

WHEY BUTTER (IN TONS): QUANTITIES PURCHASED AND PAID FOR AT DIFFERENTIAL PRICES.

Grading Ports.				Total.	First Grade.	Second Grade.
				Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Auckland	..	..	..	363	202	161
Bluff	..	..	..	30	29	1
New Plymouth	..	..	..	343	332	11
Patea	..	..	..	589	577	12
Wellington	..	..	..	121	109	12
Grand totals				1,446	1,249	197
Percentage of qualities				100	86.38	13.62

CHEESE (IN TONS): QUANTITIES PURCHASED AND PAID FOR AT DIFFERENTIAL PRICES.

Grading Ports.				Total.	Finest Grade.		First Grade.		Second Grade.
					94 Points and over.	93 to 93½ Points.	92 to 92½ Points. (Basic Price.)	91 to 91½ Points.	
				Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Auckland	..	..	..	15,178	74	1,053	8,637	4,200	1,214
Bluff	..	..	..	11,508	296	2,532	5,303	3,131	246
Dunedin	..	..	..	1,960	163	595	923	267	12
Gisborne	..	..	..	82	..	5	51	25	1
Lyttelton	..	..	..	1,022	65	370	529	46	12
Napier	..	..	..	110	..	57	44	9	..
New Plymouth	..	..	..	16,798	539	5,575	7,961	2,626	97
Patea	..	..	..	22,111	191	3,074	14,209	4,333	304
Timaru	..	..	..	618	..	88	498	29	3
Wanganui	..	..	..	2,477	346	401	1,349	336	45
Wellington	..	..	..	14,844	405	2,018	8,541	3,559	321
Grand totals				86,708	2,079	15,768	48,045	18,561	2,255
Percentage of qualities				100	2.40	18.18	55.41	21.41	2.60
Waxed				58.54	..	..	..	..	..
Coloured				32.69	..	..	..	..	..

Cheese figures calculated at fourteen crates to a ton.

It will be noted that in the case of creamery butter 44½ per cent. was paid for at the basic guaranteed price, and 36 per cent. above and 19½ per cent. below the basic guaranteed price.

In the case of cheese 55½ per cent. was paid for at the basic guaranteed price, and 20½ per cent. above and 24 per cent. below the basic guaranteed price.

PROCESSES IN PURCHASE OF BUTTER AND CHEESE AND SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY TO MARKETS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The procedure adopted by the Department in regard to the purchase and sale of dairy-produce is as follows :—

1. Dairy factory companies forward butter and cheese to the cool stores for export as in the past. The care of the produce in cool store is the responsibility of dairy companies, but supervision is exercised by the expert officers of this Department and by the Government Dairy-produce Graders, with a view to the preservation of the quality of butter and cheese.