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AUSTRALIA

(July-December 1992)

1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1992 was 4,195 million litres, 10 per cent or 380 million litres higher than the corresponding period of 1991.

Milk deliveries in 1992 of 7,110 million litres were 10 per cent or 640 million litres above the 1991 level. The surge in production reflected favourable seasonal conditions in all major milk producing regions other than Central Queensland during spring and summer.

Market milk sales in the July-December period of 1992 totalled 891 million litres, leaving 3,305 million litres for use in manufacturing. Overall fresh milk utilization for 1992 was 1,772 million litres or 25 per cent of total supplies, with the remaining 5,338 million litres used for manufacturing purposes.

Exports of fresh milk in July-December 1992 amounted to 21,083 tonnes. Hong Kong and Singapore remain the major export destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December was A\$ 749 per tonne.

2. Other fresh products

Details of consumption of fresh products other than milk are not available for the July-December 1992 period. Production of cream (including that used in processing) in the July-November period totalled 96,414 litres. Ice cream production in the same period totalled 77 million litres (down 7 per cent on the previous year).

Exports of fresh cream totalled 143 tonnes during July-December 1992, slightly lower than in the corresponding period in 1991. Ice cream exports totalled 2,374 tonnes also 5 per cent below the level of July-December 1991. By contrast exports of yoghurt during the period of 395 tonnes were 10 per cent above July-December 1991. Six hundred and ninety-six tonnes of yoghurt were imported during July-December 1992.

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3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

Powdered whey production in July-December 1992 was 21,618 tonnes, an increase of 5 per cent on the corresponding period of 1991.

Exports of whey powder in this period totalled 14,303 tonnes, 11 per cent above the level of exports during the same period in 1991. Imports of whey powder reached 373 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price of whey powders in July-December was A\$ 740 per tonne.

4. Concentrated milk

Details of consumption of concentrated milk are not available for the July-December period of 1992. However, production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in the period July-November 1992 was 40,407 tonnes, up 14 per cent on the same period of 1991.

Exports of condensed milk during July-December totalled 921 tonnes, 15 per cent above the corresponding period in 1991. The average f.o.b. price of exports was A\$ 2,254 per tonne. Imports of condensed milk totalled 264 tonnes during July-December 1991.

5. Casein

Production of casein during July-December 1992 doubled from 1991 levels to 3,733 tonnes.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) of 1,550 tonnes in the July-December period were in line with the previous year. During the same period imports of casein and caseinates totalled 522 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for casein over July-December 1992 was A\$ 5,960 per tonne.