1. **Milk**

Milk production in the period July 1982 to January 1983 amounted to some 3,942 million litres, an increase of 5.8 per cent compared with the corresponding period in 1981-82. However, the effect of the drought and recent bushfires is considered likely to result in production for the full 1982-83 season increasing by only 1 per cent to 5,250 million litres.

2. **Other fresh products**

No details on production, trade and consumption of fresh products other than milk are available.

3. **Whey in powder, block or concentrated**

No details on production are available.

Exports of whey, preserved, concentrated or sweetened, for the period July/December 1982 amounted to 5,750 tonnes.

Average f.o.b. prices for this period were US$712 per tonne.

4. **Concentrated milk**

Production of unsweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-November 1982 amounted to 12,572 tonnes, a reduction of 29 per cent on the same period of the previous year.

Production of condensed, concentrated and evaporated skim milk in the period July-November 1982 amounted to 9,289 tonnes, an increase of 15.2 per cent on the same period of the previous year.

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No details are available on production of sweetened condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk in the period July-December 1982 amounted to 2,623 tonnes, a reduction of 52 per cent on the same period of the previous year.

Average f.o.b. prices for the period July-December 1982 were US$1,095 per tonne.

5. Casein

Casein production in 1981-82 totalled 8,437 tonnes, a decline of 44 per cent compared with the previous year. The decline resulted from uncertainty over the outcome of the United States ITC Section 22 inquiry into imports of casein and lactalbumin. As a result of this uncertainty, manufacturers switched to the production of skim milk powder.

Production of casein in the period July 1982-January 1983 amounted to 10,142 tonnes, an increase of 43 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year and reflects the greater degree of certainty over access to the United States market for the product resulting from the outcome of the ITC inquiry.

The average export pool return, based on the minimum price set by the Australian Dairy Corporation plus 5 per cent indicative charge to approximate the f.o.b. price for 1981-82 was US$2,669. Actual prices received would have been above this level.

For 1982-83 the approximate f.o.b. price calculated in the same way as above is estimated to be US$2,513 per tonne.