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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 nine months ended March, 1956, is estimated at 1,168.5 million gallons. Compared with the corresponding period in 1954-55, this production is higher by 78.2 million gallons (7.1 per cent.). It is the highest post-war output recorded for this nine months period - comparable figures are not available prior to 1945. Production from July, 1955 to March, 1956, was higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year in all States, except South Australia. In New South Wales, production increased by 21.4 million gallons (8.6 per cent.), in Victoria by 32.9 million gallons (7.1 per cent.), in Queensland by 18.2 million gallons (8.6 per cent.) and in Tasmania by 5.2 million gallons (11.3 per cent.). In other States the variations were small.

Of the total production of 1,168.5 million gallons in the nine months ended March, 1956, 823.0 million gallons (70.4 per cent.) were used in butter making, 72.3 million gallons (6.2 per cent.) in cheese making, 61.8 million gallons (5.3 per cent.) in the manufacture of condensery products, and 211.4 million gallons (18.1 per cent.) for other purposes, principally as fluid milk for domestic purposes.

March was the first month in 1955-56 in which milk production fell below that for the corresponding month of 1954-55. This was as a result of lower production in all States other than Tasmania.

Butter: Factory production of butter for the nine months ended March, 1956, at 175,593 tons, was 16,850 tons (10.6 per cent.) higher than for this period in 1954-55 and 43,346 tons (32.8 per cent.) higher than for the same period in 1953-54. It was the highest production ever recorded for the period July to March.

Cheese: For the nine months ended March, 1956, factory production of cheese at 33,370 tons was 6,662 tons (16.6 per cent.) lower than for this period in 1954-55, and 10,392 tons (23.7 per cent.) lower than the record production for this period achieved in 1953-54.

Condensery Products: The production of condensery products, with the exception of powdered buttermilk and whey, for the nine months ended March, 1956, was higher than production in the corresponding period of the previous year. In terms of whole milk equivalent, the quantity produced in the nine months ended March, 1956, was 61.8 million gallons, which was 16.3 per cent. greater than for this period of 1954-55, but 6.3 per cent. less than for the same period in 1953-54.

A brief summary is set out in Table 1 below, showing dairy production for the nine months ended March, 1956, in comparison with the corresponding period in 1953-54 and 1954-55.

TABLE 1 - DAIRY PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA

Item		Nine Months ended March				
		1954	1955	1956	Percentage Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
					1953-54	1954-55
Whole Milk (a)	'000 gals.	985,865	1,090,287	1,168,507	(+) 18.5	(+) 7.1
Factory Butter	tons	132,247	158,743	175,593	(+) 32.8	(+) 10.6
Factory Cheese	tons	43,762	40,032	33,370	(-) 23.7	(-) 16.6
Condensery Products (Whole Milk equivalent)	'000 gals.	66,008	53,166	61,836	(-) 6.3	(+) 16.3

(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 -						July to March
		October	Nov.	Dec.	January	Feb.	March	
New South Wales	1953-54	27,355	28,525	24,935	27,619	28,290	30,859	225,886
	1954-55	28,222	34,054	36,399	33,028	31,863	31,451	250,256
	1955-56	32,697	35,659	37,065	38,734	33,611	30,049	271,704
Victoria	1953-54	62,183	66,997	64,902	49,005	38,683	35,174	409,855
	1954-55	70,437	74,490	70,352	54,002	39,846	39,063	460,298
	1955-56	74,454	76,877	71,973	61,753	47,822	38,828	493,165
Queensland	1953-54	18,067	22,064	22,836	27,962	28,810	30,895	198,435
	1954-55	23,487	28,217	30,208	27,016	27,160	28,889	212,839
	1955-56	25,220	28,603	28,202	32,240	33,053	28,118	231,063
South Australia	1953-54	10,630	10,160	8,843	6,899	5,457	4,779	68,821
	1954-55	11,236	10,690	8,980	6,756	5,247	5,319	75,206
	1955-56	11,256	10,602	9,038	7,071	5,306	4,487	74,786
Western Australia	1953-54	6,706	6,474	5,677	3,788	2,378	1,927	41,658
	1954-55	7,183	6,935	5,432	3,365	2,203	2,234	44,896
	1955-56	7,189	6,877	5,803	3,970	2,336	2,155	45,678
Tasmania	1953-54	5,729	6,783	6,937	5,869	4,362	4,338	40,652
	1954-55	6,880	7,898	7,613	6,233	4,544	4,270	46,198
	1955-56	7,172	8,066	8,056	7,267	5,765	5,558	51,423
AUSTRALIA (a)	1953-54	130,732	141,065	134,192	121,204	108,042	108,034	985,865
	1954-55	147,516	162,373	159,057	130,469	110,932	111,287	1,090,287
	1955-56	158,083	166,783	160,227	151,114	127,964	109,266	1,168,507

(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 - October	1953	130,732	82,091	15,815	10,185	22,641
	1954	147,516	102,301	14,332	7,986	22,897
	1955	158,083	113,686	11,586	8,958	23,853
November	1953	141,065	92,056	15,852	10,478	22,679
	1954	162,373	117,077	14,351	8,288	22,657
	1955	166,783	122,251	11,350	9,578	23,604
December	1953	134,192	87,128	14,229	10,002	22,833
	1954	159,057	115,737	12,749	7,682	22,889
	1955	160,227	118,219	9,879	8,664	23,465
January	1954	121,204	80,092	10,952	7,797	22,363
	1955	130,469	92,530	8,841	6,209	22,889
	1956	151,114	111,905	7,998	7,805	23,406
February	1954	108,042	72,416	7,792	5,731	22,103
	1955	110,932	78,234	5,905	4,638	22,155
	1956	127,964	93,887	5,420	5,787	22,870
March	1954	108,034	72,922	6,705	5,347	23,060
	1955	111,287	78,448	5,318	4,017	23,504
	1956	109,266	74,743	5,015	5,200	24,308
Period - July to March	1953-54	985,865	622,982	94,380	66,008	202,495
	1954-55	1,090,287	746,090	86,471	53,166	204,560
	1955-56	1,168,507	822,995	72,300	61,836	211,376

(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 -						July to March
		October	Nov.	Dec.	January	Feb.	March	
New South Wales	1953-54	3,006	3,229	2,586	3,231	3,521	3,912	24,658
	1954-55	3,587	4,802	5,287	4,569	4,459	4,316	32,046
	1955-56	4,296	4,919	5,243	5,536	4,658	3,781	34,798
Victoria	1953-54	8,739	9,686	9,297	6,849	5,328	4,821	56,046
	1954-55	10,987	11,862	11,164	8,359	5,985	5,865	69,822
	1955-56	12,344	12,761	12,006	10,220	7,735	5,729	79,116
Queensland	1953-54	2,852	3,743	3,932	4,988	5,228	5,568	33,590
	1954-55	3,911	4,938	5,348	4,736	4,834	5,185	36,165
	1955-56	4,262	5,008	4,945	5,815	6,047	4,999	39,847
South Australia	1953-54	999	923	814	556	425	392	6,173
	1954-55	1,044	1,000	837	584	446	488	6,976
	1955-56	1,082	1,022	827	601	446	355	7,030
Western Australia	1953-54	969	931	783	436	180	89	5,381
	1954-55	1,126	1,033	771	387	153	149	6,135
	1955-56	1,110	1,058	857	496	179	100	6,377
Tasmania	1953-54	916	1,128	1,173	978	728	683	6,399
	1954-55	1,187	1,403	1,332	1,065	735	669	7,599
	1955-56	1,224	1,405	1,406	1,257	976	926	8,425
AUSTRALIA	1953-54	17,481	19,640	18,585	17,038	15,410	15,465	132,247
	1954-55	21,842	25,038	24,739	19,700	16,612	16,672	158,743
	1955-56	24,318	26,173	25,284	23,925	20,041	15,890	175,593

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

State	Year	Month of -						July to March
		October	Nov.	Dec.	January	Feb.	March	
New South Wales	1953-54	488	478	356	310	274	291	2,838
	1954-55	250	323	354	244	244	263	2,049
	1955-56	337	381	378	431	366	365	2,788
Victoria	1953-54	4,118	4,233	4,066	2,895	2,010	1,656	23,999
	1954-55	3,170	3,268	2,996	2,069	1,299	1,134	18,542
	1955-56	1,988	2,021	1,750	1,292	862	1,015	11,889
Queensland	1953-54	595	582	536	687	640	753	5,503
	1954-55	877	897	917	775	635	635	6,485
	1955-56	856	836	797	819	716	586	6,557
South Australia	1953-54	1,907	1,827	1,443	1,039	616	334	10,112
	1954-55	2,140	1,966	1,469	923	507	389	11,745
	1955-56	2,022	1,843	1,503	1,044	492	269	11,226
Western Australia	1953-54	198	193	168	97	29	19	1,049
	1954-55	168	139	103	33	9	7	941
	1955-56	130	128	94	56	18	32	684
Tasmania	1953-54	39	53	50	47	34	31	261
	1954-55	38	52	58	43	30	23	270
	1955-56	30	44	46	42	33	28	226
AUSTRALIA	1953-54	7,345	7,366	6,619	5,075	3,603	3,084	43,762
	1954-55	6,643	6,645	5,897	4,087	2,724	2,451	40,032
	1955-56	5,363	5,253	4,568	3,684	2,487	2,295	33,370

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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 - October	1953	6,393	2,642	2,306	1,265	3,184	757
	1954	5,630	1,388	1,898	1,099	3,579	608
	1955	6,023	1,761	2,048	1,309	4,463	557
November	1953	7,393	2,536	2,254	1,116	3,116	659
	1954	5,896	1,232	1,801	1,194	3,814	648
	1955	7,057	1,648	2,210	1,343	4,746	560
December	1953	6,628	2,353	2,241	1,191	2,930	570
	1954	5,665	1,458	1,728	1,077	3,998	600
	1955	6,234	1,735	2,087	1,018	4,494	508
January	1954	3,545	2,425	2,063	1,117	2,214	661
	1955	4,032	1,313	1,622	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
Period - July to	1953-54	37,566	17,353	16,435	9,709	18,332	4,471
	1954-55	34,371	10,120	13,267	8,838	21,686	4,422
March	1955-56	39,380	12,426	14,853	9,908	27,164	3,868

(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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