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AUSTRALIA

(July-December 1991)

1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1992 was 3,820 million litres, 8.1 per cent or 67 million litres higher than the corresponding period of 1990.

Milk deliveries in 1991 of 6,470 million litres was 3.9 per cent or 242 million litres above the 1990 level. Favourable seasonal conditions in the major milk producing region, Victoria over most of the year more than offset production losses in the dairy regions of Queensland and New South Wales.

Market milk sales in the July-December period of 1991 totalled 880.3 million litres, while 2,940 million litres were used in manufacturing. Overall fresh milk utilization for 1991 was 1,755 million litres or 27 per cent of the total with the remaining 4,715.3 million litres used for manufacturing purposes.

Exports of fresh milk in July-December 1991 amounted to 16,672 tonnes. Hong Kong and Singapore remain the major export destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December was \$A719 per tonne.

2. Other fresh products

Details of consumption of fresh products other than milk are not available for the July-December 1991 period. Production of cream (including that used in processing) in the July-November period totalled 91,170 litres. Ice-cream production in the same period totalled 83 million litres.

Exports of fresh cream totalled 159 tonnes during July-December 1991, slightly higher than in the corresponding period in 1990. Ice-cream exports totalled 2,520 tonnes, 75 per cent more than in July-December period of 1990. Exports of yogurt during this period amounted to 360 tonnes, 20 per cent less than July-December 1990. Two hundred and forty-two tonnes of yogurt were imported during July-December 1991.

3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

Powdered whey production in July-December 1991 was 20,595 tonnes, an increase of 35 per cent on the corresponding period of 1990.

Exports of whey powder in this period totalled 12,858 tonnes, 60 per cent above the level of exports during the same period in 1990. Imports of whey powder reached 573 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price of whey powders in July-December was \$A499 per tonne.

4. Concentrated milk

Details of consumption of concentrated milk are not available for the July-December period of 1991. However, production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in the period July-November 1991 was 35,272 tonnes, down 15 per cent on the same period of 1990.

Exports of condensed milk during July-December was 797 tonnes, 7 per cent less than the corresponding period in 1990. The average f.o.b. price of exports was \$A2,298 per tonne. Imports of condensed milk totalled 190 tonnes during July-December 1991.

5. Casein

Production of casein during July-December 1991 rose 12 per cent to 1,777 tonnes, compared to the corresponding period in 1990.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) were 1,585 tonnes in July-December 1991, 14 per cent higher than in the corresponding period in 1990. During the same period imports of casein and caseinates totalled 573 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for casein over July-December 1991 was \$A4,433 per tonne.