

The conversion formulæ used in the determination of the 1941-42 season prices shown above are—

Butter.			Cheese.		
Over-run	21.75 per cent.		Yield	2.51 gross.	
Costs of manufacture and delivery to f.o.b. .. }	2.25d. per pound butterfat.			2.45 net.	
			Return from whey butter	0.75d. per pound butterfat.	
			Costs of manufacture and delivery to f.o.b. }	3.5d. per pound butterfat.	

RESULTING AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY DAIRY COMPANIES FOR BUTTERFAT-SUPPLIES.

	1936-37 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.	1937-38 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.	1938-39 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.	1939-40 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.	1940-41 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.	1941-42 Season: Payout per Pound Butterfat.
For buttermaking	d. 13.558	d. 14.812	d. 16.087	d. 16.179	d. 16.106	d. 15.88 (est.)
For cheesemaking (including whey butter)	15.176	16.389	18.060	18.091	18.043	17.88 (est.)

PREMIUMS FOR QUALITY, AND QUANTITIES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE PAID FOR (OR TO BE PAID FOR) AT DIFFERENTIAL PRICES.

Under the Dairy-produce Export Prices Order 1939 provision is made for additions to or deductions from the basic purchase prices for butter and cheese according to quality as disclosed by the grading-points awarded to the dairy-produce. This system of price differentials is intended to provide a stimulus to the production of dairy-produce of higher quality.

The following tables show for the 1940-41 season the quantities of butter and cheese purchased and to be purchased and paid for at the respective differential prices. For comparison purposes the totals for the previous four seasons are also shown :—

CREAMERY BUTTER (IN TONS): QUANTITIES PURCHASED OR TO BE PURCHASED AND PAID FOR AT DIFFERENTIAL PRICES.

Grading Ports.	Total.	Finest Grade.		First Grade.		Second Grade.
		94 Points and over.	93 to 93½ Points. (Basic Price.)	92 to 92½ Points.	90 to 91½ Points.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Auckland	103,868	27,497	53,839	12,205	9,721	606
Bluff	75	..	..	..	46	29
Dunedin	162	14	83	49	3	13
Gisborne	2,249	1,328	809	71	38	3
Lyttelton	1,067	539	398	79	20	31
Napier	1,523	869	625	..	29	..
New Plymouth	7,495	3,426	3,013	727	329	..
Patea	289	157	81	33	18	..
Timaru	271	69	170	16	2	14
Wanganui	2,116	1,004	913	158	41	..
Wellington	14,222	8,666	3,539	1,490	510	17
Grand totals—						
1940-41	133,337	43,569	63,470	14,828	10,757	713
1939-40	128,274	51,624	51,004	15,437	9,570	639
1938-39	116,431	48,803	49,759	9,928	7,429	512
1937-38	137,555	55,611	57,275	15,399	8,753	517
1936-37	149,810	53,844	66,717	15,550	13,192	507
Percentages of Qualities—						
1940-41	100	32.67	47.60	11.12	8.07	0.54
1939-40	100	40.25	39.76	12.03	7.46	0.50
1938-39	100	41.91	42.74	8.53	6.38	0.44
1937-38	100	40.43	41.64	11.19	6.36	0.38
1936-37	100	35.94	44.53	10.38	8.81	0.34

Butter figures calculated at 40 boxes to a ton.