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Economic tendencies in the South African agriculture

Development in various agricultural economic directions is illustrated in the accompanying graphs and further information is contained in the Statistical Section. The latest tendencies may be summarised as follows:

MAIZE

Since the 1952/53 crop production of maize has exceeded consumption. The 1968/69 crop is estimated at 55 million bags in comparison with 59 million during the previous year. Commercial consumption during 1967/68 amounted to 46.7 million bags. Average production and consumption have been as follows:

Period	Production	Consumption
	Million bags	
1948/49 - 1951/52	27.6	28.2
1952/53 - 1955/56	41.2	29.4
1956/57 - 1959/60	44.8	32.9
1960/61 - 1963/64	59.9	37.5
1964/65 - 1967/68	68.2	45.6

Whole maize exported during 1968 was valued at R106.9 million as against R78.95 million during 1967.

WHEAT

During 1964/65 production of wheat exceeded consumption for the first time and the 1968/69 crop estimated at 13.5 million bags will again exceed consumption which amounts to about 13 million bags. During 1968 wheat imports were valued at R25,000 and during 1967 at R24 million.

MEAT

In 1966 there were about 7.0 million cattle on farms of Whites. Since then there has been an increase every year and the number of cattle is now estimated at 7.6 million. Commercial slaughterings amounted to about 1,480,000 during 1967/68 and during 1968/69 to about 1,384,000 - a decline of 6.5 per cent. During the same years the average carcass weight increased from 457 lb to 461 lb. At Newtown the average price of beef during 1968/69 was 21.04 cents a pound for grade IA, and 20.21 cents a pound for grade IB.

BUTTER

During the past two seasons butter production has exceeded consumption. In 1966/67 production amounted to about 100 million pounds and then increased to 118 million pounds in 1967/68 and 126 million pounds in 1968/69. Consumption

during the three seasons was 109, 112 and 121 million pounds respectively.

Average production and consumption over the past 20 years have been as follows:

Period	Production	Consumption
	Million pounds	
1948/49 - 1951/52	67.3	73.7
1952/53 - 1955/56	83.5	86.4
1956/57 - 1959/60	90.3	91.8
1960/61 - 1963/64	101.0	99.9
1964/65 - 1967/68	97.5	109.5

During 1967 butter imports amounted to 3,498 tons and 589 tons during 1968.

CHEESE

During the past three seasons cheese production has exceeded consumption. The quantities were:

Period	Production	Consumption
	Million pounds	
1966/67	42.1	37.7
1967/68	47.1	39.1
1968/69	53.6	42.6

EGGS

Since 1947/48 egg production has exceeded consumption. For the past 20 years the quantities were:

Period	Production	Consumption
	Million dozen	
1948/49 - 1951/52	67.2	63.2
1952/53 - 1955/56	83.6	76.4
1956/57 - 1959/60	96.9	87.8
1960/61 - 1963/64	114.2	100.7
1964/65 - 1967/68	140.1	128.5

Production during 1967/68 amounted to 165 million dozen and increased to 159 million dozen in the following year. Consumption during the two years amounted to 143 and 146 million dozen.

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