II. MONTHLY EXPORTS OF BUTTER FROM AUSTRALIA -
STATES OF SHIPMENT.

(See Section 3 and Table III. of December "Summary")

State	Month of:-		Eight months ended:-	
	February 1938	February 1937	February 1938	February 1937
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
New South Wales ..	49,195	27,419	198,287	87,413
Victoria ..	38,485	87,486	592,843	631,142
Queensland ..	81,351	43,964	373,363	228,515
South Australia ..	8,001	5,672	60,487	52,245
Western Australia..	492	420	31,705	14,419
Tasmania ..	1,658	1,830	5,338	3,762
Australia:	229,182	166,791	1,262,023	1,017,496

**TABLE III. MONTHLY EXPORTS OF BUTTER FROM AUSTRALIA -
COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.**

(See Section 3 and Table IV. of December "Summary")

Country of Destination	Month of:-		Eight Months ended:-	
	February 1938	February 1937	February 1938	February 1937
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
United Kingdom ..	208,254	154,759	1,185,019	939,571
Ceylon ..	469	405	4,164	4,318
Hong Kong ..	1,396	897	6,216	5,187
India ..	134	278	1,575	2,016
Malaya (British) ..	1,586	1,256	8,105	9,820
Mauritius ..	160	14	763	756
New Guinea ..	118	100	1,168	1,212
Other British ..	9,434	236	14,824	2,453
Total British:	221,551	157,975	1,221,834	965,333
Percentage of Total:	96.7%	94.7%	96.8%	94.9%
China ..	221	958	1,595	5,627
Egypt ..	571	1,171	4,505	5,106
Japan ..	-	648	59	1,178
Netherlands East Indies	4,880	4,502	25,410	32,421
New Caledonia ..	40	47	601	751
Panama ..	42	9	125	106
Philippine Islands ..	1,550	1,273	6,579	5,520
Siam ..	144	96	311	412
Other Foreign ..	183	112	1,004	1,042
Total Foreign:	7,631	8,816	40,189	52,163
Percentage of Total:	3.3%	5.3%	3.2%	5.1%
GRAND TOTAL:	229,182	166,791	1,262,023	1,017,496

**TABLE IV. MONTHLY IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM -
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.**

(See Section 4 and Table V. of December "Summary")

Country of Origin	Month of:-		Eight Months ended:-	
	February 1938	February 1937	February 1938	February 1937
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
Australia ..	177,438	117,298	1,009,195	849,874
Ire ..	669	915	205,870	309,197
South Africa ..	-	13,284	15	27,741
New Zealand ..	388,258	277,685	1,953,735	1,872,791
Other British ..	2,544	3,658	46,980	61,138
Total British:	568,909	412,840	3,215,805	3,120,741
Percentage of Total:	66.3%	60.9%	52.8%	49.0%
Soviet Union ..	-	3,645	219,158	394,126
Finland ..	12,252	10,100	88,860	105,400
Estonia ..	9,561	6,910	116,377	85,097
Latvia ..	18,926	9,905	153,147	153,192
Lithuania ..	8,823	4,561	153,737	144,502
Sweden ..	24,449	12,660	131,984	101,180
Denmark ..	155,896	158,861	1,393,129	1,455,705
Poland ..	19,873	2,801	116,033	118,873
Netherlands ..	27,559	21,224	395,225	472,345
Argentina ..	3,213	29,353	37,378	128,533
Other Foreign ..	9,058	4,682	67,120	85,610
Total Foreign:	289,610	264,702	2,872,142	3,244,563
Percentage of Total:	33.7%	39.1%	47.2%	51.0%
GRAND TOTAL:	858,519	677,542	6,087,953	6,365,304

TABLE V. STOCKS (a) OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE IN GREAT BRITAIN

(See Section 5 and Table VI. of December "Summary")

Last period in Month of-	1935	1936	1937	1938
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
January ...	235,156	187,449	440,609	202,410
February ..	233,163	215,224	326,000	(b)133,782

(a) These stocks account for approximately 95 per cent of the total quantity held in cold storage in Great Britain.

(b) Middle of month.

TABLE VI. BUTTER PRICES.

(See Section 6 and Tables VII. and VIII. of December "Summary")

Quotation	January		February		March	
	1938	1937	1938	1937	1938	1937
	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d
Average equalisation rate for butter sold per cwt.	(a)119.10	120.5	(a)127.10	125.6	(b)	129.2
London Top price of Australian Choicest Salted butter (Sterling Currency) per cwt.	109. 0	94.0	111. 0	86.0	117.0	97.0
F.O.B. equivalent of London price (Australian Currency) per cwt.	122. 0	103.0	124. 0	94.0	131.0	107.0

(a) Interim price.

(b) Not yet available.

TABLE VII. MONTHLY EXPORTS OF CHEESE FROM AUSTRALIA.

(See Section 8 and Table XI. of December "Summary")

Month	1936-37	1937-38
	cwts.	cwts.
July ..	2,157	3,568
August ..	1,375	5,765
September	917	12,527
October..	14,582	20,615
November.	18,655	26,051
December.	22,290	33,988
January..	17,261	32,123
February.	13,079	28,473
Eight Months ended February	90,316	163,110

**TABLE VIII. MONTHLY IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM -
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.**

(See Section 9 and Table XII. of December "Summary")

Country of Origin	Month of -		Eight Months ended -	
	February 1938	February 1937	February 1938	February 1937
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
Australia	20,670	14,875	103,681	61,058
New Zealand.. ..	219,727	160,130	1,093,207	1,001,327
Canada	2,077	1,198	652,009	534,593
Other British	1,544	1,654	17,013	19,902
Total British:	244,018	177,857	1,865,910	1,616,880
Percentage of Total:	89.6%	87.9%	89.7%	89.4%
Netherlands.. ..	18,874	16,144	136,498	126,930
Switzerland.. ..	1,532	1,109	14,019	11,781
Italy	4,894	4,398	40,843	22,794
Other Foreign	3,062	2,891	23,523	30,935
Total Foreign:	28,462	24,542	214,883	192,440
Percentage of Total:	10.4%	12.1%	10.3%	10.6%
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	272,480	202,399	2,080,793	1,809,320

TABLE IX. EXPORTS OF PORK, BACON AND HAM AND EGGS FROM AUSTRALIA.

(See Sections 11 to 13 of December "Summary")

Particulars	Month of -		Eight Months ended -	
	February 1938	February 1937	February 1938	February 1937
<u>PORK</u>				
Quantity exported lb.	3,037,275	2,282,419	17,697,519	17,717,222
Value of exports £.	77,177	58,721	473,707	456,854
Declared value per lb.	6.1d	6.2d	6.4d	6.2d
<u>BACON AND HAM</u>				
Quantity exported lb.	79,545	88,460	1,123,620	1,185,560
Value of exports £.	6,173	5,832	81,076	77,058
Declared value per lb.	1s.6.6d	1s.3.8d	1s.5.3d	1s.3.6d
<u>EGG CONTENTS</u>				
Quantity exported lb.	-	22,625	-	647,930
Value of exports £.	-	757	-	19,571
Declared value per lb.	-	8.0d	-	7.2d
<u>EGGS</u>				
Quantity exported doz.	7,815	3,021	11,260,241	15,432,187
Value of exports £.	645	227	684,041	951,974
Declared value per doz.	1s.7.8d	1s.6.0d	1s.2.6d	1s.2.8d
Australian Retail Price per doz. (a)	1s.8.6d	1s.7.2d	1s.9.0d	1s.6.6d

(a) Weighted Average Price Six Capitals.