



AgEcon SEARCH
RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL & APPLIED ECONOMICS

The World's Largest Open Access Agricultural & Applied Economics Digital Library

This document is discoverable and free to researchers across the globe due to the work of AgEcon Search.

Help ensure our sustainability.

Give to AgEcon Search

AgEcon Search
<http://ageconsearch.umn.edu>
aesearch@umn.edu

*Papers downloaded from **AgEcon Search** may be used for non-commercial purposes and personal study only. No other use, including posting to another Internet site, is permitted without permission from the copyright owner (not AgEcon Search), or as allowed under the provisions of Fair Use, U.S. Copyright Act, Title 17 U.S.C.*

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS

This season's planting of rice on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area is the lowest for over 10 years. Due to shortage of water in Burrinjuck Dam it was necessary to curtail the acreages permitted for individual growers and only 21,301 acres have been planted. This is in contrast to 37,425 acres last year, and the pre-war average of 23,000 acres. On the Government project at Wakool 4,803 acres have been planted.

It is estimated that some 500,000 pigs were slaughtered in New South Wales during 1944, or roughly the same figure as for 1943. The 1945 production goal of 37,000 tons of pigmeat calls for a considerable increase; allowing 135 lb. for each carcass, some 615,000 slaughterings will be needed if the target is to be reached.

Butter output in New South Wales usually reaches a peak in December or January. October has been the month of highest production this year with 3,787 tons, November (3,649 tons) and December (3,362 tons) reflecting the spread of drought conditions to the Coast. Cheese production has shown the same trend.

An indication of the serious fodder position may be gleaned from the fact that in the dry year 1940-41, the quantity of all hay fed to stock on farms alone amounted to 808,097 tons. At that time, however, the State had the advantage of a large carryover. As at 31st March, 1940, stocks of all hay and silage on farms amounted to 1,215,132 tons, compared with 623,153 tons at 31st March, 1944.

The final official forecast issued by the Division for the 1944-45 wheat crop was for 17,978,000 bushels. At the time of issue there appeared to be a feeling in the industry that this figure was somewhat high. It is understood that approximately 11,500,000 bushels have been delivered to the pool and, as many growers are this season retaining additional supplies on the farms for stock feeding purposes consequent upon the drought, it is now anticipated that the actual yield is likely to approximate the forecast.

The N.S.W. Fruit Shopkeepers' Association, representing the retail fruit and vegetable trade, has announced that as from 1st February their members will discontinue payment of deposits on hinged lidded cases. Arising out of this decision, the Sydney and District Fruit Growers' Co-operative Ltd. has been formed under the N.S.W. Co-operation Act, with the primary object of handling fruit cases in the interests of producers.