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(January-June 1991)

1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in the period January-June 1991 was 2,651 million litres, 7.1 per cent or 176 million litres higher than the corresponding period of 1990.

Milk deliveries in 1990-91 were 6,401 million litres or 2.2 per cent above the 1989-90 level. The abnormally favourable seasonal conditions in the major milk producing region, Victoria over late summer/autumn more than offset production losses in several dairy regions of Queensland and New South Wales.

Market milk production in the January-June period of 1991 was 874.3 million litres, while 1,776 million litres were used in manufacturing. Overall fresh milk utilization for 1990-91 was 1,735.6 million litres or 27 per cent of the total with the remaining 4,665.4 million litres used for manufacturing purposes.

Exports of fresh milk in January-June 1991 amounted to 17,165 tonnes. Hong Kong and Singapore remain the major export destinations. The average f.o.b. price for January-June for fresh milk was \$A673 per tonne.

2. Other fresh products

Details of consumption of fresh products other than milk are not available for the January-June 1991 period. Production of cream (including that used in processing) in the January-May period totalled 64,957 litres. Ice cream production in the same period totalled 182.2 million litres.

Exports of fresh cream totalled 133 tonnes during January-June 1991. Exports of yogurt during this period amounted to 516 tonnes, 207.7 tonnes of yogurt were also imported during January-June 1991.

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3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

Powdered whey production in the January-June period of 1991 was 13,014 tonnes, an increase of 56 per cent on production in the same period of 1990.

Exports of whey powder in this period totalled 7,890 tonnes, 9 per cent below the level of exports during the same period of 1989. Imports of whey powder in this period reached 503 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price of whey powders in January-June was \$A509 per tonne.

4. Concentrated milk

Details of consumption of concentrated milk are not available for the January-June period of 1991. However, production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in the period January-May 1991 was 21,489 tonnes, up 35 per cent on the same period of 1990.

Exports of condensed milk during January-June was 787 tonnes, quadruple the corresponding period in 1990. The average f.o.b. price of these exports was \$A2,342 per tonne. Imports of condensed milk totalled 58 tonnes during January-June 1991.

5. Casein

Production of casein during January-June 1991 fell 8 per cent to 702 tonnes. Production in 1990-91 was 2,295 tonnes less than half the 1989-90 level.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) were 1,514 tonnes in January-June 1991. During the same period imports of casein and caseinates totalled 293 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for casein over January-June 1991 was \$A4,070 per tonne.