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1. PRODUCTION OF MILK.

Particulars of the production and consumption of milk in Australia for the five years ended 1939-40 were shown in the June, 1941 issue of this Summary (See Vol. 4 No. 12). Data for the year 1940-41 will be further reviewed in the corresponding issue of 1942.

2. PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - AUSTRALIA.

Table I. below shows the monthly production of butter in factories in Australia, for each month from July, 1937 to December, 1941. The annual output of farm butter is also shown.

The output of factory butter for the six months ended December, 1941 was 75,945 cwt. or 4.1 per cent. less than that recorded for the corresponding period of 1940, and is the lowest recorded since 1937-38. This decline is attributed to unfavourable seasonal conditions in the States of New South Wales and Queensland, and to some diversion of milk to manufacture of cheese to supply the contract with the British Government.

TABLE I.
PRODUCTION OF BUTTER IN FACTORIES AND ON FARMS : AUSTRALIA.

Month	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41(a)	1941-42(a)
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
July ..	157,374	188,303	243,021	201,754	200,028
August ..	191,180	232,874	278,804	234,850	220,544
September ..	272,675	310,618	342,145	291,546	283,240
October ..	361,363	409,710	425,185	355,009	344,502
November ..	441,245	451,216	462,261	344,755	352,082
December ..	453,062	414,230	474,408	405,581	357,154
Total 6 Months:	1,876,899	2,006,951	2,225,824	1,833,495	1,757,550
January ..	407,991	317,427	441,905	434,972	
February ..	370,079	316,299	371,549	375,883	
March ..	325,605	354,559	335,608	342,056	
April ..	266,661	331,646	288,015	284,739	
May ..	218,823	311,344	230,695	237,144	
June ..	192,152	257,440	180,144	193,840	
Factory Total:	3,658,210	3,895,666	4,073,740	3,702,129	
Made on Farms:	183,412	174,283	166,013	175,000	
GRAND TOTAL:	3,841,622	4,069,949	4,239,753	3,877,129	

(a) Subject to revision.

3. FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER : STATES.

In Table II, Monthly and Annual figures for factory production are shown, by States, for each of the two years ended June 1940 and 1941, and for the first six months of 1941-42.

Production of butter in the six months ended December, 1941, compared with the same period of 1940, showed a decline in the States of New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania. The reduction in output of these States was greater than the increase recorded for the remaining States.

The decrease in New South Wales amounted to 44,200 cwt. or 11.2 per cent; in Queensland 62,900 cwt. or 15.7 per cent. and in Tasmania 1,400 cwt. or 3.1 per cent. or a total drop of 108,500 cwt.

The increase in production recorded in Victoria amounted to 6,300 cwt. or nearly 1 per cent; in South Australia 11,500 cwt. or 11.2 per cent. and in Western Australia 14,700 cwt. or 11.6 per cent. or a total increase of 32,500 cwt.

The net result was, as previously mentioned, a decline for Australia of 76,000 cwt. or 4.1 per cent.

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TABLE II.
MONTHLY FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER : STATES
1939-40 TO 1941-42.

State	Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total Year
		cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales	1939-40	58,791	56,742	55,492	90,755	120,140	123,408	112,761	94,661	85,376	81,833	65,053	45,165	1,000,177
	1940-41	45,065	45,015	57,618	71,322	73,078	101,473	129,040	114,162	104,845	77,515	60,320	46,281	925,734
	1941-42	41,000	41,408	52,230	67,006	70,847	76,854	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria	1939-40	79,359	109,468	148,908	194,905	200,799	183,153	147,318	107,233	84,323	70,723	64,293	49,589	1,440,081
	1940-41	68,170	99,400	135,608	177,911	170,764	153,652	132,680	108,080	97,603	86,922	76,894	62,178	1,369,870
	1941-42	69,201	91,078	133,900	174,615	177,016	165,977	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queensland	1939-40	79,168	79,731	84,463	88,614	90,065	120,688	143,678	142,912	146,660	120,180	86,272	65,710	1,248,171
	1940-41	65,696	59,428	57,500	55,269	54,265	108,919	140,318	133,416	121,941	103,532	80,323	64,063	1,045,270
	1941-42	62,630	54,028	50,471	50,174	53,425	67,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Australia	1939-40	13,889	17,260	22,442	22,081	18,388	17,794	14,744	12,279	9,405	8,077	9,019	11,790	177,168
	1940-41	12,116	16,082	19,148	19,134	15,973	14,817	13,188	9,202	9,999	10,637	11,671	11,685	163,652
	1941-42	13,249	16,303	22,087	21,170	18,966	17,035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Australia	1939-40	9,717	12,802	15,681	19,483	19,310	15,047	10,229	5,649	4,014	3,364	4,014	5,709	125,019
	1940-41	9,303	12,943	16,268	20,818	18,555	13,527	8,948	4,803	3,444	3,336	5,546	8,258	125,649
	1941-42	12,676	15,636	19,366	22,152	19,887	16,283	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tasmania	1939-40	2,077	2,801	5,159	9,347	13,559	14,318	13,175	8,815	5,830	3,818	2,044	2,181	83,124
	1940-41	1,404	2,082	5,404	10,555	12,120	13,193	10,790	6,220	4,224	2,797	1,790	1,375	71,954
	1941-42	1,272	2,041	5,186	8,385	11,939	13,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMMONWEALTH TOTAL:	1939-40	243,021	278,804	342,145	425,185	462,261	474,408	441,905	371,549	335,608	288,015	230,695	180,144	4,073,740
	1940-41	201,754	234,850	291,546	355,009	344,755	406,581	434,972	375,883	342,056	284,739	237,144	193,840	3,702,129
	1941-42	200,028	220,544	283,240	344,502	352,082	357,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

4. EXPORTS OF BUTTER : STATES.
5. EXPORTS OF BUTTER : COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.
6. IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Publication of Tables III, IV. and V. showing the above information has been discontinued until further notice.

7. STOCKS OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE.

The quantities of butter held by Great Britain in cold storage were shown by months up to August, 1939 (See Summary No. 3, Vol. 4). Later details are not available for publication.

8. BUTTER PRICES.

(i) Wholesale Price in Australia: Under the Commonwealth equalization scheme, which operates in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, the wholesale price of butter for local use was fixed at 140s. per cwt. or 1s.3d. per lb. in May, 1934. This price was sustained until 28th June, 1937, when it was increased to 149s.4d. per cwt. or 1s.4d. per lb. On 8th June, 1938 the price was further increased to 158s.8d. per cwt. or 1s.5d. per lb. and remained at that level until 6th March, 1942 when the Prices Commissioner fixed the maximum wholesale price of butter at 9d. per lb. above that previously existing. This brings the wholesale price to 166s.10d. per cwt. or 1s.5½d. per lb. throughout the above States.

The price of butter is fixed in South Australia and Western Australia under the equalization scheme operating in each State. These prices vary slightly from those fixed under the scheme for the eastern States. The increase of 9d. per lb. referred to above is effective in these States from the same date.

(ii) Equalization Rate: 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 VI. below.

TABLE VI.
AVERAGE EQUALIZATION RATE FOR BUTTER SOLD : 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

(Source : Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalization Committee Limited)

Month	1937-38		1938-39		1939-40		1940-41		1941-42	
	per cwt.	s. d.	per cwt.	s. d.	per cwt.	s. d.	per cwt.	s. d.	per cwt.	s. d.
July	146. 4	..	147. 9	..	143. 6	..	148. 0	..	147. 6	..
August	148.10	..	145. 2	..	143.10	..	145. 9	..	145. 9	..
September	148.10	..	135.10	..	140. 1	..	143. 7	..	143. 4	..
October	135. 6	..	133. 6	..	140. 6	..	141. 6	..	141. 1(a)	..
November	132. 2	..	140. 5	..	139. 0	..	142. 0	..	138.10(a)	..
December	132. 7	..	141. 9	..	139. 4	..	141. 2	..	139. 9(a)	..
January	137. 7	..	141.11	..	139.11	..	139.11	..	142. 6(a)	..
February	144. 1	..	140. 6	..	141. 2	..	141. 4	..		..
March	141.10	..	139.11	..	143. 6	..	142. 6	..		..
April	142.10	..	139.11	..	144.10	..	143.11	..		..
May	142.10	..	139. 1	..	146. 8	..	146. 4	..		..
June	146. 9	..	141. 1	..	148. 8	..	147. 6	..		..
Weighted Average:	136. 6		136. 3½		141.10½		143. 1(b)			

(a) Interim Price.

(b) Subject to revision.

(iii) Australian Butter in London: Prices in London are given in Table VII. below by months during recent years. Until September, 1939, 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. The price quoted since September, 1939 represents the price fixed under the contract between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Australia for choicest butter.

TABLE VII.
AVERAGE PRICE PER CWT. OF AUSTRALIAN CHOICEST BUTTER IN LONDON
(With F.O.B. Equivalents in Australian Currency)

Month	1936-37		1937-38		1938-39		1939-40		1940-41-42	
	Aus- tralia (£)		Aus- tralia (£)		Aus- tralia (£)		Aus- tralia (£)		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	113	126	112	126	120	135	114	(a)127	(c)110	(b)137
August	115	132	116	130	118	132	110	(a)123	(c)110	(b)137
September	108	120	119	134	116	130	120	(a)135	(c)110	(b)137
October	100	111	139	158	111	124	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
November	108	120	130	147	104	115	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
December	98	108	111	124	107	119	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
January	94	103	109	122	120	134	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
February	86	94	111	124	118	132	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
March	97	107	117	131	115	128	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
April	104	116	124	140	113	126	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
May	106	118	127	143	107	119	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137
June	108	120	120	135	113	126	(c)110	(b)137	(c)110	(b)137

(a) Sydney and Melbourne.

(b) Equivalent of contract price.

(c) Contract price.

Equivalent under pre-war conditions would be 122s. stg. (Contract price)

(iv) Contract Prices: Since September 1939, the price of Australian butter sold to the United Kingdom has been fixed in accordance with the terms of the several contracts between the two Governments. These prices are shown in the following table.

BUTTER - CONTRACT PRICES, F.O.B. : AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Grade	Sterling		Australian Currency	
	per cwt. s. d.		per cwt. s. d.	
Choicest	109.	9	137.	2½
First Grade	108.	6	135.	7½
Second Grade	104.	11	131.	1¼(a)
Pasture	102.	0	127.	6 (a)

(a) Not applicable under third contract.

The first contract negotiated between the two Governments was for the period 13th November, 1939 to 30th June, 1940. The quantity contracted to be sold was 75,500 tons which, on an annual basis, was the equivalent of 94,500 tons. The second contract which was for the year ended June, 1941, extended the quantity of 100,000 tons. The third contract for the year ended June, 1942 reduced this quantity and restricted the grades to Choicest and First quality only. Because of this reduction and the increased requirements under the Cheese contract, a certain proportion of milk used for production of butter fat will be diverted to the manufacture of cheese and condensed and powdered milk.

9. PRODUCTION OF CHEESE.

The development of the cheese industry in Australia within recent years has been due to the expansion which has occurred in Victoria and South Australia supplemented by increases recorded in Western Australia and Tasmania. Formerly Queensland was the chief producer but the production of this State, as in New South Wales, has shown no marked expansion as recorded in the other States.

The output of factory cheese for the six months ended December, 1941, shows an increase of 38,049 cwt. or 11.9 per cent. on that recorded for same period of the previous year but it is about 38,800 cwt. or 10 per cent. below the output recorded in those six months of 1939.

A comparison of production by States for the six months ended December, 1941 with that of 1940 reveals that increases occurred in Victoria (22,900 cwt. or 21 per cent.), Queensland (2,700 cwt. or 5½ per cent.), South Australia (10,200 cwt. or 9 per cent.) and Western Australia (2,860 cwt. or 41 per cent.). In New South Wales and Tasmania production remained practically unaltered.

Table VIII. below shows the monthly production of cheese in factories and the annual output of farm cheese, in Australia, for each of the years indicated and for the first six months of 1941-42. In addition, details of the monthly output by factories are shown by States in Table IX.

TABLE VIII.
PRODUCTION OF CHEESE IN FACTORIES AND ON FARM : AUSTRALIA.

Month	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41(a)	1941-42(a)
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
July ..	30,339	43,083	32,399	32,871
August ..	39,016	53,405	43,093	44,067
September ..	56,411	62,308	55,277	61,661
October ..	80,549	80,115	69,253	77,536
November ..	79,796	80,730	62,861	76,079
December ..	39,247	77,214	57,100	65,838
Total Six Months:	355,362	396,855	320,003	358,052
January ..	44,239	57,729	51,358	
February ..	34,302	41,849	38,779	
March ..	36,531	35,625	36,365	
April ..	33,114	28,342	31,756	
May ..	37,978	28,205	31,831	
June ..	37,953	29,722	28,566	
Factory Total:	579,519	618,397	536,688	
Made on Farms:	6,605	3,677	3,750	
GRAND TOTAL:	586,124	623,074	542,408	

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE IX.
MONTHLY FACTORY PRODUCTION OF CHEESE, STATES.

1939-40 TO 1941-42.

State	Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total Year
		cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales ..	1939-40	3,825	3,791	4,569	7,029	9,047	7,869	6,500	4,678	3,433	2,901	3,000	2,571	59,233
	1940-41	2,448	2,808	3,603	5,527	5,137	6,215	8,197	6,412	5,818	4,076	3,445	2,755	56,441
	1941-42	2,522	2,777	3,727	5,405	5,678	5,016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria ..	1939-40	12,901	18,356	21,331	30,617	32,568	30,024	21,028	13,901	11,492	8,656	8,190	8,612	217,676
	1940-41	7,679	12,631	18,519	25,357	24,276	19,754	14,193	10,251	9,774	8,564	8,711	7,241	166,950
	1941-42	8,600	12,026	21,921	30,217	31,593	27,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queensland ..	1939-40	8,952	11,099	11,906	11,716	9,636	11,980	11,674	9,877	10,790	8,889	7,744	8,318	123,583
	1940-41	8,901	8,951	8,221	7,525	5,729	9,834	12,318	10,515	8,751	6,437	8,146	7,410	104,738
	1941-42	8,722	9,795	9,527	8,835	7,705	7,278	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Australia ..	1939-40	15,251	17,678	20,597	25,504	23,826	21,463	15,076	10,992	8,004	7,691	8,236	9,163	183,481
	1940-41	11,973	15,876	20,714	25,509	22,374	15,447	13,064	9,202	10,123	9,454	10,427	9,830	174,153
	1941-42	11,773	16,225	22,019	27,316	25,032	19,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Australia ..	1939-40	261	695	1,206	1,676	1,635	967	326	169	120	89	142	239	7,525
	1940-41	505	1,041	1,461	1,684	1,347	939	461	167	113	109	209	437	8,473
	1941-42	961	1,458	1,788	2,192	2,053	1,388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tasmania (a) ..	1939-40	893	1,786	2,679	3,571	4,018	4,911	3,125	2,232	1,786	1,116	893	889	27,899
	1940-41	893	1,786	2,679	3,571	4,018	4,911	3,125	2,232	1,786	1,116	893	893	27,903
	1941-42	893	1,786	2,679	3,571	4,018	4,911	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>COMMONWEALTH TOTAL:</u>	1939-40	43,083	53,405	62,308	80,115	80,730	77,214	57,729	41,849	35,625	29,342	26,205	29,792	619,397
	1940-41	32,399	43,093	55,277	66,253	62,881	57,100	51,358	38,779	36,365	31,756	31,831	28,566	538,658
	1941-42	32,871	44,067	61,661	77,536	76,079	65,838	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Estimated.

10. EXPORTS OF CHEESE : STATES.

11. EXPORTS OF CHEESE : COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.

12. IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Publication of Tables X, XI, XII. showing the above information has been discontinued until further notice.

13. CHEESE PRICES.

(i) Wholesale Price in Australia: Under the stabilization scheme which operates in all States excepting Western Australia, 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 9d. per lb. The wholesale price was further increased by ½d. to 10d. per lb. in June, 1937, and by a further ½d. to 10½d. per lb. in June, 1938. On 6th March, 1942 the Prices Commissioner authorized an increase of 1½d. per lb. throughout Australia. This brings the maximum wholesale price at which cheese may be sold to 12.0d. per lb. in all States excepting Western Australia.

(ii) Equalization Rate: The average prices realized during recent 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 EQUALIZATION RATE OF CHEESE SOLD 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

(Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalization Committee Limited).

Month	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.
July ..	9.10	8.02	7.71	8.69	8.03
August ..	8.96	8.69	8.18	8.36	8.92
September ..	8.51	8.27	8.11	8.09	8.70
October ..	8.02	8.07	8.18	8.03	8.69
November ..	7.95	7.89	7.91	7.98	8.63(a)
December ..	7.95	7.70	7.96	8.07	8.60(a)
January ..	7.94	7.12	8.09	8.21	8.60(a)
February ..	8.21	7.69	8.22	8.38	
March ..	8.43	7.71	8.40	8.54	
April ..	8.53	7.88	8.57	8.44	
May ..	8.50	8.27	8.60	8.60	
June ..	8.79	8.20	8.58	8.70	
Weighted Average:	8.05	7.68	8.17	8.30(b)	

(a) Interim Price.

(b) Subject to revision.

(iii) Contract Prices: As in the case of butter, contracts have been negotiated between the Governments of the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom for the sale of cheese. The prices so fixed are shown in the following table:-

CHEESE - CONTRACT PRICES, F.O.B. AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Grade	September 1939 to June 1941		July 1941 to June 1942	
	Sterling	Australian	Sterling	Australian
	per cwt. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
Choicest and First	61. 3	76. 7	67. 0	83. 9
Second ..	59. 3	74. 1	65. 0	81. 3
Third ..	57. 3	71. 7	63. 0	78. 9

The quantity involved under the first contract, which was for the period September, 1939 to June, 1940, amounted to 13,000 tons. This was increased to 20,000 tons by the 1940-41 contract and to 40,000 tons or more by the 1941-42 contract.

14. PORK PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION : AUSTRALIA.

A substantial 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 considerable 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 : 1931-32 TO 1940-41.

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	Per Head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
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	54,572,573	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	68,492,620	10.06	26,816,453	28.14
1937-38 ..	86,003,488	52,044,818	7.58	33,958,412	39.49
1938-39 ..	82,854,365	52,169,753	7.53	30,716,417	37.07
1939-40 ..	97,556,063	45,353,242	6.48	52,202,821	53.51
1940-41 ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	74,889,552	(a)
1940-41 - Six months:	(a)	(a)	(a)	30,743,870	(a)
1941-42 - Six Months:	(a)	(a)	(a)	25,407,736	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

15. EXPORTS OF PORK : STATES.

Table XV.: Publication of this table showing exports of pork by States has been discontinued until further notice.

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. In pre-war years the latter averaged slightly more than 1½ million lb. annually and was consigned chiefly to the Pacific Islands and the East.

Since the outbreak of war in September, 1939, exports have shown a considerable expansion, reaching the record quantity of 6.7 million lb. in 1940-41. During the years 1917-18 and 1918-19 of the previous world war exports exceeded 5 million lb. but thereafter the quantity declined to remain at the average figure of about 1½ million lb. mentioned above.

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 1940-41.

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	Per Head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
1933-34 ..	71,450,279	69,495,818	10.44	1,664,501	2.33
1934-35 ..	71,004,663	68,523,450	10.22	1,562,498	2.20
1935-36 ..	77,655,178	75,565,065	11.19	1,701,575	2.19
1936-37 ..	72,629,604	70,877,086	10.42	1,752,518	2.38
1937-38 ..	70,340,190	68,198,109	9.94	1,675,969	2.38
1938-39 ..	74,453,983	72,352,774	10.44	1,739,053	2.34
1939-40 ..	77,277,645	72,451,350	10.36	4,247,554	5.50
1940-41 ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	6,676,900	(a)
1940-41 - Six Months:	(a)	(a)	(a)	2,521,666	(a)
1941-42 - Six Months:	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,599,823	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

18. EGGS : EXPORTS.

(i) Production: At the meeting of the Australian Agricultural Council held in August, 1940, plans for the development of the poultry industry were included among its recommendations. This expansion was to be directed towards the wheatgrowing areas as a means of diversifying the wheat industry and, in addition, to stimulate production of eggs for export to the United Kingdom to replace supplies previously obtained from Europe.

On account of the shortage of refrigerated shipping space, plans have been made to reduce the export of eggs in the shell by the substitution of powdered egg. Plant for the drying of eggs has been erected in New South Wales and Victoria and exports from these States during 1941-42 will be in that form. In Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia similar plant will be in operation for the year 1942-43. In the meantime, exports from these States will be made as in the shell.

(ii) 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 1940-41.

Year	Eggs in Shell		Egg-Contents	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	dozen	£.	lb.	£.
1934-35 ..	21,718,740	1,148,254	(a)	3,479
1935-36 ..	17,365,132	910,892	290,612	7,170
1936-37 ..	15,459,027	954,578	652,856	19,756
1937-38 ..	11,287,363	686,713	426,320	16,926
1938-39 ..	10,144,344	638,159	650,470	23,065
1939-40 ..	10,279,346	597,854	560	18
1940-41 ..	17,881,732	1,122,758	1,095,356	45,354
1940-41-6 Months:	14,961,160	935,136	161,440	8,422
1941-42-6 Months:	4,670,761	295,365	779,663	164,084

(a) Not available.

Table XIX: Publication of this table showing the monthly exports of eggs and egg-contents has been discontinued until further notice.

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