1. Milk

Milk production (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1985 amounted to some 3,686 million litres, the same level as in the corresponding period of 1984/85. In view of a drop in the rate of growth of Victorian milk production since October, national milk production for 1985/86 season is forecast at 6,030 million litres, which is marginally below 1984/85 production of 6,038 million litres.

Market milk and manufactured milk production in the period July-December 1985 amounted to 807 and 2,879 million litres respectively, and are forecast at 1,615 and 4,415 million litres respectively for the 1985/86 season.

Exports of milk (fresh or fresh frozen) amounted to 5.3 million litres in July-December 1985, with Hong Kong and Singapore (taking approximately 2.7 and 1.4 million litres, respectively) being the major destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December 1985 was US$0.33 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 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 nil in the July-December period of 1985. Imports of fresh cream were nil.
3. Whey Preserved, Concentrated or Sweetened

No details of production are available.

Exports of whey (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) totalled 2,280 tonnes in the period July-December 1985. Imports of whey, preserved, concentrated or sweetened) were 279 tonnes in this period.

The average f.o.b. price of whey for July-December 1985 was US$555 per tonne.

4. Concentrated Milk

Production of unsweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-December 1985 amounted to 16,029 tonnes, a decrease of 7.8% on the same period of the previous year.

Production of condensed, concentrated and evaporated skimmed milk in the period July-December 1985 amounted to 10,301 tonnes, a decrease of 12.5% on the corresponding period in 1984.

No details on production of sweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-December 1985 are available.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk were 2,329 tonnes in the period July-December 1985. Imports of condensed milk in the period July-December 1985 were 335 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for sweetened condensed milk in the period July-December 1985 was US$756 and for unsweetened condensed milk US$714 per tonne.

5. Casein

Production of casein in the period July-December 1985 was 7,000 tonnes, an increase of 9.5% above the corresponding period in 1984 (6,394 tonnes). Forecast total production in 1985/86 is 8,500 tonnes, up 5.7% on 1984/85 output (8,043 tonnes).
Exports of casein were 1,987 tonnes in the period July-December 1985. Imports of casein (including caseinates, other casein derivatives and casein glues) were valued at US$457,876.

The average export pool return, based on the minimum price set by the Australian Dairy Corporation, plus a 5% indicative charge to approximate the f.o.b. price, was US$1,800 per tonne over the period July-December 1985.