

SHIPPING AND STORAGE

Although there has been no serious storage problems this season, the stocks in store at 30th September, 1947, awaiting shipment, 74,877 tons, are higher than at the end of any previous season.

The following table shows particulars of frozen-meat shipments to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food month by month during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1947, and the totals for each of the previous five years:—

RECORD OF FROZEN-MEAT SHIPMENTS TO UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF FOOD
(DURING EACH TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER)

—	Lamb.	Mutton.	Quarter Beef and Veal.	Boneless Beef.	Boneless Veal.	Pig-meats.	Edible Offal.	Total.
1946	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
October ..	12,492	5,281	2,186	705	910	38	373	21,985
November ..	3,223	3,188	1,482	1,624	634	83	101	10,335
December ..	9,575	4,634	1,785	1,282	1,793	233	509	19,811
1947								
January ..	18,615	2,373	1,141	1,460	999	971	519	26,078
February ..	19,462	1,833	501	594	880	491	1,124	24,885
March ..	12,071	6,413	1,730	898	..	616	975	22,703
April ..	21,130	13,623	4,238	954	..	382	2,031	42,358
May ..	11,887	6,621	5,007	1,145	3	588	680	25,931
June ..	24,761	10,671	7,453	895	60	202	1,885	45,927
July ..	19,167	7,104	5,898	885	..	1,328	1,471	35,853
August ..	14,666	8,116	6,002	1,602	..	1,482	1,138	33,006
September ..	8,229	3,291	2,372	492	284	403	320	15,391
Totals—								
1946-47 ..	175,278	73,148	39,795	12,536	5,563	6,817	11,126	324,263
1945-46 ..	156,894	70,523	46,574	12,801	6,624	13,351	11,702	318,469
1944-45 ..	171,203	76,111	7,747	4,527	7,747	3,278	6,936	277,549
1943-44 ..	141,553	57,334	2,316	266	4,036	948	6,164	212,617
1942-43 ..	155,139	22,649	22,815	2,248	5,579	728	8,474	217,632
1941-42 ..	191,448	40,081	37,390	766	2,350	15,855	9,976	297,866

CANNED MEATS

The contract with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food for the supply of canned corned beef during 1947 remained unchanged at 2,500 tons and the allocation of this quantity among the various meat canners was on the same basis as the 1946 contract.

The net weight of canned meats actually shipped to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1947, was as follows:—

	Tons.
Corned beef	2,962
Corned mutton	8
Ox tongue	142
Sheep and lamb tongues	1,074
Calf tongue	14
Pig tongue	57
Total	3,357