

ANNUAL IMPORTS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS INTO UNITED KINGDOM DURING THE YEARS 1938 AND 1941 TO 1946 INCLUSIVE

The following tables are of interest, particularly the butter and cheese tables, which show the importance of New Zealand as a supplier to Britain during the vital war years, and compare the normal pre-war imports with those of the immediate post-war period.

Consigned from	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
ANNUAL IMPORTS OF BUTTER INTO UNITED KINGDOM (in tons)							
New Zealand	129,613	127,983	93,377	100,385	104,383	118,274	101,190
Australia	89,891	69,679	40,716	44,013	37,799	45,059	65,616
Irish Free State ..	16,330	6,122	225	142	28	..	..
Union of South Africa ..	1,266	2,500	..	5	..	1	..
Canada	1,501	20	12	3,175	..	1	3
South-west African Territory	1,294	230	6	..	..	1	3
Kenya	707						
Other Empire	37						
Total Empire ..	240,639	206,534	134,336	147,720	142,210	163,336	166,812
Denmark	118,240	..	..	..	..	26,114	43,537
Netherlands	35,595	..	..	..	..	..	..
Latvia	16,995	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden	15,038	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lithuania	11,404	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estonia	9,158	..	..	..	..	..	..
Finland	10,486	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poland	9,954	..	..	..	..	..	..
Argentina	4,494	11,569	18	3,498	10,522	614	1,102
Austria	749	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hungary	1,023	..	..	..	..	..	..
France	17	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	249	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	620	..	..	..	..	..	..
Czechoslovakia ..	555	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan	371	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uruguay	308	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other foreign	1	37	225	386	217	56	37
Total foreign ..	235,257	11,606	243	3,884	10,739	26,784	44,676
Grand total ..	475,896	218,140	134,579	151,604	152,949*	190,120	211,488
Less re-exports	3,952	39	48	78	109	179	786
Net imports	471,944	218,101	134,531	151,526	152,840	189,941	210,702

* The revised figures issued in 1946 show total imports for 1944 as 153,200 tons.