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**Whole Milk:** Total milk production for the nine months ended March, 1958, is estimated at 1,046.9 million gallons. This was 103.1 million gallons (9.0 per cent.) lower than production for the corresponding period in 1956-57 and 121.9 million gallons (10.4 per cent.) below the record production for this period in 1955-56. In the nine months ended March, 1958, production was lower than in the same period of the previous year in all States except Tasmania. In Queensland production decreased by 57.7 million gallons (27.0 per cent.), in South Australia by 8.0 million gallons (10.9 per cent.), in New South Wales by 17.4 million gallons (7.2 per cent.), in Western Australia by 2.3 million gallons (4.9 per cent.) and in Victoria by 19.6 million gallons (3.8 per cent.). Production increased in Tasmania by 2.0 million gallons (3.5 per cent.).

Of the total production of 1,046.9 million gallons in the nine months ended March, 1958, 692.7 million gallons (66.2 per cent.) were used in butter making, 65.4 million gallons (6.3 per cent.) in cheese making, 67.6 million gallons (6.4 per cent.) in the manufacture of condensery products and 221.2 million gallons (21.1 per cent.) for other purposes, principally as fluid milk for domestic purposes.

**Butter:** Factory production of butter for the nine months ended March, 1958, at 147,443 tons was 18,118 tons (10.9 per cent.) lower than for this period in 1956-57 and 28,105 tons (16.0 per cent.) lower than for the same period in 1955-56.

**Cheese:** For the nine months ended March, 1958, factory production of cheese at 30,131 tons was 9,669 tons (24.3 per cent.) lower than for the corresponding period in 1956-57, and 3,309 tons (9.9 per cent.) below production for this period in 1955-56.

**Condensery Products:** In the nine months ended March, 1958, production of condensery products showed a very slight overall decrease compared with the same period of the previous year. Substantial decreases in the production of condensed milk and powdered skim milk slightly more than offset increases in the production of concentrated whole milk powdered full cream milk and infants' and invalids' foods. In terms of whole milk equivalent, the quantity produced in the nine months ended March, 1958, was 67.6 million gallons, which was 0.5 per cent. lower than for this period in 1956-57 but 6.4 per cent. greater than for the same period in 1955-56.

A brief summary is set out in Table 1 below, showing dairy production for the nine months ended March, 1958, in comparison with the corresponding period in 1955-56 and 1956-57.

TABLE 1 : DAIRY PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA

Item	Nine months ended March				
	1956	1957	1958	Percentage Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
				1957-58 on	
			1955-56	1956-57	
Whole Milk (a) '000 gals.	1,168,732	1,149,922	1,046,852	(-)10.4	(-) 9.0
Factory Butter tons	175,548	165,561	147,443	(-)16.0	(-)10.9
Factory Cheese tons	33,440	39,800	30,131	(-) 9.9	(-)24.3
Condensery Products (Whole Milk equivalent) '000 gals.	63,511	67,921	67,563	(+) 6.4	(-) 0.5

(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 -						July to March
		October	November	December	January	February	March	
New South Wales	1955-56	32,916	35,917	37,346	39,029	33,856	30,237	273,441
	1956-57	29,781	30,442	31,082	31,532	28,181	29,575	241,009
	1957-58	26,852	28,658	24,916	26,574	27,844	29,353	223,633
Victoria	1955-56	74,341	76,780	71,857	61,629	47,713	38,757	492,353
	1956-57	81,048	81,645	77,372	62,472	43,605	37,234	519,161
	1957-58	77,043	80,769	75,140	59,833	42,578	37,286	499,603
Queensland	1955-56	25,169	28,527	28,134	32,138	32,986	28,083	230,630
	1956-57	23,643	23,830	27,511	34,258	28,552	24,854	213,369
	1957-58	15,354	18,222	17,151	16,244	22,441	26,594	155,694
South Australia	1955-56	11,198	10,542	8,978	7,011	5,242	4,423	74,222
	1956-57	11,532	10,622	8,611	6,717	4,776	4,265	73,128
	1957-58	10,339	9,401	7,712	6,157	4,424	3,868	65,150
Western Australia	1955-56	7,177	6,864	5,819	4,009	2,385	2,199	45,804
	1956-57	7,794	6,888	5,646	3,874	2,372	2,064	47,075
	1957-58	7,267	6,404	4,920	3,378	2,209	2,008	44,748
Tasmania	1955-56	7,194	8,051	8,046	7,270	5,772	5,598	51,592
	1956-57	8,310	8,947	8,816	7,781	5,865	5,247	55,401
	1957-58	8,827	9,539	9,336	7,786	5,350	4,709	57,354
AUSTRALIA (a)	1955-56	158,090	166,778	160,268	151,162	128,025	109,369	1,168,732
	1956-57	162,221	162,489	159,140	146,721	113,424	103,312	1,149,922
	1957-58	145,774	153,082	139,254	120,195	104,912	103,885	1,046,852

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

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

Quantity of Milk Used for -	Year	Month of -						July to March
		October	November	December	January	February	March	
Butter (Factory and Farm)	1955-56	113,211	121,772	117,793	111,525	93,511	74,425	819,478
	1956-57	113,224	114,345	112,877	103,999	77,030	66,977	778,428
	1957-58	99,118	107,350	96,971	81,887	70,334	68,756	692,649
Cheese (Factory and Farm)	1955-56	11,635	11,389	9,914	8,016	5,473	5,053	72,626
	1956-57	14,362	14,051	12,697	10,015	6,763	6,002	87,824
	1957-58	11,207	10,351	8,346	6,299	4,831	4,385	65,411
Condensery Products	1955-56	9,178	9,836	8,921	8,043	5,994	5,382	63,511
	1956-57	10,375	10,097	9,598	8,637	6,448	5,574	67,921
	1957-58	10,533	10,419	9,354	7,730	6,065	5,379	67,563
Other Purposes (a)	1955-56	24,066	23,781	23,640	23,578	23,047	24,509	213,117
	1956-57	24,260	23,996	23,968	24,070	23,183	24,759	215,749
	1957-58	24,916	24,962	24,583	24,279	23,682	25,365	221,229
TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED	1955-56	158,090	166,778	160,268	151,162	128,025	109,369	1,168,732
	1956-57	162,221	162,489	159,140	146,721	113,424	103,312	1,149,922
	1957-58	145,774	153,082	139,254	120,195	104,912	103,885	1,046,852

(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	November	December	January	February	March	
New South Wales	1955-56	4,296	4,919	5,243	5,537	4,658	3,781	34,799
	1956-57	3,652	3,760	3,845	3,955	3,462	3,585	27,829
	1957-58	2,913	3,309	2,611	2,967	3,274	3,494	23,498
Victoria	1955-56	12,335	12,752	11,997	10,212	7,729	5,725	78,952
	1956-57	12,867	13,072	12,392	9,804	6,418	5,135	79,857
	1957-58	12,433	13,325	12,395	9,663	6,524	5,445	78,383
Queensland	1955-56	4,262	5,009	4,945	5,816	6,048	4,999	39,850
	1956-57	3,831	3,920	4,697	5,985	4,906	4,165	35,104
	1957-58	2,222	2,859	2,691	2,515	3,771	4,573	24,105
South Australia	1955-56	1,088	1,071	831	604	448	357	7,066
	1956-57	1,190	1,056	791	607	392	340	7,081
	1957-58	965	844	683	541	334	273	5,784
Western Australia	1955-56	1,107	1,055	854	494	178	100	6,357
	1956-57	1,193	1,022	788	441	161	82	6,390
	1957-58	1,089	917	638	337	133	74	5,941
Tasmania	1955-56	1,223	1,404	1,406	1,256	975	925	8,524
	1956-57	1,454	1,582	1,558	1,360	985	844	9,300
	1957-58	1,559	1,700	1,680	1,363	899	753	9,732
AUSTRALIA	1955-56	24,311	26,166	25,276	23,919	20,036	15,887	175,548
	1956-57	24,187	24,412	24,071	22,152	16,324	14,151	165,561
	1957-58	21,181	22,954	20,698	17,386	14,935	14,612	147,443

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TABLE 5 - CHEESE - FACTORY PRODUCTION, STATES

(Tons of 2,240 lb.)

State	Year	Month of -						July to March
		October	November	December	January	February	March	
New South Wales	1955-56	336	380	377	430	365	364	2,780
	1956-57	408	494	492	425	370	405	3,235
	1957-58	442	458	349	356	390	433	3,156
Victoria	1955-56	1,995	2,029	1,756	1,297	865	1,019	11,933
	1956-57	3,062	3,113	2,921	2,074	1,429	1,387	18,171
	1957-58	2,171	2,015	1,817	1,343	909	737	12,357
Queensland	1955-56	857	837	798	820	739	606	6,606
	1956-57	830	717	730	997	742	605	6,371
	1957-58	486	440	355	329	475	613	4,008
South Australia	1955-56	2,021	1,842	1,503	1,044	492	269	11,223
	1956-57	1,973	1,822	1,410	889	424	230	10,683
	1957-58	1,842	1,651	1,179	756	374	164	9,401
Western Australia	1955-56	117	116	85	51	16	29	618
	1956-57	195	171	139	97	51	39	1,043
	1957-58	193	161	91	71	44	35	941
Tasmania	1955-56	34	50	60	55	44	34	280
	1956-57	46	55	55	48	37	32	297
	1957-58	43	51	58	44	24	22	268
AUSTRALIA	1955-56	5,360	5,254	4,579	3,697	2,521	2,321	33,440
	1956-57	6,514	6,372	5,747	4,530	3,053	2,698	39,800
	1957-58	5,177	4,776	3,849	2,899	2,216	2,004	30,131

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

(Tons of 2,240 lb.)

Product	Year	Month of -						July
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	March
<u>Full Cream Milk Products -</u>								
Condensed Milk	1955-56	5,885	6,896	6,091	4,871	3,415	3,090	38,719
(Sweetened and	1956-57	7,520	7,496	6,474	5,538	3,815	2,706	48,574
Unsweetened)	1957-58	7,126	7,554	6,478	4,225	3,319	3,273	41,800
Concentrated	1955-56	1,642	1,536	1,617	1,317	1,199	1,505	11,659
Whole Milk	1956-57	2,157	2,224	2,132	2,176	1,937	1,824	15,766
(a)	1957-58	2,642	2,702	2,393	2,117	1,796	1,652	17,200
Powdered	1955-56	2,023	2,183	2,062	1,947	1,431	930	14,688
Full Cream	1956-57	2,102	2,205	2,061	1,832	1,480	1,577	15,166
Milk	1957-58	2,284	2,232	2,043	2,481	1,643	1,320	15,890
Infants' and	1955-56	1,283	1,316	997	927	831	975	9,700
Invalids' Foods	1956-57	1,354	1,291	1,115	888	989	1,270	10,340
(b)	1957-58	1,377	1,376	1,112	883	917	1,152	10,770
<u>Milk by-Products -</u>								
Powdered	1955-56	4,546	4,833	4,576	3,915	2,838	1,730	27,650
Skim Milk	1956-57	4,783	4,634	4,216	3,106	1,961	1,743	27,300
	1957-58	4,195	3,894	3,048	1,998	1,454	1,276	22,150
Powdered	1955-56	606	609	553	495	429	309	4,200
Buttermilk and	1956-57	662	749	694	714	481	376	5,020
Whey	1957-58	751	741	647	514	408	359	4,680

(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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