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of

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TABLE I. MONTHLY FACTORY PRODUCTION OF BUTTER - STATES

(See Section 2 and Table II of March "Summary")

State	Year	Month of			Cumulative totals from 1st July to end of:-		
		February	March	April	February	March	April
		cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales	1937-38	125,175	110,815	81,139	736,306	847,121	928,260
	1938-39	96,659	108,366	106,073	639,514	747,880	853,953
Victoria	1937-38	91,929	84,946	61,723	982,101	1,067,047	1,128,770
	1938-39	61,375	73,286	80,330	812,739	886,025	966,355
Queensland	1937-38	126,566	105,564	104,561	641,774	747,338	851,899
	1938-39	137,193	152,618	127,180	900,228	1,052,846	1,180,026
South Australia	1937-38	11,314	11,150	8,687	128,937	140,087	148,774
	1938-39	8,689	9,311	9,460	116,280	125,591	135,051
Western Australia	1937-38	5,596	4,481	4,157	100,669	105,150	109,307
	1938-39	6,310	5,109	3,867	108,379	113,488	117,355
Tasmania	1937-38	9,074	8,224	5,969	61,794	70,018	75,987
	1938-39	6,052	5,812	4,685	63,268	69,080	73,765
<u>Australia:</u>	1937-38	369,654	325,180	266,236	2,651,581	2,976,761	3,242,997
	1938-39	316,278	354,502	331,595	2,640,408	2,994,910	3,326,505

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

(See Section 3 and Table III of March "Summary")

State	Month of -		Ten months ended	
	April 1938	April 1939	April 1938	April 1939
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
New South Wales	32,140	6,204	263,981	157,146
Victoria	32,937	15,780	666,433	496,084
Queensland	64,380	111,981	548,875	905,486
South Australia	3,957	2,591	72,426	57,427
Western Australia	76	106	32,096	36,430
Tasmania	1,698	428	7,036	9,391
<u>Australia:</u>	135,188	137,090	1,590,847	1,661,964

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

(See Section 3 and Table IV of March "Summary")

Country of Destination	Month of -		Ten months ended	
	April 1938	April 1939	April 1938	April 1939
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
United Kingdom ..	124,713	130,388	1,491,657	1,573,063
Ceylon ..	956	855	5,493	5,919
Hong Kong ..	475	161	7,361	4,694
India ..	251	214	2,070	2,035
Malaya (British) ..	1,958	1,578	11,849	12,079
Mauritius ..	57	77	962	1,098
New Guinea ..	78	74	1,338	1,480
Other British ..	482	121	16,554	7,152
Total British:	128,970	133,468	1,537,284	1,607,520
Percentage of Total:	95.4%	97.4%	96.6%	96.7%
China ..	379	370	2,006	2,321
Egypt ..	884	712	6,194	10,192
Japan ..	14	-	73	-
Netherlands East Indies ..	3,710	2,115	33,606	32,958
New Caledonia ..	109	31	746	622
Panama ..	30	-	173	169
Philippine Islands ..	853	292	8,929	6,584
Siam ..	89	55	563	626
Other Foreign ..	150	47	1,273	972
Total Foreign:	6,218	3,622	53,563	54,444
Percentage of Total:	4.6%	2.6%	3.4%	3.3%
GRAND TOTAL:	135,188	137,090	1,590,847	1,661,964

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

(See Section 4 and Table V of March "Summary")

Source: Trade and Navigation Accounts of the United Kingdom

Country of Origin	Month of		Ten months ended	
	April 1938	April 1939	April 1938	April 1939
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Australia ..	192,411	89,225	1,412,414	1,457,202
New Zealand ..	1,331	220,112	208,224	2,058,780
Eire ..	13,285	1,274	13,754	224,533
South Africa ..	268,453	11,349	2,480,767	37,706
Other British ..	748	23,532	53,349	143,091
Total British:	476,228	345,492	4,168,508	3,921,312
Percentage of Total:	54.6%	49.2%	53.4%	52.0%
Soviet Union ..	-	-	219,158	-
Finland ..	23,548	18,231	126,522	149,802
Estonia ..	14,220	12,786	141,179	143,143
Latvia ..	24,160	26,476	197,894	297,208
Lithuania ..	13,133	14,297	179,235	184,490
Sweden ..	21,968	16,861	189,364	193,388
Denmark ..	212,771	162,918	1,799,310	1,830,590
Poland ..	13,842	15,411	149,656	118,688
Netherlands ..	69,751	83,986	516,248	570,657
Argentina ..	14	4,793	37,408	91,839
Other Foreign ..	1,962	813	82,960	42,562
Total Foreign:	395,369	356,672	3,638,934	3,622,367
Percentage of Total:	45.4%	50.8%	46.6%	48.0%
GRAND TOTAL:	871,597	702,064	7,807,442	7,543,679

TABLE V. STOCKS (a) OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM

(See Section 5 and Table VI of March "Summary")
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 ..	235,156	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	367,770	394,411
April ..	278,227	199,751	303,098	328,545	392,810
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	
October ..	304,654	471,534	188,511	501,373	
November ..	221,608	415,520	215,229	429,039	
December ..	168,855	357,182	95,009	254,654	

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

TABLE VI. BUTTER PRICES

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

Quotation	1938			1939		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d	s. d
Average equalization rate for butter sold per cwt. ..	144. 1	141.10	142. 1	(a)140. 6	(a)140. 0	(a)130.10
London Top price of Australian Choicest Salted Butter (Ster- ling Currency) per cwt. ..	111. 0	117. 0	124. 0	118. 0	115. 0	113. 0
F.O.B. equivalent of London Price (Austra- lian Currency) per cwt.	124. 0	131. 0	140. 0	132. 0	128. 0	126. 0

(a) Interim price.

TABLE VII. MONTHLY EXPORTS OF CHEESE FROM AUSTRALIA

(See Section 8 and Table X of March "Summary")

Month	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
July ..	2,157	3,568	11,862
August ..	1,375	5,765	18,025
September ..	917	12,527	22,606
October ..	14,582	20,615	34,736
November ..	18,655	26,051	36,770
December ..	22,250	33,988	49,372
January ..	17,261	32,123	46,601
February ..	13,079	28,473	21,668
March ..	11,788	30,698	24,146
April ..	10,552	11,552	15,945
May ..	5,874	21,656	
June ..	5,796	16,248	
Twelve months ended June:	124,326	243,264	

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

(See Section 9 and Table XI of March "Summary")
Source: Trade and Navigation Accounts of the United Kingdom.

Country of Origin	Month of		Ten months ended	
	April 1938	April 1939	April 1938	April 1939
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Australia ..	23,205	31,494	149,162	252,261
New Zealand ..	169,267	151,939	1,408,844	1,321,051
Canada ..	3,024	866	659,577	600,733
Other British ..	302	9,575	18,285	57,989
Total British:	195,798	193,864	2,235,868	2,232,034
Percentage of Total:	87.4%	87.8%	89.1%	89.4%
Netherlands ..	18,779	14,651	173,167	153,148
Switzerland ..	1,121	1,998	16,601	15,574
Italy ..	5,328	6,513	53,449	61,772
Other Foreign ..	3,054	3,679	30,129	33,321
Total Foreign:	28,282	26,841	273,346	263,815
Percentage of Total:	12.6%	12.2%	10.9%	10.6%
GRAND TOTAL:	224,080	220,705	2,509,214	2,495,849

TABLE IX. EXPORTS OF PORK, BACON AND HAM AND EGGS FROM AUSTRALIA
(See Sections 11 to 13 of March "Summary")

Particulars	Month of		Ten months ended	
	April 1938	April 1939	April 1938	April 1939
PORK				
Quantity exported lb.	3,115,510	3,121,024	24,370,476	23,334,167
Value of exports f.	89,760	89,038	660,817	671,488
Declared value per lb.	6.9d	6.8d	6.5d	6.9d
BACON AND HAM				
Quantity exported lb.	100,081	79,601	1,386,426	1,482,631
Value of exports f.	7,665	5,319	100,534	102,770
Declared value per lb.	1s. 6.4d	1s. 4d	1s. 5.4d	1s. 4.6d
EGG CONTENTS				
Quantity exported lb.	80,160	9,176	123,840	580,926
Value of exports f.	2,839	382	4,487	21,582
Declared value per lb.	8.5d	10.0d	8.7d	8.9d
EGGS				
Quantity exported doz.	8,625	6,273	11,294,245	10,129,272
Value of exports f.	834	535	685,340	600,675
Declared value per doz.	1s. 11.2d	1s. 8.6d	1s. 2.6d	1s. 2.3d
Australian Retail Price (a) per doz.	2s. 1.9d	1s. 10.9d	1s. 7.5d	2s. 1.1d

(a) Weighted average price six capitals.