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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
MONTH OF JUNE, 1956 AND YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1956

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NOTE: The last full issue of this Bulletin (Vol. 18, No. 14) giving detailed statistics for the year ended December, 1955, was released on 7th April, 1956.

Whole Milk: Total milk production for the year ended June, 1956, is estimated at 1,405.0 million gallons. This is the highest annual output ever recorded. Compared with 1954-55, it was higher by 88.1 million gallons (6.7 per cent.). All States, except South Australia contributed to this increase. In New South Wales, production increased by 22.2 million gallons (7.1 per cent.), in Victoria by 45.3 million gallons (8.5 per cent.), in Queensland by 11.1 million gallons (4.1 per cent.) and in Tasmania by 8.9 million gallons (17.2 per cent.). In other States the variations were small.

Of the total production of 1,405.0 million gallons in 1955-56, 966.7 million gallons (68.8 per cent.) were used in butter making, 83.6 million gallons (5.9 per cent.) in cheese making, 72.7 million gallons (5.2 per cent.) in the manufacture of condensery products, and 282.0 million gallons (20.1 per cent.) for other purposes, principally as fluid milk for domestic purposes.

Butter: Factory production of butter in 1955-56, at 205,840 tons, was 17,648 tons (9.4 per cent.) higher than in 1954-55 and 49,723 tons (31.8 per cent.) higher than in 1953-54. It was the highest annual factory output ever recorded exceeding the previous record of 203,686 tons in 1939-40 by 2,154 tons (1.1 per cent.).

Cheese: For the year ended June, 1956, factory production of cheese at 38,571 tons was 6,521 tons (14.5 per cent.) lower than in 1954-55 and 10,472 tons (21.4 per cent.) lower than the record production achieved in 1953-54.

Condensery Products: In 1955-56 the production of condensery products, with the exception of powdered buttermilk and whey, was higher than production in the previous year. In terms of whole milk equivalent, the quantity produced in 1955-56, was 72.7 million gallons, which was 20.5 per cent. greater than in 1954-55, but 4.1 per cent. less than in 1953-54.

A brief summary is set out in Table 1 below, showing dairy production for 1955-56, in comparison with 1953-54 and 1954-55.

TABLE 1 - DAIRY PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA

Item		1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	Percentage Increase (+) or Decrease (-) 1955-56 on	
					1953-54	1954-55
Whole Milk (a)	'000					
	gals.	1,189,652	1,316,905	1,405,038	(+) 18.1	(+) 6.7
Factory Butter	tons	156,117	188,192	205,840	(+) 31.8	(+) 9.4
Factory Cheese	tons	49,043	45,092	38,571	(-) 21.4	(-) 14.5
Condensery Products						
(Whole Milk	'000					
equivalent)	gals	75,773	60,281	72,660	(-) 4.1	(+) 20.5

(a) Produced for all purposes.

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Further particulars relating to the production and utilization of whole milk and the production of butter, cheese and condensed, powdered, etc. milk products are given in the following tables.

TABLE 2 : WHOLE MILK : TOTAL PRODUCTION, STATES
('000 Gallons)

State	Year	Month of -						Year ended June
		January	Feb.	March	April	May	June	
New South Wales	1954	27,619	28,290	30,859	22,708	18,213	15,380	282,187
	1955	33,028	31,863	31,451	25,093	20,429	17,237	313,015
	1956	38,734	33,611	30,049	24,789	20,192	18,249	335,234
Victoria	1954	49,005	38,683	35,174	25,154	20,937	18,412	474,358
	1955	54,002	39,846	39,063	29,766	23,494	19,683	533,241
	1956	61,753	47,822	38,829	33,028	28,630	23,668	578,494
Queensland	1954	27,962	28,810	30,895	21,158	16,650	13,469	249,712
	1955	27,016	27,160	28,889	23,695	19,040	16,050	271,645
	1956	32,240	33,053	28,118	21,171	16,394	14,124	282,752
South Australia	1954	6,899	5,457	4,779	4,215	5,440	6,538	85,014
	1955	6,756	5,247	5,319	4,502	5,371	6,459	91,538
	1956	7,071	5,306	4,487	4,224	5,529	6,570	91,109
Western Australia	1954	3,788	2,378	1,927	1,914	2,669	3,755	49,996
	1955	3,365	2,203	2,234	2,256	3,310	4,258	54,720
	1956	3,970	2,336	2,155	2,220	3,304	4,376	55,578
Tasmania	1954	5,869	4,362	4,338	3,208	2,242	1,540	47,642
	1955	6,125	4,478	4,209	2,849	2,189	1,488	52,021
	1956	7,248	5,740	5,558	4,602	3,209	1,852	60,958
AUSTRALIA (a)	1954	121,204	108,042	108,034	78,419	66,213	59,155	1,189,652
	1955	130,365	110,852	111,227	88,217	73,884	65,229	1,316,905
	1956	151,095	127,942	109,271	90,107	77,627	68,900	1,405,038

(a) Includes estimates of production in the Australian Capital Territory.

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TABLE 3 : WHOLE MILK : PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION, AUSTRALIA
('000 Gallons)

Period	Year	Total Whole Milk Produced	Quantity of Milk Used for -			
			Butter (Factory and Farm)	Cheese (Factory and Farm)	Condensery Products	Other Purposes (a)
Month of - January	1954	121,204	80,092	10,952	7,797	22,363
	1955	130,365	92,493	8,826	6,139	22,907
	1956	151,095	111,908	8,005	7,805	23,377
February	1954	108,042	72,416	7,792	5,731	22,103
	1955	110,852	78,206	5,898	4,592	22,156
	1956	127,942	93,883	5,428	5,787	22,844
March	1954	108,034	72,922	6,705	5,347	23,060
	1955	111,227	78,422	5,310	3,976	23,519
	1956	109,271	74,743	5,015	5,221	24,292
April	1954	78,419	47,372	4,145	4,260	22,642
	1955	88,217	58,582	3,938	2,808	22,889
	1956	90,107	58,371	4,003	4,028	23,705
May	1954	66,213	36,734	3,623	3,041	22,815
	1955	73,884	45,040	3,434	2,432	22,978
	1956	77,627	46,841	3,589	3,578	23,619
June	1954	59,155	30,386	3,722	2,464	22,583
	1955	65,229	36,610	3,586	2,316	22,717
	1956	68,900	38,554	3,704	3,195	23,447
Year ended June	1954	1,189,652	737,474	105,870	75,773	270,535
	1955	1,316,905	886,037	97,348	60,281	273,239
	1956	1,405,038	966,737	83,606	72,660	282,035

(a) Principally fluid milk for domestic purposes.

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TABLE 4 : BUTTER : FACTORY PRODUCTION, STATES
(Tons of 2,240 lb.)

State	Year	Month of -						Year ended June
		January	Feb.	March	April	May	June	
New South Wales	1954	3,231	3,521	3,912	2,348	1,595	1,112	29,713
	1955	4,569	4,459	4,316	3,050	2,098	1,495	38,689
	1956	5,536	4,658	3,781	2,756	1,999	1,512	41,065
Victoria	1954	6,849	5,328	4,821	3,123	2,453	1,994	63,616
	1955	8,359	5,985	5,865	4,252	3,099	2,346	79,519
	1956	10,220	7,735	5,729	4,752	3,894	3,019	90,676
Queensland	1954	4,988	5,228	5,568	3,586	2,644	1,977	41,797
	1955	4,736	4,834	5,185	4,120	3,143	2,487	45,915
	1956	5,815	6,047	4,999	3,599	2,620	2,120	48,186
South Australia	1954	556	425	392	329	455	629	7,586
	1955	584	446	488	401	487	638	8,502
	1956	601	446	355	339	505	643	8,517
Western Australia	1954	436	180	89	89	228	444	6,142
	1955	387	153	149	147	352	549	7,183
	1956	496	179	100	126	347	577	7,427
Tasmania	1954	978	728	683	458	271	135	7,263
	1955	1,065	735	669	398	266	121	8,384
	1956	1,257	976	926	760	481	198	9,969
AUSTRALIA	1954	17,038	15,410	15,465	9,933	7,646	6,291	156,117
	1955	19,700	16,612	16,672	12,368	9,445	7,636	188,192
	1956	23,925	20,041	15,890	12,332	9,846	8,069	205,840

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TABLE 5 : CHEESE : FACTORY PRODUCTION, STATES
(Tons of 2,240 lb.)

State	Year	Month of -						Year ended June
		January	Feb.	March	April	May	June	
New South Wales	1954	310	274	291	199	108	65	3,210
	1955	244	244	263	217	137	106	2,509
	1956	431	366	365	282	169	151	3,390
Victoria	1954	2,895	2,010	1,656	937	550	491	25,977
	1955	2,069	1,299	1,134	795	513	364	20,214
	1956	1,292	862	1,015	903	666	487	13,945
Queensland	1954	687	640	753	502	394	347	6,746
	1955	775	635	635	547	439	453	7,924
	1956	819	716	586	371	272	297	7,497
South Australia	1954	1,039	616	334	224	543	733	11,612
	1955	923	507	389	228	449	681	13,103
	1956	1,044	492	269	212	483	715	12,636
Western Australia	1954	97	29	19	21	52	83	1,205
	1955	33	9	7	20	48	57	1,066
	1956	56	18	32	52	52	56	844
Tasmania	1954	47	34	31	18	14	-	293
	1955	43	30	23	6	-	-	276
	1956	42	33	28	22	11	-	259
AUSTRALIA	1954	5,075	3,603	3,084	1,901	1,661	1,719	49,043
	1955	4,087	2,724	2,451	1,813	1,586	1,661	45,092
	1956	3,684	2,487	2,295	1,842	1,653	1,706	38,571

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TABLE 6 : PRODUCTION OF CONDENSED, POWDERED ETC. MILK PRODUCTS : AUSTRALIA

(Tons of 2,240 lb.)

Period	Year	Full Cream Milk Products				Milk By-Products	
		Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened)	Concentrated Whole Milk (a)	Powdered Full Cream Milk	Infants' and Invalids' Foods (b)	Powdered Skim Milk	Powdered Butter-Milk and Whey
Month of - January	1954	3,545	2,425	2,063	1,117	2,214	661
	1955	4,032	1,313	1,624	960	2,754	458
	1956	4,985	1,396	1,968	946	3,849	455
February	1954	2,652	1,764	1,648	862	1,938	454
	1955	2,775	984	1,272	886	1,927	366
	1956	3,495	1,286	1,443	909	2,791	394
March	1954	2,662	1,672	1,457	962	1,561	438
	1955	2,558	888	974	1,047	1,575	358
	1956	2,859	1,615	939	995	1,696	284
April	1954	2,031	1,216	1,136	621	681	373
	1955	1,704	664	750	552	769	285
	1956	2,120	1,065	966	986	1,079	256
May	1954	1,578	485	681	727	465	258
	1955	1,137	558	724	944	456	264
	1956	1,902	641	900	1,038	1,204	230
June	1954	1,211	410	653	683	326	256
	1955	1,122	276	659	992	295	229
	1956	1,575	647	689	1,200	888	232
Year ended	1954	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	19,804	5,358
June	1955	38,333	11,618	15,409	11,326	23,206	5,200
	1956	44,978	14,780	17,408	13,125	30,335	4,586

(a) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture.

(b) Includes Milk Sugar, Malted Milk and a small quantity of non-fat Malted Milk.

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