

TALLOW

PURCHASE BY UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT OF 1945-46 SEASON'S TALLOW

A contract was completed between the United Kingdom and the New Zealand Governments for the purchase by the United Kingdom Ministry of Food of the exportable surplus of the 1945-46 season's tallow. Terms, prices, and conditions of this contract are the same as those applying to the 1944-45 season, the details of which are set out in a letter from the Ministry of Food quoted in the Department's annual report for 1945 (page 35).

PURCHASES BY NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OF 1945-46 SEASON'S TALLOW FROM NEW ZEALAND MANUFACTURERS

The f.o.b. (New Zealand currency) purchase-prices payable to manufacturers remained as set out in the Schedule attached to the Purchase of Tallow Order 1940, and subsequent amendment. The surplus, or difference between the United Kingdom purchase-prices and the prices paid by the New Zealand Government, is approximately £17 15s. (New Zealand currency) per ton.

STATISTICS

The following table shows the quantities of tallow purchased and shipped from 1st August, 1945, to 31st July, 1946. Total exports amounted to 31,781 tons.

	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.	Canada.
	Tons (Net).	Tons (Net).	Tons (Net).
First beef	151	..	..
First mutton	9,636	..	..
Good bright prime, mixed	564	..	320
Good colour, mixed	4,914	521	1,740
Fair to good, mixed	819	..	836
Fair colour, mixed	178	..	165
Good gut	4,773	301	959
Medium gut	2,294	121	772
Low and no-colour gut	553	38	410
Stearine, superior	567	..	..
Stearine, medium	106	..	18
Pig fat, inedible, steam rendered	99	..	82
Hog grease	81	..	103
Hide grease	35	..	45
Edible, mixed	124	..	..
	24,894	981	5,450

Permits were granted to shippers to overseas countries from 1st August, 1945, to 31st July, 1946, as follows:—

	India. Tons (Net).	Fiji. Tons (Net).
First mutton	295	..
Good colour, mixed	..	161
	295	161

In regard to the quantity of 295 tons exported to India it should be mentioned that this represents the balance which was required to complete the 1945 contract quantity. In terms of the agreement with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food, no further shipments are being made to India meanwhile.

NOTE.—Practically all edible beef tallow has been required for manufacturers in New Zealand, in addition to considerable quantities of edible mutton tallow.