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1. PRODUCTION OF MILK

The recorded production of milk in Australia during the past five years has averaged 1,125 million gallons per annum. Of this quantity, 912 million gallons (or 81.0 per cent.) was used in the manufacture of butter, 40 million gallons (or 3.5 per cent.) in the manufacture of cheese, 21 million gallons (or 1.9 per cent.) in the manufacture of condensed etc. and powdered milk, and the balance of 152 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 152 million gallons shown above, this would give an average quantity of 22½ gallons consumed per head of population per annum or approximately ½ pint per diem.

2. PRODUCTION OF BUTTER

The production of butter in Australia for the year ended June, 1938, amounted to 3.9 million cwt. This shows an increase of 331,000 cwt. or 10 per cent. on that of the previous year, but it is 342,000 cwt. or 8 per cent. below the maximum output of 4.2 million cwt. attained in 1934-35. Table I below gives particulars of the output of factory butter and of the output of farm butter in Australia during each month of the past four years, with additional figures for the current season to date. It will be noted that farm butter has averaged only 200,000 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	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38(a)	1938-39(a)
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
July ..	172,580	165,020	154,940	156,951	188,303
August ..	214,560	202,160	201,260	190,757	232,871
September	295,800	267,960	271,500	272,252	309,901
October..	423,960	420,480	349,260	360,940	
November	479,620	470,400	340,400	440,822	
December	506,160	434,500	331,560	452,638	
January..	486,860	431,620	381,200	407,567	
February	397,820	356,320	320,620	369,654	
March ..	358,680	321,020	333,200	325,180	
April ..	277,620	256,860	275,000	266,236	
May ..	213,140	185,560	208,820	218,397	
June ..	163,920	155,840	157,660	191,724	
Factory Total	3,990,720	3,667,740	3,325,420	3,653,118	
Made on Farms	204,759	204,786	196,420	200,000	
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	4,195,479	3,872,526	3,521,840	3,853,118	

(a) Subject to revision

Table II below shows the monthly and annual figures for factory production of butter in the various States for the two years 1936-37 and 1937-38, with the latest available figures for 1938-39.

Compared with production in the previous season the New South Wales output for the three months ended September amounted to 144,985 cwt., an increase of just over 1 per cent. In Victoria production during the first quarter of 1938-39 declined by 5 per cent. to 225,410 cwt. For the three months ended September, the production in Queensland amounted to 263,514 cwt., an increase of 75 per cent. on the output for the corresponding quarter of 1937-38. Compared with the first quarter of 1937-38, small increases were recorded in the remaining States, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. The combined output for the quarter amounted to 90,517 cwt., or 12 per cent. of the Commonwealth total.

Largely owing to the greatly increased output in Queensland the total production for the Commonwealth amounted to 731,075 cwt. or approximately 12 per cent. more than in the corresponding quarter of last season.

TABLE II

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3. EXPORTS OF BUTTER FROM AUSTRALIA

Particulars of the quantities of butter exported from Australia to principal countries for the five years ended 1937-38 were given in Volume I, No.10 but considerations of space preclude their repetition.

In Table III below, details are given of Monthly and Annual exports of butter from each State for the years 1936-37 and 1937-38 with additional figures for the current season to date.

Exports from New South Wales during the three months ended September totalled 13,284 cwt. compared with 8,095 cwt. shipped in the corresponding months of 1937-38.

A decline in shipments recorded for the month of August followed by an increase in September was in agreement with the seasonal trend exhibited in the preceding two years.

Shipments from Victoria also increased during the first quarter of 1938-39. The quantity exported amounted to 61,138 cwts. which represented an increase of 45 per cent on the quantity exported during the first quarter of 1937-38. Shipments in 1938-39 increased in volume during each month of the quarter.

Exports from Queensland for the three months ended September reflected the marked increase in production in that State. Shipments totalled 226,057 cwts., an increase of approximately 74 per cent. on the corresponding figure for the previous season.

Increased shipments compared with the previous season were also recorded by South Australia and Western Australia, the 18,551 cwts. exported by the former representing an increase of 10 per cent., while the 10,859 cwts. exported by the latter represented an increase of 28 per cent.

From the Commonwealth as a whole, shipments during the quarter ended September totalled 329,889 cwts. compared with 117,724 cwts. shipped in the corresponding period of 1937-38, an increase of 180 per cent.

In contrast to the preceding two seasons when exports declined in August, shipments expanded during each month of the current season.

TABLE III

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Monthly Exports - Countries of Destination.

Australian butter shipments indicating countries of destination are shown in Table IV below.

During the three months ended September, Commonwealth shipments of butter to the United Kingdom amounted to 309,130 cwt. or 123 per cent. more than in the corresponding period of last year. Shipments during each month of the quarter showed marked increases over the corresponding months of the previous season, and a steady upward trend was maintained. Of Australia's total exports of butter for the quarter, 94 per cent. was consigned to the United Kingdom.

The Netherlands East Indies ranked next in importance to the United Kingdom with regard to butter consignments from Australia for the first quarter of 1938-39, but the quantity shipped to this destination constituted only 2½ per cent. of the total exports. The shipments to the Netherlands East Indies showed only a slight increase on the quantity exported during the first quarter of 1937-38.

TABLE IV.
MONTHLY EXPORTS OF BUTTER FROM AUSTRALIA -
COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.

Country to which exported	1938			Total Three Months July - September	
	July	August	September	1937-38	1938-39
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
United Kingdom ..	83,936	102,940	122,254	138,682	309,130
Ceylon ..	207	514	758	1,404	1,479
Hong Kong ..	655	409	275	1,845	1,339
India ..	144	199	209	475	552
Malaya (British) ..	543	629	756	2,127	1,928
Mauritius ..	96	79	67	301	242
New Guinea ..	80	248	109	424	437
Other British ..	531	882	621	1,056	2,034
Total British:	86,192	105,900	125,049	146,314	317,141
Percentage of Total:	95.6%	96.2%	96.5%	92.8%	96.1%
China ..	100	27	133	398	260
Egypt ..	302	615	886	952	1,803
Japan ..	-	-	-	39	-
Netherlands East Indies	2,878	2,885	2,911	8,378	8,674
New Caledonia ..	66	36	92	272	194
Panama ..	22	-	9	13	31
Philippines..	469	525	369	979	1,363
Siam ..	23	38	66	50	127
Other Foreign ..	119	84	93	329	296
Total Foreign:	3,979	4,210	4,559	11,410	12,748
Percentage of Total:	4.4%	3.8%	3.5%	7.2%	3.9%
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	90,171	110,110	129,608	157,724	329,889

4. IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Particulars of the quantities of butter imported into the United Kingdom for the five years ended 1937-38, together with countries of origin, were given in Volume I, No.10 but considerations of space preclude their repetition.

MONTHLY IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Imports of butter into the United Kingdom during September according to countries of origin are shown in Table V below, together with the totals for the three months ended September, 1937 and 1938.

For the quarter ended September, imports of butter into the United Kingdom totalled 2,480,452 cwt.s., an increase of 6.6 per cent. on the corresponding figure for the previous year.

Foreign supplies were chiefly responsible for the increase, with shipments totalling 1,462,761 cwt.s. or 123,804 cwt.s. in excess of the corresponding total in 1937-38. Imports from Denmark increased by nearly 16 per cent. while substantial increases were also shown in the imports from Latvia, Sweden and Lithuania.

Among the Empire Countries, Australia was the only supplier to record a substantial improvement on last year's figures. Supplies from this source totalled 265,185 cwt.s., representing an increase of about 38 per cent. Supplies from New Zealand, on the other hand, declined by 10 per cent.

TABLE V

MONTHLY IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Country of Origin	Month of		Three months ended	
	September 1937	September 1938	September 1937	September 1938
	cwt.s.	cwt.s.	cwt.s.	cwt.s.
Australia	30,065	113,145	192,694	265,185
New Zealand	196,581	154,653	616,606	552,656
Eire	44,445	45,177	169,864	164,384
South Africa	-	835	-	3,799
Other British	2,382	20,033	8,036	31,667
Total British:	273,473	333,843	987,200	1,017,691
Percentage of Total:	43.7%	44.9%	42.4%	41.0%
Soviet Union	31,925	-	187,562	-
Finland	8,947	15,262	41,663	60,960
Estonia	9,338	18,508	52,214	72,080
Latvia	11,607	47,661	53,708	139,728
Lithuania	23,650	26,959	83,459	101,499
Sweden	10,947	24,660	51,085	85,619
Denmark	181,484	191,650	588,863	685,776
Poland	6,921	7,301	42,230	54,388
Netherlands	59,397	61,694	213,737	223,828
Argentina	13	8,035	193	22,318
Other Foreign	8,353	7,202	24,243	16,565
Total Foreign:	352,582	408,932	1,338,957	1,462,761
Percentage of Total:	56.3%	55.1%	57.6%	59.0%
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	626,055	742,775	2,326,157	2,480,452

5. STOCKS OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE.

The importance of Great Britain as a market for Australian butter makes the stocks of butter held in cold storage by that country one of particular interest. The following table shows the quantities so held by Great Britain for each of the first nine months of each year from 1935.

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

Last period in month of	1935	1936	1937	1938
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
January..	235,516	187,449	440,609	202,410
February	233,163	215,224	396,625	192,064
March ..	236,846	192,133	338,101	267,770
April ..	278,227	199,751	303,098	328,545
May ..	460,169	321,062	385,564	449,855
June ..	523,998	422,022	451,613	516,502
July ..	627,721	481,837	478,655	685,049
August ..	532,458	497,874	476,983	649,635
September	415,628	505,728	297,459	587,640

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

6. PRICE OF BUTTER

According to a statement prepared by the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd., the average prices realized for factory-made butter produced in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, whether sold in Australia or abroad, were as shown in Table VII below.

TABLE VII
AVERAGE EQUALISATION RATE FOR BUTTER SOLD
1934-35 TO 1938-39

Month	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d
July ..	117. 6	134. 1	136. 1	146. 5	147. 9
August ..	115.10	136.11	130. 2	148.11	(a)148. 2
September	106. 0	128. 4	129. 7	148.10	(a)133. 7
October..	96.10	114. 8	125. 1	135. 6	(a)126. 0
November	101. 8	114. 0	118.10	132. 3	
December	102. 8	113. 2	115. 6	132. 7	
January..	92. 2	107. 7	120. 5	137. 7	
February	96. 1	112. 3	125. 6	144. 1	
March ..	103. 8	124. 0	129. 2	141.10	
April ..	114.10	133. 4	131. 6	142.10	
May ..	124. 5	135. 9	133. 9	142.10	
June ..	132. 0	135. 7	136. 0	146. 9	
Wtd. Averages	105. 0	120.11	126. 6	(b)	

(a) Interim Price

(b) Not yet available.

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. 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	1934-35		1935-36		1936-37		1937-38		1938-39	
	London	Aus- tralia (a)	London	Aus- tralia (a)	London	Aus- tralia (a)	London	Aus- tralia (a)	London	Aus- tralia (a)
	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 ..	69	73	88	96	113	126	112	126	120	135
August ..	75	80	94	103	118	132	116	130	118	132
September	72	76	110	123	108	120	119	134	116	130
October..	68	72	117	131	100	111	139	158	111	124
November	74	79	101	112	108	120	130	147		
December	71	75	89	97	98	108	111	124		
January..	81	88	94	103	94	103	109	122		
February	86	94	93	102	86	94	111	124		
March ..	73	78	84	91	97	107	117	131		
April ..	74	79	87	95	104	116	124	140		
May ..	77	83	94	103	106	118	127	143		
June ..	85	92	106	118	108	120	120	135		

(a) Sydney and Melbourne.

7. 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.

It will be noted that factory production of cheese increased by over 19 per cent. between the seasons of 1932-33 and 1936-37. The season 1935-36 saw a decline in production from 353,000 cwt. to 340,000 cwt. This decline corresponds to the decreased output of butter in that year and, as in the case of butter, was probably due to the less favourable season.

Farm production of cheese showed a considerable percentage increase between 1932-33 and 1936-37 but even in the latter year the quantity was negligible compared with the factory output. In 1936-37 cheese produced on farms amounted to 6,806 cwt., or only 1.7 per cent. of the total production.

TABLE IX
FACTORY AND FARM PRODUCTION OF CHEESE, AUSTRALIA - 1932-33 TO 1936-37

State	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales..	62,978	79,144	73,395	63,037	63,796
Victoria ..	81,016	72,947	88,881	96,412	116,434
Queensland ..	116,786	123,959	108,806	81,689	69,392
South Australia..	54,392	47,456	59,359	72,350	105,780
Western Australia	1,209	2,537	5,725	7,708	9,195
Tasmania ..	9,884	12,981	16,734	18,835	25,305
Total Factory:	326,265	339,024	352,900	340,031	389,902
Farm Cheese:	3,496	4,515	4,020	4,600	6,806
GRAND TOTAL:	329,761	343,539	356,920	344,631	396,708

8. EXPORTS OF CHEESE FROM AUSTRALIA

In Table X below, particulars are given of Monthly and Annual exports of cheese from each State for the years 1936-37 and 1937-38, with monthly figures for 1938-39 to date.

For the three months ended September, South Australian shipments of cheese totalled 26,003 cwt., which represented an increase of more than 200 per cent. on the exports for the corresponding period of last year.

Queensland increased its exports of cheese by more than 117 per cent. with shipments totalling 14,647 cwt. for the quarter. Shipments from Victoria also expanded during 1938-39, the increase amounting to 93 per cent. The only other State concerned in the export of cheese in the first quarter of 1938-39 was New South Wales which shipped 305 cwt. only, or less than 1 per cent. of the total shipments from the Commonwealth.

Shipments from Australia as a whole in the three months ended September 1939 amounted to 52,497 cwt., an increase of 30,637 cwt., or 140 per cent. on the exports for the corresponding period of last year.

TABLE X
MONTHLY EXPORTS OF CHEESE FROM AUSTRALIA - STATES
1936-37 TO 1938-39

State	Year	July	August	Sept- ember	Oct- ober	Nov- ember	Dec- ember	January	Feb- ruary	March	April	May	June	Total Year
		cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
New South Wales ..	1936-37	100	131	199	320	608	334	190	262	427	114	156	218	3,059
	1937-38	219	156	134	202	563	853	1,897	480	622	646	2,894	134	8,780
	1938-39	80	128	97										
Victoria ..	1936-37	622	246	340	1,738	6,419	6,268	7,072	6,279	3,327	4,035	2,275	1,451	40,072
	1937-38	1,460	1,436	3,086	4,156	12,036	14,488	17,316	10,636	11,957	3,475	8,030	4,527	92,603
	1938-39	2,903	4,455	4,184										
Queensland ..	1936-37	197	124	376	681	1,985	772	591	1,874	2,618	2,710	1,606	2,244	15,778
	1937-38	756	1,938	4,049	2,697	4,098	4,392	5,310	6,617	9,634	4,858	3,052	4,214	51,615
	1938-39	3,592	4,118	6,937										
South Australia ..	1936-37	1,238	874	2	11,843	9,643	14,583	9,408	4,664	5,416	3,693	1,837	1,883	65,084
	1937-38	1,133	2,235	5,257	13,726	9,354	14,255	7,600	10,759	8,484	2,572	7,681	7,374	90,430
	1938-39	5,289	9,323	11,391										
Western Australia	1936-37	-	-	-	-	-	333	-	-	-	-	-	-	333
	1937-38	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	1938-39	-	-	-										
Tasmania ..	1936-37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1937-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1938-39	-	-	-										
Commonwealth Total	1936-37	2,157	1,375	917	14,582	18,655	22,290	17,261	13,079	11,788	10,552	5,874	5,796	124,326
	1937-38	3,568	5,765	12,527	20,781	26,051	33,988	32,123	28,472	30,697	11,551	21,657	16,249	243,429
	1938-39	11,864	18,024	22,609										

9. IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Particulars of the quantities of cheese imported into the United Kingdom during the five years 1933-34 to 1937-38 according to countries of origin were given in Volume No.I, No.10.

Table XI below shows the imports of cheese into the United Kingdom for the month of September together with the totals for the three months ended September, 1937 and 1938.

Imports of cheese into the United Kingdom during the three months ended September amounted to 801,024 cwts., a decline of 4 per cent. on the imports during the corresponding period of last year.

Supplies from foreign sources increased by approximately 10,500 cwts., but the imports from Empire countries decreased by 44,500 cwts. This decline in Empire supplies resulted from reduced shipments from New Zealand and Canada. Although imports from Australia increased by 176 per cent. compared with last year, Australia's contribution was only 4 per cent. of the total cheese imports of the United Kingdom for the quarter. Of the total imports, 364,206 cwts. or 45 per cent. was supplied by New Zealand and 303,874 cwts. or 38 per cent by Canada.

The chief foreign suppliers were the Netherlands with 52,332 cwts. or 7 per cent. of the total imports, and Italy with 16,709 cwts. or 2 per cent.

TABLE XI
MONTHLY IMPORTS OF CHEESE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Country from which imported	Month of		Three Months ended	
	September 1937	September 1938	September 1937	September 1938
	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
Australia	5,138	10,775	11,887	32,796
New Zealand	119,106	109,904	394,300	364,206
Canada	116,201	120,759	348,189	303,874
Other British	2,232	4,390	6,493	15,485
Total British:	242,677	245,828	760,869	716,361
Percentage of Total:	90.6%	89.8%	91.1%	89.4%
Netherlands.. ..	14,760	15,703	45,397	52,332
Switzerland.. ..	2,268	1,811	6,205	5,664
Italy	5,354	7,065	13,840	16,709
Other Foreign	2,747	3,397	8,746	9,958
Total Foreign:	25,129	27,976	74,188	84,663
Percentage of Total:	9.4%	10.2%	8.9%	10.6%
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	267,806	273,804	835,057	801,024

10. PRICE OF CHEESE

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., at which figure it still stands.

According to a statement prepared by the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd., the average prices realized during the last three 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 XII
AVERAGE EQUALISATION RATE OF CHEESE SOLD
1934-35 TO 1938-39

Month	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.
July ..	6.81	9.15	9.10	9.10	9.02
August ..	6.51	8.06	8.98	8.96	(a) 8.37
September	6.45	7.74	8.64	8.51	(a) 8.11
October..	5.89	7.48	8.14	8.01	
November	5.83	7.38	7.41	7.95	
December	5.74	7.23	7.23	7.95	
January..	5.94	7.04	7.56	7.94	
February	5.63	7.42	8.13	8.21	
March ..	6.08	7.75	8.55	8.43	
April ..	6.66	8.38	8.77	8.53	
May ..	7.68	8.48	8.69	8.50	
June ..	7.86	8.90	8.76	8.79	
Wtd. Average:	6.29	7.80	8.22	(b)	

(a) Interim Price.

(b) Not yet available.

11. PORK PRODUCTION AND EXPORT

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 XIII
PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT OF PORK, AUSTRALIA - 1928-29 TO 1936-37

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	per head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
1928-29	32,721,871	39,562,896	6.24	199,336	0.50
1929-30	39,432,504	38,500,207	6.00	932,297	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	63,492,630	10.06	26,816,453	28.14
1937-38	(a)	(a)	(a)	33,958,670	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

EXPORTS OF PORK FROM AUSTRALIA

Monthly and Annual exports of pork are shown by States in Table XIV below for the years 1936-37, and 1937-38 together with monthly exports for 1938-39 to date.

For the three months ended September, 1938, exports of pork from New South Wales totalled 210,866 lb. or 31 per cent. more than in the corresponding period of last year. The increase resulted from larger shipments in the month of August as both the July and September shipments were considerably less than in the previous year. Shipments from Victoria declined considerably during the first quarter of 1937-38, totalling only 1,190,237 lb. or 942,972 lb. less than last year. The exports from Queensland amounted to 3,317,048 lb. and were approximately of the same dimensions as last year. Exports from the remaining States accounted for less than 5 per cent. of the total shipments for the quarter. Shipments from South Australia were 82,178 lb., and those from Western Australia 160,419 lb. Exports from Australia as a whole amounted to 5,042,597 lb. for the quarter ended September. This represents a decline of 14 per cent. on the 5,848,172 lb. exported in the corresponding period of last year.

1936-37 TO 1938-39

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12. BACON AND HAM PRODUCTION 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 XV below.

TABLE XV
PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTS OF BACON AND HAM, AUSTRALIA
1932-33 TO 1936-37

Year	Production	Consumption		Exports	
		Quantity	per head	Quantity	Percentage on Production
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	%
1932-33	68,365,534	66,767,428	10.35	1,598,106	2.34
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	71,940,965	10.57	1,736,118	2.41
1937-38	(a)	(a)	(a)	1,678,841	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

13. 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 XVI below.

TABLE XVI
EXPORT OF EGGS AND EGG-CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA
1933-34 TO 1937-38

Year	Eggs		Egg-Contents	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	dozen	£.	lb.	£.
1933-34	19,617,032	1,058,164	(a)	8,484
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	652,858	19,756
1937-38	11,287,362	686,711	447,920	17,954

(a) Not available.

Table XVII below shows the Monthly Exports of Eggs and Egg-Contents for 1935-36, 1936-37 and 1937-38.

TABLE XVII
MONTHLY EXPORTS OF EGGS IN SHELL AND EGG-CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA
1936-37 TO 1938-39

Month	Eggs			Egg-Contents		
	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
	dozen	dozen	dozen	lb.	lb.	lb.
July ..	166,190	4,401	291,289	87,120	-	54,086
August ..	1,720,868	1,199,550	1,135,960	61,498	-	22,600
September	3,384,655	3,644,234	3,078,086	95,428	-	22,512
October..	5,531,656	3,282,414		213,820	-	
November	3,817,794	2,603,558		137,732	-	
December	801,304	514,339		9,043	-	
January..	6,699	3,930		20,664	-	
February	3,021	7,815		22,625	-	
March ..	5,324	5,375		4,928	43,680	
April ..	5,682	8,625		-	80,160	
May ..	8,305	5,790		-	55,440	
June ..	7,529	7,331		-	268,640	
TOTAL:	15,459,027	11,287,362		652,858	447,920	