

SEASON 1940-41: COSTS IN MANUFACTURE AND DELIVERY OF CHEESE TO F.O.B. OVERSEAS STEAMERS.
(In pence per pound of butterfat.)

	Manu- facturing Charges.	Depreciation.	Repairs and Maintenance.	Charges: Factory to f.o.b.	Overhead Charges.	Total Charges.
Auckland	2.182	0.145	0.255	0.684	0.198	3.464
New Plymouth	2.283	0.144	0.122	0.500	0.221	3.270
Patea-Wanganui	2.293	0.131	0.175	0.558	0.244	3.401
Hawke's Bay-Gisborne	2.334	0.137	0.179	0.834	0.340	3.824
Wellington	2.313	0.131	0.170	0.690	0.256	3.560
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	2.665	0.181	0.181	0.886	0.386	4.299
Canterbury	2.585	0.220	0.143	0.626	0.514	4.088
Otago	2.669	0.191	0.192	0.747	0.449	4.248
Southland	2.719	0.174	0.187	0.675	0.407	4.162
New Zealand average—						
1940-41 season	2.323	0.144	0.184	0.620	0.258	3.529
1939-40 season	2.259	0.148	0.180	0.624	0.299	3.510
1938-39 season	2.289	0.157	0.203	0.617	0.326	3.592
1937-38 season	2.151	0.141	0.166	0.589	0.290	3.337
1936-37 season	2.056	0.134	0.146	0.577	0.226	3.139

ACCOUNTS.

The dairy-produce accounts covering the completed operations for the 1939-40 season and the operations for the 1940-41 season are shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, pages 34 and 35.

The completed operations for the 1939-40 season are referred to on page 4 of this report. In last year's report the surplus on 1939-40 season's dairy-produce purchased up to 31st July, 1940, was shown as £49,788. After sale of the balance of the 1939-40 season's dairy-produce which was in store at 31st July, 1940, the final result of the operations for the complete 1939-40 season is a surplus of £62,363.

The accounts now presented for the 1940-41 season cover purchases of butter and cheese by the Department up to 31st July, 1941. The following table shows the quantities so purchased, the total season's production for export, and the stocks in store awaiting purchase and shipment at 31st July, 1941:—

	Purchases up to 31st July, 1941.	Remaining in Store, 31st July, 1941.	Total Season's Production for Export.
	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.
Creamery butter	4,625,481	708,007	5,333,488
Whey butter	102,355	11,865	114,220
Total butter	4,727,836	719,872	5,447,708
	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.
Cheese	1,505,569	143,603	1,649,172

The accounts for the 1940-41 season comprise Purchase and Sale and Revenue Accounts, and Administration and General Expenses Account.

It will be observed from the accounts that the purchase and sale transactions to 31st July, 1941, show a surplus of £130,799 after allowance has been made for administration and general expenses. Against this surplus must be set the contingent liability on produce not yet shipped. The Dairy Produce Account at 31st July, 1941, is shown on page 35 to be in debit £1,745,003.

MEAT.

REVIEW OF COMPLETED FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FOR THE 1939-40 SEASON.

The Accounts presented with the report for the 1939-40 season covered purchases of meat by the Department up to 31st July, 1940. These accounts showed a surplus of £59,411. On page 36 of this report accounts are shown covering the purchase and sale transactions in respect of the 1939-40 season's meat, which took place after 31st July, 1940. These accounts show that the final net surplus on purchase and sale of the complete 1939-40 season's meat was £74,748.

BULK PURCHASE OF 1940-41 SEASON'S MEAT BY UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT.

In terms of the contract for the first year of war the United Kingdom Ministry of Food undertook to purchase 300,000 tons of frozen meat from the production of the season ending 30th September, 1940, and from the carry-over from the previous season, which amounted to 45,000 tons. The actual liftings of meat for this first contract year were 351,000 tons, which left a carry-over in store at 30th September, 1940, of 39,938 tons.