

## KUMARAS

As intimated in the previous report, the discovery that kumaras imported from Fiji and Tonga were infected by a kumara weevil resulted in further importations from these sources of supply being prohibited by the Department of Agriculture. Niue is the only present supplier, but advantage will be taken to obtain shipments from other areas if they become available.

Importations were as under :—

| Source of Supply. | Six Months ended<br>30th September, 1945. |             | Six Months ended<br>30th September, 1946. |             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                   | 50 lb. Bag.                               | Percentage. | 50 lb. Bag.                               | Percentage. |
| Niue .. ..        | 430                                       | 42.9        | 878                                       | 100         |
| Tonga .. ..       | 382                                       | 38.1        | ..                                        | ..          |
| Fiji .. ..        | 191                                       | 19.0        | ..                                        | ..          |
|                   | 1,003                                     | ..          | 878                                       | ..          |

## LEMON DISTRIBUTION

The Division continued to carry out the responsibilities of packing and distributing locally grown lemons (except the Meyer variety) and also attended to the importation of all supplies available from overseas. Owing to unsuitable climatic conditions, the production in New Zealand has been very low and as it has not been possible to procure sufficient importations the market has been under-supplied.

| Source of Supply. | Six Months ended<br>30th September, 1945. |             | Six Months ended<br>30th September, 1946. |             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                   | Three-quarter-bushel Cases.               | Percentage. | Three-quarter-bushel Cases.               | Percentage. |
| New Zealand ..    | 39,674                                    | 90.1        | 33,684                                    | 91.7        |
| Cook Islands ..   | 608                                       | 1.4         | 958                                       | 2.6         |
| Australia .. ..   | 3,724                                     | 8.5         | 2,101                                     | 5.7         |
|                   | 44,006                                    | ..          | 36,743                                    | ..          |

## LEMON PROCESSING

The following is a summary of marketable grades and average prices paid :—

*Total Receipts, all Sheds*

| —           | Preferred.           | Commercial.          | First-grade Peel.   | Juice.              | Rejects.          | Total.               |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Tauranga .. | 16,675 $\frac{3}{8}$ | 6,690 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 1,947               | 1,406 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 343 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 27,062 $\frac{5}{8}$ |
| Auckland .. | 3,862 $\frac{3}{8}$  | 2,761 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 1,012 $\frac{7}{8}$ | 537 $\frac{7}{8}$   | 65 $\frac{1}{8}$  | 8,239 $\frac{5}{8}$  |
| Kerikeri .. | 1,525                | 1,595 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 49 $\frac{1}{2}$    | 81 $\frac{3}{8}$    | 190 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 3,441 $\frac{1}{4}$  |
| Gisborne .. | 868                  | 598 $\frac{3}{8}$    | 51 $\frac{1}{8}$    | 65 $\frac{3}{8}$    | 39 $\frac{1}{8}$  | 1,622 $\frac{3}{8}$  |
|             | 22,931               | 11,645 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 3,060 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,091 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 638 $\frac{1}{8}$ | 40,365 $\frac{7}{8}$ |