

EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN UNITED KINGDOM

During 1946 the United Kingdom Ministry of Food advised that a revised method of supplying British colonies and dependencies with their allocations of meat, other than frozen meat, was to come into operation.

Instead of securing supplies out of the Ministry's bulk purchases, these territories could, if they wished, import through normal commercial channels direct.

Under this scheme the quantity required by each territory is agreed mutually between the United Kingdom and the area concerned, and the importing country undertakes to exercise control of imports so as to keep within the limit of the agreed allocations.

New Zealand exporters have been kept advised of the territories which have agreed to secure their supplies under this scheme, and some business on a trader-to-trader basis has resulted.

SURVEY OF SEASON

The killings of meat returned to the Department during the 1946-47 season as available for export totalled 354,824 tons, representing an increase of 4.85 per cent. on the previous season.

The number of lambs, wethers, and ewes slaughtered for export this season were lower than last season, but, owing to the favourable climatic conditions experienced, average weights were higher than normal. Killings of quarter beef reached a record level.

Average weights of lamb and mutton for the three seasons, 1944-45, 1945-46, and 1946-47, are as follows :—

	North Island.			South Island.			Dominion.		
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Lambs ..	34.20	31.39	35.15	35.05	34.61	35.58	34.59	32.81	35.35
Wethers ..	59.18	54.32	60.18	51.02	49.67	52.41	58.40	53.86	59.42
Ewes ..	57.14	52.51	57.23	53.13	52.83	54.01	55.68	52.61	56.05

Details of killings for export month by month throughout the season, with the 1945-46 season's totals for comparison, are shown in the following table :—

FROZEN MEAT KILLINGS FOR EXPORT, SEASON 1946-47

	Lamb.	Wether Mutton.	Ewe Mutton.	Quarter Beef.	Veal.	Boneless Bobby Veal.	Boneless Bull Beef.	Boneless Cow and Ox Beef.	Baconers.	Porkers.	Choppers.	Edible Offal.	Total.
1946	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
October ..	16	177	421	256	17	986	161	532	718	81	22	191	3,573
November ..	2,935	1,378	923	718	4	376	293	794	1,009	87	19	304	8,840
December ..	20,902	1,038	916	614	6	121	388	492	1,054	78	13	807	26,434
1947	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
January ..	48,796	2,395	4,865	1,848	9	56	592	321	1,444	133	34	1,936	62,429
February ..	31,573	3,901	17,281	4,200	39	53	938	438	1,115	407	43	1,918	61,906
March ..	23,690	5,010	15,207	6,539	67	25	693	638	959	887	28	1,688	55,431
April ..	26,319	3,491	5,959	8,936	124	41	678	1,155	692	929	17	1,709	50,050
May ..	15,861	1,620	7,054	10,857	124	49	592	2,084	234	607	21	1,667	40,770
June ..	8,481	885	3,071	10,459	99	69	395	1,508	351	466	10	942	26,736
July ..	1,001	294	1,201	5,709	43	1,114	254	729	52	25	3	722	11,147
August ..	323	126	175	418	10	2,494	74	268	44	24	6	429	4,391
September ..	11	43	140	174	2	2,085	66	162	97	12	24	296	3,112
Season Total	179,908	20,358	57,213	50,728	544	7,469	5,124	9,121	7,769	3,736	245	12,609	354,824
1945-46 season	174,298	19,639	60,868	33,341	1,093	7,121	4,681	12,387	8,414	5,584	200	10,791	338,417