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1. PRODUCTION OF MILK.

The recorded production of milk in Australia during the five years ended 1937-38 has averaged 1,141 million gallons per annum. Of this quantity, 917 million gallons (or 80.4 per cent.) was used in the manufacture of butter, 43 million gallons (or 3.8 per cent.) in the manufacture of cheese, 25 million gallons (2.2 per cent.) in the manufacture of condensed etc. and powdered milk, and the balance of 156 million gallons (or 13.6 per cent.) was used in its natural form for human consumption and for other purposes. The actual quantity directly consumed by the people of Australia cannot be determined with any degree of exactness. On the basis of the 156 million gallons shown above, this would give an average quantity of $22\frac{1}{2}$ gallons consumed per head of population per annum or approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ pint per diem.

2. PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - AUSTRALIA.

Table I below, shows the monthly production of butter in factories and on farms, in Australia, for each of the five years from 1935-36 to 1939-40.

The production of butter in Australia for the year ended June 1939, amounted to 4.1 million cwt. This figure shows an increase of 249 thousand cwt. or 6 per cent. on that of the previous year, and is only slightly below the maximum output of 4.2 million cwt. attained in 1934-35. It will be noted that the production of farm butter has averaged only 200 thousand cwt. per annum in recent years or about 5 per cent. of the total output.

TABLE I.

PRODUCTION OF BUTTER IN FACTORIES AND ON FARMS - AUSTRALIA.

Month	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40(n)
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
July ..	165,020	154,940	157,374	186,303	242,955
August ..	202,160	201,260	191,180	232,674	278,604
September	267,960	271,500	272,675	310,618	342,145
October..	420,480	349,260	361,363	409,710	425,226
November	470,400	340,400	441,345	451,216	462,052
December	434,500	331,560	453,062	414,230	474,343
January..	431,620	381,200	407,991	317,427	
February	356,320	320,620	370,079	316,299	
March ..	321,020	333,200	325,605	354,559	
April ..	256,660	275,000	266,661	331,646	
May ..	165,560	208,820	218,823	311,344	
June ..	155,840	157,660	192,152	255,699	
<u>Factory Total:</u>	3,667,740	3,325,420	3,658,210	3,893,925	
<u>Made on Farms:</u>	204,786	190,420	163,412	200,000	
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	3,872,526	3,521,840	3,841,622	4,093,925	

(n) Subject to revision.

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3. FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - STATES.

In Table II below, Monthly and Annual figures for factory production are shown for the years 1937-38 and 1938-39 with additional monthly figures for the six months ended December, 1939.

During the six months ended December, 1939, Victorian factory production of butter amounted to 916,605 cwt. This quantity represented 42 per cent. of the Australian factory output for the period and was 39 per cent. greater than the quantity produced by this State in the corresponding period of 1938. In every case, production in the individual months exceeded the preceding season's figures.

Queensland was the second largest butter producer during the six months under review with an output totalling 542,771 cwt. This quantity accounted for 24 per cent. of Australian factory production for the six months. Compared with the quantity produced in the six months ended December, 1938, production during the current six months showed a decline of 17 per cent.

New South Wales production for the six months was very little below the Queensland figure. The 515,024 cwt. produced in the six months ended December, 1939, represented 23 per cent. of the Australian output. Compared with the output during the corresponding period of 1938, production in New South Wales in the current season showed an increase of 12 per cent.

During the period under review, the quantities of butter produced in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania were 111,854 cwt., 92,040 cwt., and 47,261 cwt. respectively. The combined output of these three States accounted for only 11 per cent. of the Australian production for the period.

In Australia as a whole, factory production of butter for the six months ended December, 1939, amounted to 2,225,555 cwt., an increase of 11 per cent. on the production in the corresponding months of 1938.

/ TABLE II.

TABLE II.

MONTHLY FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - STATES

1937-38 TO 1939-40

State	Year	July cwt.	August cwt.	Sept- ember cwt.	October cwt.	Nov- ember cwt.	Dec- ember cwt.	January cwt.	Feb- ruary cwt.	March cwt.	April cwt.	May cwt.	June cwt.	Total year cwt.
New South Wales..	1937-38	37,148	43,236	62,757	83,174	119,104	135,426	130,286	125,175	110,815	81,139	59,761	47,071	1,035,092
	1938-39	39,619	43,632	61,737	96,801	112,403	101,989	86,674	96,659	108,366	106,073	93,358	69,124	1,016,435
	1939-40	58,791	56,742	65,492	90,755	119,883								
Victoria ..	1937-38	47,130	71,571	120,418	175,328	191,364	163,289	123,998	92,348	85,365	62,142	50,338	40,070	1,223,361
	1938-39	43,607	69,214	112,589	154,589	152,744	127,507	91,134	61,375	73,286	80,330	86,634	75,776	1,128,765
	1939-40	79,331	109,468	148,908	194,946	200,799	183,153							
Queensland ..	1937-38	51,470	48,109	50,866	52,144	82,117	111,477	119,123	126,580	105,578	104,575	90,139	84,083	1,026,261
	1938-39	81,097	88,477	94,601	110,048	137,939	141,945	108,928	137,193	152,653	127,211	112,620	85,687	1,378,399
	1939-40	79,150	79,731	84,463	88,614	90,143								
South Australia..	1937-38	11,339	14,509	19,545	23,846	18,143	16,151	13,985	11,299	11,135	8,672	9,227	11,100	168,951
	1938-39	12,085	15,218	20,002	19,734	16,033	14,249	10,270	8,689	9,311	9,460	9,396	11,186	155,633
	1939-40	13,869	17,260	22,442	22,061	18,388	17,794							
Western Australia	1937-38	9,015	11,818	14,697	18,147	18,187	13,935	9,074	5,596	4,481	4,157	5,433	7,602	122,342
	1938-39	10,116	13,593	16,198	19,140	18,972	14,641	9,657	6,331	5,131	3,887	5,482	7,690	130,638
	1939-40	9,717	12,802	15,681	19,483	19,310	15,047							
Tasmania ..	1937-38	1,272	1,937	4,192	8,724	12,330	12,784	11,525	9,081	8,231	5,976	3,925	2,226	82,203
	1938-39	1,779	2,740	5,491	9,398	13,145	13,899	10,764	6,052	5,812	4,685	3,854	2,544	80,163
	1939-40	2,077	2,801	5,159	9,347	13,559								
Commonwealth Total	1937-38	157,374	191,180	272,675	361,363	441,245	453,062	407,991	370,079	325,605	266,661	218,823	192,152	3,658,210
	1938-39	188,303	232,574	310,618	409,710	451,216	414,230	317,427	316,299	354,559	331,646	311,344	252,007	3,890,233
	1939-40	242,955	278,804	342,145	425,226	462,082	474,343							

4. EXPORTS OF BUTTER - STATES.

In Table III below, details are given of Monthly and Annual exports of butter from each State during the years 1937-38 and 1938-39, with additional monthly figures for the six months ended December, 1939.

During the six months ended December, 1939, Victorian butter shipments totalled 621,525 cwt. and represented just over 50 per cent. of the butter exported from Australia in this period. Compared with the quantity exported from this State in the six months ended December, 1938, shipments for the current six months showed an increase of 74 per cent. In every instance, monthly shipment figures were greater than in the corresponding months of 1938.

Queensland came next to Victoria in regard to the quantity of butter exported during the six months under review, the 327,565 cwt. exported representing 31 per cent. of butter shipments from Australia as a whole. However, the quantity exported from this State was 26 per cent. smaller than in the corresponding six months of 1938. Shipments in individual months were less than in the corresponding months of 1938.

New South Wales butter exports amounted to 146,297 cwt., representing an increase of 43 per cent. on the quantity exported from this State in the corresponding six months of the previous season. The quantity exported, accounted for 12 per cent. of the total butter exports from Australia during the six months ended December, 1939.

Exports from the abovementioned States accounted for 93 per cent. of Australian shipments for the six months. Of the remaining States, South Australia shipped 54,943 cwt., an increase of 34 per cent. on the quantity shipped in the corresponding period of 1938. Western Australian shipments declined 18 per cent. compared with the quantity shipped in the corresponding months of 1938 and 28,350 cwt. only were exported. Tasmanian shipments for the six months totalled 1,332 cwt.

From Australia as a whole, 1,240,012 cwt. of butter were exported during the six months ended December, 1939, an increase of 17 per cent. on the quantity exported in the corresponding period of 1938.

/ TABLE III.

TABLE III

MONTHLY EXPORTS OF BUTTER - STATES

1937-38 TO 1939-40

State	Year	July cwt.	August cwt.	Sept- ember cwt.	October cwt.	Nov- ember cwt.	Dec- ember cwt.	January cwt.	Feb- ruary cwt.	March cwt.	April cwt.	May cwt.	June cwt.	Total Year cwt.
New South Wales..	1937-38	2,906	2,058	3,131	13,026	27,209	41,848	45,412	49,195	47,054	32,140	8,938	7,193	280,112
	1938-39	5,901	2,756	4,627	14,438	38,613	36,566	22,574	9,011	16,455	6,204	28,908	28,163	214,216
	1939-40	19,845	8,608	17,197	20,643	35,435	42,569							
Victoria ...	1937-38	5,155	4,351	32,827	94,267	175,004	87,598	105,256	88,485	40,653	32,937	18,186	9,089	693,708
	1938-39	6,122	12,210	42,806	98,679	86,265	109,842	76,306	28,719	17,355	15,780	28,574	59,816	584,476
	1939-40	54,662	54,923	76,282	122,277	133,213	180,166							
Queensland ..	1937-38	40,212	23,414	19,023	29,377	41,358	61,637	76,991	81,351	111,132	64,380	58,754	59,516	667,145
	1938-39	75,680	85,961	64,416	73,753	96,755	122,380	104,555	64,835	103,170	111,961	159,524	73,138	1,138,148
	1939-40	62,147	60,497	62,827	48,705	74,402	78,987							
South Australia..	1937-38	1,584	5,996	9,001	12,882	13,683	7,021	2,319	8,001	7,962	3,957	4,234	2,341	79,001
	1938-39	2,422	5,838	10,291	10,568	6,396	5,551	6,054	4,625	3,091	2,591	4,870	3,596	65,893
	1939-40	3,292	9,579	11,633	13,658	11,630	5,151							
Western Australia	1937-38	134	2,327	5,705	6,911	10,676	5,356	104	492	315	76	204	-	32,300
	1938-39	46	3,256	7,468	8,495	12,602	2,637	1,262	252	305	106	208	244	36,821
	1939-40	568	3,470	2,424	8,356	8,723	4,809							
Tasmania ..	1937-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,680	1,658	-	1,698	-	-	7,036
	1938-39	-	-	-	-	1,536	2,072	3,329	1,451	575	428	-	-	9,391
	1939-40	-	-	-	-	-	1,332							
Commonwealth Totals:	1937-38	49,991	38,046	69,687	156,465	267,930	203,460	233,762	229,182	207,136	135,188	90,316	78,139	1,759,302
	1938-39	90,171	110,021	129,608	205,933	246,167	279,048	214,080	108,893	140,951	137,090	222,084	164,959	2,049,005
	1939-40	140,514	137,077	170,363	213,639	263,403	315,016							

5. EXPORTS OF BUTTER - COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.

Table IV. Publication of this table showing exports of butter from Australia, according to countries of destination, will be discontinued until further notice.

6. IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Table V. Publication of this table showing imports of butter into the United Kingdom, according to countries of origin, will be discontinued until further notice.

7. STOCKS OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE.

The quantities of butter held by Great Britain in cold storage are shown, monthly, in Table VI. below.

TABLE VI.

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

(Source: Weekly Dairy Produce Notes of the Imperial Economic Committee)

Last period in month of	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
January..	235,516	187,449	440,609	202,410	383,035
February	233,163	215,224	396,625	192,064	382,548
March ..	236,846	192,133	338,101	267,760	394,411
April ..	278,227	199,751	303,098	328,545	392,810
May ..	460,169	321,062	385,564	449,855	369,025
June ..	523,998	422,022	451,613	516,502	504,166
July ..	627,721	481,837	478,655	665,049	627,317
August ..	532,458	497,874	476,983	649,635	577,017
September	415,628	505,728	297,459	587,640	(b)
October..	304,654	471,534	188,511	501,373	(b)
November	221,607	415,520	215,228	429,039	(b)
December	168,855	357,182	95,009	254,654	(b)

(a) These quantities account for approximately 95 per cent. of the total stored.

(b) Not available.

8. BUTTER PRICES.

The average prices realised for factory-made butter produced in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, whether sold in Australia or abroad, are shown in Table VII below.

TABLE VII.

AVERAGE EQUALISATION RATE FOR BUTTER SOLD - 1935-36 TO 1939-40.

Month	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
July ..	134. 1	136. 0	146. 4	147. 9	143. 10
August ..	136. 11	130. 2	148. 10	145. 2	144. 3
September	128. 4	129. 7	148. 10	135. 10	140. 6
October..	114. 8	125. 1	135. 6	133. 6	140. 7
November	114. 0	118. 10	132. 2	140. 5	(a)138. 11
December	113. 2	115. 5	132. 7	141. 9	(a)139. 1
January..	107. 7	120. 5	137. 7	141. 11	(a)139. 7
February	112. 3	125. 6	144. 1	136. 6	
March ..	124. 0	129. 2	141. 10	135. 11	
April ..	133. 4	131. 1	142. 10	135. 11	
May ..	135. 9	136. 0	142. 10	135. 1	
June ..	135. 7	137. 7	146. 9	137. 1	
Ttd. Average:	120. 11	126. 8	140. 3	(b)140. 3	

(a) Interim Price.

(b) Subject to revision.

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Under the stabilization scheme the wholesale price of butter in Australia was fixed at 140s. per cwt., or 1s.3d. per lb. in May 1934, and remained at that figure until 28th June, 1937, when it was increased to 149s.4d. per cwt. or 1s.4d. per lb. The wholesale price was further increased to 158s.8d. per cwt. or 1s.5d. per lb. from 8th June 1938. Fluctuations in prices in London during recent years are shown in Table VIII. below. The prices quoted represent the mean of the top prices quoted weekly for choicest salted Australian butter, together with their f.o.b. equivalents in Sydney and Melbourne in terms of Australian currency. Pence have been omitted in each case.

TABLE VIII.
AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT. OF AUSTRALIAN BUTTER IN LONDON
(WITH F.O.B. EQUIVALENTS IN AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY)

Month	1935-36		1936-37		1937-38		1938-39		1939-40	
	London	Aus- tralia	London	Aus- tralia	London	Aus- tralia	London	Aus- tralia	London	Aus- tralia
	Shil- lings (Stg.)	Shil- lings (Aus.)	Shil- lings (Stg.)	Shil- lings (Aus.)	Shil- lings (Stg.)	Shil- lings (Aus.)	Shil- lings (Stg.)	Shil- lings (Aus.)	Shil- lings (Stg.)	Shil- lings (Aus.)
July ..	88	96	113	126	112	126	120	135	114	127
August ..	94	103	118	132	116	130	118	132	110	123
September	110	123	108	120	119	134	116	130	120	135
October..	117	131	100	111	139	158	111	124	(b)121	(b)137
November	101	112	108	120	130	147	104	115	(b)121	(b)137
December	89	97	98	108	111	124	107	119	(b)121	(b)137
January..	94	103	94	103	109	122	120	134		
February	93	102	86	94	111	124	118	132		
March ..	84	91	97	107	117	131	115	128		
April....	87	95	104	116	124	140	113	126		
May ..	94	103	106	118	127	143	107	119		
June ..	106	118	108	120	120	135	113	126		

(a) Sydney and Melbourne. (b) Price fixed under contract between Governments of the United Kingdom and Australia.

9. PRODUCTION OF CHEESE.

Complete details of the Australian production of cheese each month are not available. In the absence of monthly figures particulars of annual production are furnished for the years ended June in Table IX. below.

There was a considerable increase in cheese production in Australia in 1937-38 and such figures as are available for 1938-39 indicate that a further increase in production may be anticipated. Factory production in 1937-38 amounted to 496,707 cwt., an increase of 27 per cent. Production on farms represented an increase of 28 per cent. on the figures for the previous year but represents less than 2 per cent. of the total production. In the five year period ended 1937-38, Australian production of cheese has increased by 47 per cent.

A marked increase in factory production during 1937-38 was recorded in Queensland which manufactured 106,627 cwt. compared with 69,392 cwt. in the preceding year. South Australian manufacture was also considerably larger in 1937-38 with an output totalling 136,543 cwt. and representing an increase of 28 per cent. Production in Victoria amounted to 143,147 cwt., an increase of 23 per cent. compared with the preceding year.

Victoria retained its place as the largest cheese manufacturing State, producing 28 per cent. of the factory total. South Australia followed closely with 27 per cent. of factory production and Queensland with 21 per cent.

TABLE IX.
FACTORY AND FARM PRODUCTION OF CHEESE, AUSTRALIA - 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

State	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39(a)
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales ..	73,395	63,037	63,796	68,763	64,224
Victoria ..	88,881	96,412	116,435	143,147	174,239
Queensland..	108,806	81,689	69,392	106,627	140,617
South Australia ..	59,359	72,350	108,614	136,543	164,845
Western Australia ..	5,725	7,708	9,017	7,889	8,526
Tasmania ...	16,734	18,835	25,305	31,738	(b)
Total Factory:	352,900	340,031	392,559	496,707	(b)
Farm Cheese:	4,020	4,600	6,806	8,711	(b)
GRAND TOTAL:	356,920	344,631	399,365	505,418	(b)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not yet available.

10. EXPORTS OF CHEESE - STATES.

In Table X below, details are given of Monthly and Annual exports of Cheese from each State during the years 1937-38 and 1938-39, with additional monthly figures for the six months ended December, 1939.

During the six months ended December, 1939, Victoria was the largest exporter of cheese with shipments totalling 84,560 cwt. and representing 41 per cent. of Australian cheese exports for the period. The quantity shipped was 43 per cent. greater than in the corresponding six months of 1938, monthly shipments being higher in every instance.

South Australia was second to Victoria in the quantity of cheese exported in the six months under review. Shipments from this State amounted to 81,791 cwt., representing 39 per cent. of the shipments from Australia as a whole. Compared with the quantity exported from this State in the corresponding six months of 1938, exports in the current season showed an increase of 12 per cent. With the exception of November, monthly shipments were in each instance greater than in the corresponding months of 1938.

Cheese shipments from Queensland during the six months ended December, 1939, amounted to 40,006 cwt. or 19 per cent. of shipments from Australia as a whole. The quantity exported from this State was practically the same as in the corresponding period of 1938, though shipments in the months of November and December were smaller than in the corresponding months of 1938.

New South Wales exports of cheese amount to 1,439 cwt. for the six months, representing less than 1 per cent. of Australian shipments for the period. This small quantity, however, represented an increase of 80 per cent. compared with shipments in the corresponding period of 1938.

From Australia as a whole cheese shipments during the six months ended December, 1939, totalled 207,795 cwt., an increase of 20 per cent. on the quantity shipped in the corresponding period in 1938.

/11. EXPORTS

TABLE X.

MONTHLY EXPORTS OF CHEESE - STATES

1937-38 TO 1939-40.

State	Year	July cwt.	August cwt.	Sept- ember cwt.	October cwt.	Nov- ember cwt.	Dec- ember cwt.	January cwt.	Feb- ruary cwt.	March cwt.	April cwt.	May cwt.	June cwt.	Total Year cwt.
New South Wales..	1937-38	219	156	131	202	563	654	1,897	460	622	646	2,894	134	8,781
	1938-39	80	126	97	169	100	226	577	42	134	60	96	78	1,787
	1939-40	83	138	169	256	179	614							
Victoria ..	1937-38	1,460	1,436	3,086	4,156	12,036	14,490	17,316	10,636	11,957	3,475	8,030	4,527	92,605
	1938-39	2,903	4,455	4,184	11,340	13,781	22,449	26,503	9,279	9,303	4,139	4,831	5,834	119,001
	1939-40	4,578	9,273	14,631	15,620	15,526	24,932							
Queensland ..	1937-38	756	1,936	4,049	2,697	4,098	4,392	5,310	6,617	9,634	4,658	3,052	4,210	51,615
	1938-39	3,592	4,118	6,937	7,189	8,804	9,485	6,596	4,916	9,218	7,060	7,811	8,973	84,719
	1939-40	6,149	7,564	6,244	7,362	7,423	5,263							
South Australia..	1937-38	1,133	2,235	5,257	13,726	9,354	14,088	7,600	10,759	8,464	2,572	7,561	7,371	90,263
	1938-39	5,289	9,323	11,391	16,039	14,065	17,053	12,925	7,431	5,491	4,666	3,791	7,760	115,247
	1939-40	8,184	8,534	17,016	15,646	13,028	19,383							
Western Australia	1937-38	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	1938-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1939-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tasmania ..	1937-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1938-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1939-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth Total:	1937-38	3,568	5,765	12,527	20,781	26,051	33,824	32,123	26,472	30,697	11,551	21,657	16,249	243,265
	1938-39	11,864	18,024	22,609	34,737	36,770	49,213	46,601	21,668	24,146	15,945	16,532	22,645	320,754
	1939-40	18,994	25,509	38,060	38,884	36,156	50,192							

11. EXPORTS OF CHEESE - COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.

Table XI. Publication of this table showing exports of cheese from Australia, according to countries of destination, will be discontinued until further notice.

12. IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Table XII. Publication of this table showing imports of cheese into the United Kingdom, according to countries of origin, will be discontinued until further notice.

13. CHEESE PRICES.

Under the stabilization scheme the wholesale price of cheese was fixed at 8d. per lb. in May, 1934. In January, 1935, the price was increased to 8½d. per lb., and in May 1935 to 9½d. per lb. The wholesale price was further increased by ½d. to 10d. per lb. in June 1937, and by a further ½d. in June 1938 making the current wholesale price 10½d. per lb.

According to a statement prepared by the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Limited, the average prices realized during the last five years for factory-made cheese produced in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, whether sold in Australia or abroad, were as follows:-

TABLE XIII.

AVERAGE EQUALISATION RATE OF CHEESE SOLD 1935-36 TO 1939-40.

Month	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
July ..	9.15	9.10	9.10	9.02	8.02
August ..	8.06	8.98	8.96	8.69	8.49
September	7.74	8.64	8.51	8.27	8.11
October..	7.48	8.14	8.02	8.07	8.16
November	7.38	7.41	7.95	7.89	(a)8.02
December	7.23	7.23	7.95	7.70	(a)8.07
January..	7.04	7.56	7.94	7.12	
February	7.42	8.13	8.21	7.69	
March ..	7.75	8.55	8.43	7.71	
April ..	8.38	8.77	8.53	7.88	
May ..	8.48	8.79	8.50	8.27	
June ..	8.90	8.84	8.79	8.20	
<u>Wtd. Average:</u>	7.81	8.23	8.34	(b)7.94	

(a) Interim Price.

(b) Subject to revision.

14. PORK

14. PORK PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION - AUSTRALIA.

A remarkable expansion in the production of pork in Australia has been recorded in recent years. Up to the year 1928-29 production was sufficient to meet local requirements and to provide a small exportable surplus which averaged about 200,000 lb. In 1929-30 the first indication of the subsequent expansion was recorded when exports increased to nearly 1 million lb. This increase was gained at the expense of local consumption. Commencing in the year 1930-31 production increased annually and has been sufficient to provide for a 60 per cent. increase in local consumption and an outstanding increase in the volume of exports, particularly since the year 1933-34.

TABLE XIV.

PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT OF PORK, AUSTRALIA - 1929-30 TO 1938-39.

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	per head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
1929-30	39,432,504	38,500,207	6.00	943,297	2.36
1930-31	50,297,146	41,673,495	6.44	8,629,901	17.16
1931-32	50,950,080	43,566,725	6.68	7,383,355	14.49
1932-33	59,334,671	52,631,437	7.97	6,703,234	11.30
1933-34	63,236,837	54,572,973	8.20	8,663,864	13.70
1934-35	78,063,364	62,427,232	9.31	15,636,132	20.03
1935-36	84,011,115	60,433,372	8.95	23,577,743	28.07
1936-37	95,309,083	68,492,630	10.06	26,816,453	28.14
1937-38	86,003,488	52,044,818	7.58	33,959,412	39.49
1938-39	(a)	(a)	(a)	30,716,417	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

15. EXPORTS OF PORK - STATES.

In Table XV below, details are given of Monthly and Annual exports of pork from each State during the years 1937-38 and 1938-39 with additional monthly figures for the six months ended December, 1939.

During the six months ended December, 1939, Queensland was the largest exporter of pork with shipments totalling 11,948,728 lb. This quantity was 95 per cent greater than the quantity exported from this State in the corresponding period of 1938 and represented 60 per cent. of Australian shipments of pork. Victoria occupied second place as an exporter of pork during the six months under review. Shipments from this State amounted to 4,306,626 lb. and accounted for 22 per cent. of shipments from Australia as a whole. Compared with shipments in the corresponding period of 1938, the quantity exported during the current six months represented an increase of 34 per cent. Shipments of pork from New South Wales during the six months ended December, 1939, amounted to 1,029,524 lb. compared with 297,067 lb. in the corresponding months of 1938. Shipments from Western Australia were 262 per cent. larger than in the corresponding months of 1938, the quantity exported amounting to 1,920,144 lb. South Australian shipments, which totalled 302,098 lb. for the six months also showed a considerable increase on the quantity shipped in 1938 while shipments from Tasmania increased from 81,849 lb. for the six months ended December, 1938, to 278,396 lb. for the six months ended December, 1939.

Exports from Australia as a whole for the six months ended December, 1939, amounted to 19,785,516 lb., an increase of 90 per cent. on the quantity shipped in the corresponding period of 1938.

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TABLE XV.

MONTHLY EXPORTS OF PORK - STATES

1937-38 TO 1939-40.

State	Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total Year
		lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
N.S.W.	1937-38	53,132	72,459	24,856	24,139	39,477	14,364	16,908	47,807	48,941	192,685	428,524	365,695	1,339,967
	1938-39	44,602	152,520	15,544	34,189	25,466	26,544	12,252	32,561	62,418	66,502	237,569	300,501	1,000,918
	1939-40	164,232	483,853	190,122	109,819	17,487	64,004							
Vic.	1937-38	1,318,980	402,514	411,716	385,736	1,738,502	1,091,881	2,011,644	2,030,242	2,127,187	708,030	1,362,566	1,714,057	15,312,055
	1938-39	629,823	414,732	145,682	207,696	440,673	1,363,984	1,492,498	1,131,443	1,313,306	680,536	503,231	1,207,479	9,530,942
	1939-40	816,546	1,035,478	560,830	475,132	470,376	946,264							
T'd.	1937-38	1,266,356	745,744	1,347,787	853,107	602,523	412,634	524,210	735,600	1,109,221	1,993,320	3,750,118	1,532,572	14,835,594
	1938-39	1,381,264	1,292,016	643,768	578,085	1,276,294	946,646	1,451,834	1,978,013	1,614,995	2,170,678	2,626,594	1,799,093	17,960,560
	1939-40	2,091,869	3,335,663	2,280,723	2,333,047	1,629,343	1,275,057							
S.A.	1937-38	35,095	(a)14,479	-	20,296	178,462	324,909	25,457	14,266	62,850	96,340	110,436	92,075	982,605
	1938-39	29,732	45,569	6,877	11,327	34,731	36,428	1,973	15,565	46,425	60,355	97,931	77,733	466,449
	1939-40	84,274	27,728	11,432	87,210	60,179	31,275							
Q.	1937-38	26,744	36,847	30,703	69,375	130,186	171,675	44,066	115,269	74,793	38,556	44,049	37,814	820,077
	1938-39	80,906	29,906	49,605	141,071	99,918	147,999	149,043	147,192	132,732	96,424	137,513	82,554	1,277,865
	1939-40	130,976	182,462	150,006	492,348	381,698	582,652							
Tas.	1937-38	51,502	-	-	-	-	69,050	62,271	65,951	112,693	96,595	79,497	71,553	629,116
	1938-39	34,974	46,675	-	-	-	-	-	100,985	55,336	44,469	119,475	69,569	471,683
	1939-40	40,384	24,343	43,123	41,224	-	129,342							
AUST.	1937-38	2,763,609	1,270,043	1,615,062	1,353,653	2,689,150	2,061,713	2,684,556	3,037,275	3,556,685	3,115,510	5,775,190	3,613,766	33,959,412
	1938-39	2,201,501	1,981,120	859,476	952,365	1,877,084	2,523,803	3,107,480	3,405,568	3,425,211	3,121,024	3,724,333	3,536,932	30,716,417
	1939-40	3,328,302	4,069,507	3,236,247	3,538,780	2,559,066	3,033,594							

(a) Including 742 lb. exported from Northern Territory.

16. EXPORTS OF PORK - COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.

Table XVI. Publication of this table showing exports of pork from Australia, according to countries of destination, has been discontinued until further notice.

17. BACON AND HAM PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT.

During the past ten years the production of bacon and ham in Australia has fluctuated between 68 million and 78 million lb. This quantity is sufficient for local requirements and provides a small quantity for export. The latter has averaged slightly more than 1½ million lb. annually and is consigned chiefly to the Pacific Islands and the East. Particulars of the production, consumption and exports of bacon and ham in recent years are shown in Table XVII below.

TABLE XVII.

PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTS OF BACON AND HAM, AUSTRALIA
1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	per head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
1933-34	71,490,279	69,825,778	10.74	1,664,501	2.33
1934-35	71,004,663	69,442,165	10.59	1,562,498	2.21
1935-36	77,655,178	75,953,603	11.50	1,701,575	2.19
1936-37	73,677,083	71,924,565	10.57	1,752,518	2.41
1937-38	70,340,190	68,661,349	10.00	1,675,969	2.45
1938-39	(a)	(a)	(a)	1,742,972	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

18. EGGS - EXPORTS.

Owing to the difficulties associated with the collection of statistics of poultry it is not possible to obtain particulars of the production of eggs in Australia. Efforts are being made to obtain more detailed information concerning the industry but at the present time statistics of the overseas trade in eggs are the only available indication of the output of the industry in Australia. These particulars are shown in Table XVIII below.

TABLE XVIII.

EXPORTS OF EGGS IN SHELL AND EGG-CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Year	Eggs in Shell		Egg-Contents	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	dozen	£.	lb.	£.
1934-35	21,716,740	1,145,254	(a)	3,479
1935-36	17,365,132	910,892	290,612	7,170
1936-37	15,459,027	954,578	652,958	19,756
1937-38	11,287,363	686,713	426,320	16,926
1938-39	10,144,337	602,149	654,950	23,252

(a) Not available.

/ Table XIX.

Table XIX. below shows the Monthly exports of Eggs and Egg-Contents for 1937-38, 1938-39 and 1939-40.

TABLE XIX.

MONTHLY EXPORTS OF EGGS IN SHELL AND EGG-CONTENTS.
AUSTRALIA 1937-38 TO 1939-40.

Month	Eggs in Shell			Egg-Contents		
	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	dozen	dozen	dozen	lb.	lb.	lb.
July ..	4,405	291,289	69,084	-	54,080	-
August ..	1,199,550	1,135,960	749,940	-	22,400	-
September	3,644,331	3,078,089	2,536,734	-	29,512	-
October..	3,282,414	3,089,829	2,522,000	-	107,594	-
November	2,603,558	1,932,993	2,590,760	-	102,612	-
December	514,339	571,320	1,453,485	-	82,952	280
January..	3,930	11,032		-	99,284	
February	7,815	5,022		-	11,564	
March ..	5,375	6,865		43,680	61,752	
April ..	8,625	6,273		80,160	9,176	
May ..	5,790	8,785		55,440	74,024	
June ..	7,331	6,250		247,040	-	
TOTAL:	11,287,363	10,144,337		428,320	654,950	