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1. Milk

Milk production (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1988 amounted to some 3,724 million litres, a similar level to the corresponding period of 1987 (3,736 million litres). National milk production for 1988/89 season is forecast at 6,200 million litres, 1.4 per cent higher than 1987/88 production of 6,127 million litres. Milk deliveries for the whole year of 1988 were 6,115 million litres.

Market milk and manufactured milk production in the period July-December 1988 amounted to 841.3 and 2,882.7 million litres respectively, and are forecast at 1,715 and 4,485 million litres respectively for the 1988/89 season.

Exports of milk (fresh or fresh frozen) amounted to 10.4 million litres in July-December 1988, with Hong Kong and Singapore, the major destinations, taking approximately 4.3 and 2.7 million litres respectively. The average f.o.b. price for July-December 1988 was US\$0.47 per litre. Imports of fresh milk were nil.

2. Other Fresh Products

No details of production and consumption of fresh products other than milk are currently available for the July-December period for 1988.

Exports of non-concentrated fresh cream were 46.7 thousand litres July-December period of 1988. Exports of yoghurt, were 939 tonnes for the period.

The average f.o.b. price of fresh cream for July-December 1988 was US\$1.53 per litre and for yoghurt for the period was US\$1,113 per tonne f.o.b. Imports of fresh cream were nil.

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3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

No details of production and consumption of whey are currently available for the July-December period of 1988.

Exports of whey powder totalled 2,886 tonnes in the period July-December 1988. Imports of whey powder in this period are 287 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price of whey powder for July-December 1988 was US\$729 per tonne and for whey concentrate for the period was US\$722 per tonne f.o.b.

4. Concentrated Milk

No details of production, consumption or imports of concentrated milk are currently available for the July-December period of 1988.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk were 1,268 tonnes in the period July-December 1988.

The average f.o.b. price for sweetened condensed milk in the period July-December 1988 was US\$1,108 per tonne and for unsweetened condensed milk US\$705 per tonne.

5. Casein

Production of casein in the period July-December 1988 was 5,733 tonnes, a decrease of 14.3 per cent on the corresponding period in 1987 (6,691 tonnes). Forecast total production in 1988/89 is 8,000 tonnes, down 10.6 per cent from 1987/88 output (8,954 tonnes).

Exports of casein were 2,401 tonnes in the period July-December 1988. Imports of casein (including caseinates, other casein derivatives and casein glues) for the period July-December 1988 was nil.

The average export price f.o.b. was US\$4,921 per tonne over the period July-December 1988.