

PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS IN NEW ZEALAND DAIRY FACTORIES

The following figures are taken from the Census and Statistics Department's publications :—

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCED IN NEW ZEALAND DAIRY FACTORIES (FACTORY WEIGHTS)

Season.	Creamery Butter.	Cheddar Cheese.	Whey Butter.
1946-47	143,000	93,000	2,700
1945-46	123,972	94,530	2,737
1944-45	151,637	103,675	3,030
1943-44	133,650	92,149	2,747
1942-43	139,083	102,846	2,908
1941-42	129,854	157,639	3,910
1940-41	161,809	122,370	3,355

PROCESSED MILK

In last year's annual report reference was made to long-term contracts concluded with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food for the exportable surpluses of skim-milk powder and evaporated milk for the four years 1944-48. Prices were fixed for the two years 1944-45 and 1945-46, and thereafter subject to annual review.

Concurrently with the discussions in London in July, 1946, in respect of butter and cheese, prices and conditions were reviewed, and prices were fixed for the two remaining years of the contracts—namely, 1946-47 and 1947-48 as under :—

Skim-milk Powder : £66 10s. sterling per ton f.o.b., subject to the supply of a minimum of 8,000 tons during 1946-47 and 7,000 tons during 1947-48.

Evaporated Milk : 24s. sterling per case f.o.b. for 1946-47 season and 25s. 4d. sterling per case f.o.b. for 1947-48 season for American standard (each case to contain 48 x 1 lb. tins), subject to the supply of a minimum of 250,000 cases during each of 1946-47 and 1947-48 seasons.

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

The quantities and values of purchases by the Department for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1947, were :—

	Cases.	Weight. Tons.	Value. £
Skim-milk powder	225,206	10,304	819,821
Evaporated milk	279,298	5,985	408,267

NOTE.—Of the skim-milk powder, 6,839 tons were shipped to the United Kingdom, with lesser quantities to India, Egypt, Ceylon, and Hong Kong. Of the evaporated milk, 3,000 tons were shipped to the United Kingdom, and the remainder to Malaya and Burma.

The Food and Rationing Controller's Office gives the following figures of total production of processed milk in New Zealand factories for the calendar year 1946 :—

	Tons.
Whole-milk powder	3,947
Skim-milk powder	10,221
Evaporated milk (unsweetened) }	10,131
Condensed milk (sweetened) }	
Malted milk	283