

GRADING OF DAIRY-PRODUCE FOR EXPORT: PERCENTAGES OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE OF THE VARIOUS GRADES.

Year.	Butter.				Cheese.			
	Finest.	First.	Second.	Total.	Finest.	First.	Second.	Total.
1940-41	Per Cent. 80·28	Per Cent. 19·19	Per Cent. 0·53	Per Cent. 100·00	Per Cent. 20·21	Per Cent. 75·05	Per Cent. 4·74	Per Cent. 100·00
1939-40	80·21	19·23	0·56	100·00	19·26	77·07	3·67	100·00
1938-39	84·37	15·10	0·52	100·00	18·54	79·16	2·29	100·00
1937-38	82·00	17·44	0·56	100·00	9·22	85·55	5·23	100·00
1936-37	79·98	19·12	0·90	100·00	20·58	76·81	2·61	100·00
1935-36	76·48	22·36	1·16	100·00	19·47	77·18	3·35	100·00
1934-35	77·04	21·66	1·30	100·00	20·60	76·27	3·13	100·00

QUANTITIES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE GRADED FOR EXPORT.

The total gradings of butter and cheese for export for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1941, are shown below, also the comparative gradings for the 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, and 1939-40 seasons :—

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Butter (in Tons).

Salted ..	147,168	136,023	117,832	133,124	139,310
Unsalted ..	7,396	6,812	4,440	179	134
	154,564	142,835	122,272	133,303	139,444

Cheese (in Tons).

White ..	59,337	56,752	53,619	89,996	118,816
Coloured ..	28,885	28,718	27,888	3,700	83
	88,222	85,470	81,507	93,696	118,899

Butter gradings for the 1940-41 season show an increase of 4·61 per cent., and cheese gradings an increase of 26·90 per cent. Expressed in terms of butterfat, the total increase in gradings is 10·353 per cent.

The following table shows the grading figures for the past six years and the percentages of increase or decrease each year :—

BUTTER AND CHEESE GRADINGS.

	Butter.		Cheese.	
	Tons.	Increase or Decrease on Previous Year.	Tons.	Increase or Decrease on Previous Year.
		Per Cent.		Per Cent.
1940-41	139,444	4·61 (increase)	118,899	26·90 (increase)
1939-40	133,303	9·02 (increase)	93,696	14·96 (increase)
1938-39	122,272	14·39 (decrease)	81,507	4·63 (decrease)
1937-38	142,835	7·59 (decrease)	85,470	3·12 (decrease)
1936-37	154,564	5·37 (increase)	88,222	3·12 (increase)
1935-36	146,687	7·69 (increase)	85,555	7·68 (decrease)
1934-35	136,217	2·86 (decrease)	92,673	10·62 (decrease)