1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in July-December 1993 was 4,551.9 million litres, 8.6 per cent or 359.7 million litres higher than in July-December 1992.

The very favourable seasonal conditions throughout most of 1993/94 have underpinned the recent increases in milk production. Other contributing factors include on-going relatively low supplementary feed (mainly grain) prices, improved pasture management practices and a slight increase in average herd sizes. Despite some easing in farm gate prices for milk, industry confidence remains relatively high.

Market milk sales in July-December 1993 totalled 919.8 million litres, 0.7 per cent higher than in July-December 1992. Manufacturing milk availability was 3,652.3 million litres, an increase of 10.6 per cent or 351.7 million litres.

Exports of fresh milk in July-December 1993 amounted to 22.932 tonnes, 1,143 tonnes or 5.2 per cent higher than July-December 1992. The average f.o.b. price for July-December 1993 was A$779 per tonne.

2. Other fresh products

Details of consumption of fresh products other than milk are not available for July-December 1993. Production of cream (including that used in processing) in July-December 1993 period totalled 124,093 litres, 0.9 per cent lower than in July-December 1992. Ice-cream production totalled 104.083 million litres, an increase of 7.7 per cent on July-December 1992.

Exports of fresh cream totalled 475 tonnes during July-December 1993; 307 tonnes or 182.7 per cent higher than July-December 1992.

Ice-cream exports totalled 5,119 tonnes, 2,743 tonnes or 115.4 per cent more than in July-December 1992. Imports of ice-cream totalled 2,740 tonnes (including mixes), 10.5 per cent or 261 tonnes higher than July-December 1992.
Exports of yoghurt amounted to 524 tonnes, 32 tonnes or 6.5 per cent higher than in July-December 1992. One thousand three hundred-and-two tonnes of yoghurt were imported in July-December 1993, 87 per cent or 606 tonnes higher than in July-December 1992.

3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

Powdered whey production in July-December 1993 was 21,684 tonnes, an increase of 0.1 per cent on July-December 1992.

Exports of whey powder totalled 9,412 tonnes; 4,576 tonnes or 32.7 per cent less than in July-December 1992. Imports of whey powder were 550 tonnes, 47.4 per cent or 177 tonnes higher than in July-December 1992.

The average f.o.b. price of whey powder in July-December 1993 was A$750 per tonne.

4. Concentrated (condensed) milk

Production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in July-December 1993 was 53,725 tonnes, up 8.8 per cent or 3,777 tonnes on July-December 1992.

Exports of condensed milk during July-December 1993 totalled 838 tonnes, 7.7 per cent or 81 tonnes less than in July-December 1992. The average f.o.b. price of exports was A$2,471 per tonne. Imports of condensed milk totalled 435 tonnes during July-December 1993.

5. Casein

Production of casein was 3,272 tonnes in July-December 1993, a decrease of 12.4 per cent compared to July-December 1992.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) reached 2,057 tonnes in July-December 1993, 758 tonnes more than in July-December 1992. During the same period imports of casein and caseinates totalled 444 tonnes, 80 tonnes or 15.3 per cent lower than July-December 1992.

The average f.o.b. price for casein for July-December 1993 was A$5,785 per tonne.