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(July-December 1990)

1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1990 was 3,750 million litres, 1.0 per cent down on the corresponding period of 1989.

Following improved seasonal conditions in late summer, production for the 1990-91 season is now forecast to be broadly in line with the 1989-90 total at 6,260 million litres. Milk deliveries in calendar year 1990 were 6,225 million litres.

Market milk production in the July-December period of 1990 was 858 million litres, while 2,892 million litres were used in manufacturing. Overall milk utilization for 1990-91 is forecast to be 1,705 million litres for market milk and 4,555 million litres for manufacturing purposes.

Exports of fresh milk in July-December amounted to 13.0 million litres. Hong Kong and Singapore remain the major export destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December for fresh milk was \$A 720 per kilolitre.

2. Other fresh products

No details of production, consumption of fresh products other than milk, are available for the July-December 1990 period. Production of table cream in the July-September quarter, however, was 35,286 tonnes.

Exports of non-concentrated fresh cream totalled 104,408 litres during July-December. Exports of yoghurt during this period amounted to 1,043 tonnes. Seventy-five tonnes of yoghurt were also imported during July-December 1990.

The average f.o.b. export price for fresh cream during July-December 1989 was \$A 888 per kilolitre. The average f.o.b. price for yoghurt during the same period was \$A 1,750 per tonne.

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3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

Powdered whey production in the July-December period of 1990 was 15,305 tonnes, an increase of 32 per cent on production in the same period of 1989.

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 469 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for whey powders in July-December was \$A 620 per tonne.

4. Concentrated milk

Complete details of production and consumption of concentrated milk are not available for the July-December period of 1990. However, production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in the period July-September 1990 was 12,472 tonnes, down 3 per cent on the same period of 1989.

Exports of condensed milk during July-December were 857 tonnes, down 3 per cent on the previous year. The average f.o.b. price of these exports was \$A 2,307 per tonne. Imports of condensed milk totalled 178 tonnes during July-December 1989.

5. Casein

Production of casein during July-December 1990 fell 65 per cent to 1,598 tonnes. Production for 1990-91 is now forecast to fall to 2,500 tonnes.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) were 1,355 tonnes in July-December 1990. During the same period imports of casein and caseinates totalled 741 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for casein over July-December 1990 was \$A 3,600 per tonne.