

PROCESSED MILK.

For the 1941-42 season contracts were concluded with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food for New Zealand's normal export of skim-milk powder and evaporated milk.

Sale prices were :

Skim-milk powder	..	..	..	£36 5s. per ton sterling f.o.b.
Evaporated milk	..	..	..	19s. 9d. per case sterling f.o.b.

The equivalent of these prices in New Zealand currency was paid to manufacturers, less $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to cover the Department's administrative expenses.

The quantities and values exported by the Department for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1942, were :—

	Cases.	Weight.	Value.
		Tons.	£
Skim-milk powder	94,933	4,746	214,007
Evaporated milk	124,590	2,670	153,440
Total	219,523	7,416	367,447

PAYMENTS MADE BY DAIRY-FACTORY COMPANIES FOR BUTTERFAT-SUPPLIES.

The following tabulation shows the average butterfat-prices paid to suppliers of butter- and cheese-manufacturing companies.

It should be borne in mind that when making comparison of butterfat payouts of companies it is necessary to take into consideration the location of the factories and special circumstances pertaining to individual companies, as those factors reflect appreciably on manufacturing and transport costs:—

PAYMENTS BY DAIRY COMPANIES FOR BUTTERFAT-SUPPLIES.

(In pence per pound of butterfat.)

	Season 1936-37.		Season 1937-38.		Season 1938-39.		Season 1939-40.		Season 1940-41.		Season 1941-42.	
	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.
New Zealand average	13·558	15·176	14·812	16·389	16·087	18·060	16·179	18·091	16·106	18·043	16·017	18·025

The following tabulation shows the average costs of butter- and cheese-manufacturing companies for the 1941-42 season. The New Zealand averages for the five previous seasons are also shown :—

SEASON 1941-42: COSTS IN MANUFACTURE AND DELIVERY OF BUTTER TO F.O.B. OVERSEAS STEAMERS

(In pence per pound of butterfat.)

	Cream-collection.	Manufacturing Charges.	Depreciation.	Repairs and Maintenance.	Charges : Factory to f.o.b.	Overhead Charges.	Total Charges.
New Zealand average—							
1941-42 season	0·438	1·091	0·091	0·064	0·409	0·213	2·306*
1940-41 season	0·405	1·023	0·077	0·063	0·437	0·192	2·197
1939-40 season	0·398	0·977	0·084	0·063	0·418	0·187	2·127
1938-39 season	0·402	1·019	0·085	0·098	0·394	0·208	2·206
1937-38 season	0·381	0·953	0·075	0·076	0·384	0·178	2·047
1936-37 season	0·352	0·927	0·072	0·088	0·398	0·147	1·984

* Butter-manufacturing costs for the 1941-42 season were increased owing to diversion of milk-supply from butter-manufacture to cheese-manufacture. Compensation payments were made to dairy companies on this account; see pages 7 and 8 of this report.

SEASON 1941-42: COSTS IN MANUFACTURE AND DELIVERY OF CHEESE TO F.O.B. OVERSEAS STEAMERS.

(In pence per pound of butterfat.)

	Manufacturing Charges.	Depreciation.	Repairs and Maintenance.	Charges : Factory to f.o.b.	Overhead Charges.	Total Charges.
New Zealand average ..						
1941-42 season	2·372	0·141	0·170	0·647	0·270	3·600
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