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TEA STATISTICS, 1957-58

Since 1956, details of stocks, imports, sales and exports of tea have been collected annually from merchants holding tea import licences. Shown below are the results of the collection for 1957-58.

Returns were received from all but a very few small traders, an estimate of whose sales is included in the figures. Provision was made on the form to prevent duplication of sales data due to trading between merchants.

The figures do not take account of changes in stocks held by retailers or householders.

STOCKS, IMPORTS, SALES AND EXPORTS OF TEA : AUSTRALIA

Year ended 30th June, 1958

1. Stocks held by importing merchants at 1st July, 1957	..	(a) 8,639
2. Imports cleared during year	..	55,751
3. Sales during year for consumption in Australia	..	58,446
4. Exports during year	..	1,253
5. Stocks held by importing merchants at 30th June, 1958	..	4,741
(a) Revised.		

The total quantity of tea sold for consumption in Australia and the amount per head of population for the years 1955-56 to 1957-58 are shown below: -

Tea sold for consumption in Australia -	Year ended 30th June -		
	1956	1957	1958
(a) Total quantity ('000 lb.)	54,958	58,751	58,446
(b) Quantity per head of population (lb.)	5.9	6.2	6.0

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