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(July 1984-December 1984)

1. Milk

Milk production in the period July to December 1984 amounted to some 3686 million litres, an increase of 0.6% on the corresponding period in 1983-84. As a result of good seasonal conditions in all major dairy regions, milk production for the full 1984-85 season is expected to be in the vicinity of 5900 million litres, similar to the 1983-84 level.

Exports of milk (fresh or fresh frozen) amounted to 4.3 million litres for July-December 1984, with Hong Kong and Singapore (taking approximately 2.0 and 1.5 million litres respectively) being the major recipients. The average F.O.B. price for July-December 1984 was US\$0.42 per litre. Imports of fresh milk (not concentrated or sweetened) were negligible.

2. Other fresh products

No details of production and consumption of fresh products other than milk are available.

Exports of other fresh products not concentrated or sweetened (not including milk fresh or fresh frozen, but including fresh cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, sour milk, sour cream, whey, kephir and yoghurt) were approximately 558,161 litres in the July-December period of 1984. Imports of fresh cream (not concentrated or sweetened) were negligible.

3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

No details on production are available.

Exports of whey (preserved concentrated or sweetened) totalled 1769 tonnes in the July-December period of 1984. Imports of whey (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) amounted to approximately 205 tonnes in this period.

The average F.O.B. price for July-December 1984 was US\$510/tonne.

4. Concentrated Milk

Production of unsweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-December 1984 amounted to 17,394 tonnes, an increase of 1.0% on the same period of the previous year.

Production of condensed, concentrated and evaporated skimmed milk in the period July-December 1984 amounted to 11,774 tonnes, an increase of 7.9% on the corresponding period in 1983.

Production of sweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-December 1984 amounted to 6,785 tonnes, an increase of 17.2% on the corresponding period of 1983.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk totalled 2,091 tonnes over the July-December period of 1984. Imports of condensed milk for July-December 1984 amounted to approximately 135 tonnes.

The average F.O.B. price for sweetened condensed milk for July-December 1984 was US\$960 and for unsweetened condensed milk US\$969 per tonne.

5. Casein

Production of casein in the period July 1984 - December 1984 amounted to 6,405 tonnes, a decrease of 42.5% on the corresponding period in 1982-83. Expected total production for 1984-85 is 7,500 tonnes.

Exports of casein totalled 3,604 tonnes for the period July-December 1984. Imports of casein (including caseinates, other casein derivatives and casein glues) for the period July-December 1984 were valued at US\$355,000. (Data on volume is not available)

The average export pool return, based on the minimum price set by the Australian Dairy Corporation plus 5% indicative charge to approximate the F.O.B. price was US\$1,799.5/tonne for the period July-December 1984. The average price received was US\$1,843/tonne.