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Pigs—Good to Prime Quality.

Values shown in pence per lb.:—Based on selling price per head of live animals and estimated dressed weight of carcase.

Date of Sale, 1948.	6th July.	13th July.	20th July.	27th July.
No. yarded each Sale	1,570	1,795	2,466	1,633
Estimated prices per lb. for :—	d.	d.	d.	d.
Porkers—				
35–50 lb. Extra Light	12¼–14½	13 –15½	13 –15¼	13¼–16¼
50–60 lb. Light	13 –15	13 –15½	13 –15¼	13½–16¼
60–70 lb. Medium	13 –15	13½–15	13½–14¾	13¾–16¼
70–80 lb. Medium	13½–14½	13½–14¾	13½–14¾	13¾–16
80–90 lb. Heavy	13½–14½	13¼–14½	13¼–14½	13¾–15¼
Intermediates—				
90–100 lb.	13 –14	13 –14	13 –14	13½–14¼
Baconers :—				
100–110 lb. Light	13 –14	13 –14	13 –13¾	13¼–13¾
110–120 lb. Light	13 –14	13 –13¾	12¾–13¾	13 –13¾
120–130 lb. Medium	13 –13¾	13 –13¾	12½–13½	12¾–13½
130–160 b. Heavy	12¼–13½	12¼–13¼	12¼–13¼	12¼–13¼
160–180 lb. Extra Heavy ...	12 –12¾	11¾–12¾	11½–12½	11½–12½
180–200 lb. Extra Heavy ...	11¾–12½	11¾–12¼	11½–12¼	11½–12¼
200–240 lb. Extra Heavy ...	10¼–11¾	10¼–11½	10 –11½	10 –11½
Backfatters :—				
250–350 lb.	8 – 9½	7¾– 9¼	7½– 9	7¼– 8¾
350 lb. and over	8½– 9½	7¾– 9¼	7 – 9	7 – 8¾

G. COLEMAN.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SALES AT CITY MUNICIPAL MARKETS.

July, 1948.

FRUIT.

Supplies of apples ample.

From the 1st to the 7th July, offerings of apples were light but thereafter trade requirements were fully supplied. Stocks were drawn from N.S.W., Tasmanian, Victorian and South Australian sources. Choice Delicious and Granny Smith lines were most in demand, whilst large sizes in interstate red apples were neglected. Trade throughout the period under review was steady and quotations were as follows:—

N.S.W., Delicious 10s. to 22s., large coloured 26s. to 28s., with specials 30s. to 32s.; Rome Beauty 12s. to 20s.; Democrats 12s. to 15s., few to 20s.; Statesman 14s. to 20s., a few 22s.; Granny Smith 8s. to 18s., special 20s. to 22s. per bushel case. *Tasmanian,* Delicious 10s. to 20s.; Jonathan 10s. to 13s., few to 18s.; Rome Beauty 14s. to 20s.; Scarlett Pearmain 9s. to 18s.; Geeveston Fanny 9s. to 12s., few 14s.; Cleopatra 10s. to 12s, few 14s.; Granny Smith 12s. to 18s.; Democrat 12s. to 18s. per bushel case. *Victorian,* Delicious 16s. to 23s.; Jonathan 10s. to 18s., few 20s.; Rome Beauty 10s. to 18s., few 22s. per bushel case. *South Australian,* Rome Beauty 14s. to 18s.; Statesman 12s. to 16s.; Jonathan 15s. to 20s., and Cleopatra 14s. to 16s. per bushel case.

Firm Demand for Pears Maintained.

Pears from Victoria met most of the trade requirements during the month, but limited stocks from N.S.W. were sought after and the period closed with slightly increased prices for Packham's Triumph and Winter Cole. Quotations are as follows:—*N.S.W.*, Packham's Triumph 8s. to 18s., few 20s.; Winter Cole 8s. to 18s.

per bushel case. *Victorian,* Packham's Triumph 8s. to 16s.; Josephine 8s. to 14s., and Beurre Bosc 8s. to 14s., few 15s. per bushel case.

Steady inquiry for bananas.

Trading in bananas was steady and realisations showed little variation. Prices were: *N.S.W.,* Cavendish 9 in. and 8 in. 32s. to 34s., sevens 30s. to 36s. and sixes 15s. to 28s. A small number of Lady Finger consignments were received during the last week in July. *Queensland,* Cavendish realised from 24s. to 40s. per banana case, and arrivals totalled 6,172 cases.

Heavy Supplies of Navel Oranges.

Offerings of Navel oranges at all times during the month were in excess of retail requirements and prices continued on a low level. Only choice large fruit was in demand, small and plain being very difficult to sell. Quotations were as follows: 6s. to 8s., choice large 9s. to 10s., special packs of 88 to case and larger 11s. and occasionally 12s. per bushel.

Trade in Lemons Dull.

Heavy supplies of lemons sold slowly with only intermittent purchases by processors at 2s. 6d. to 3s. per bushel case. Single case lots at times brought 7s., but most other sales were effected at from 4s. to 6s. Queensland Gayndah lemons were offered in small numbers, and realised from 10s. to 16s.

Good Demand for Choice Large Emperor Mandarins.

Buyers were always keen to secure choice Emperor mandarins of the larger sizes, and fruit of this description changed hands at from 12s. to 14s. per bushel case, with occasional sales to 16s. Small fruit was almost unsaleable at from 4s. to 10s. Queensland Ellendale realised 16s. to 22s. and Glen Retreat 14s. to 18s.

Grapefruit Sold Very Slowly.

Choice grapefruit of counts 48 to 80 sold in limited quantities at from 7s. to 10s. per bushel case, but smaller fruit was very difficult of disposal at from 4s. to 6s. Factory buyers bought at irregular intervals at from 2s. to 4s. Queensland grapefruit was lightly supplied during July and quotations were mainly nominal at from 14s. to 18s. per bushel case.

Queensland citrus arrivals totalled 3,300 bushel cases during the period under review, but separate figures for the different fruits cannot be given.

Steady Demand for Passionfruit.

Choice large well-coloured passionfruit were scarce and sold readily at from 18s. to 22s. per half-case, but small and inferior fruit was not in request at from 12s. to 16s.

Strawberry Supplies Increased.

Increasing quantities of Queensland strawberries were received each week, and by the end of the month supplies had become very heavy. Quotations were 1s. 6d. to 3s. per box during the first three weeks of the month, but during the last week the main selling prices were from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. Trays realised from 5s. to 8s., with specials to 10s. per tray.

Fewer Papaws Received.

A total of 2,158 tropical cases of papaws were received from Queensland, or 176 less than the number arriving in June. Choice coloured lines sold from 20s. to 25s. per case early in the month, but closing rates were from 15s. to 20s. Green fruit and faulty lots realised from 10s.

Reduced Quantities of Pineapples.

Pineapples from Queensland amounted to 17,362 tropical cases, a decline of 6,258 cases, but owing to cold weather demand was quiet and realisations showed little change from those recorded for June. Prices ranged from 10s. to 16s., with choice coloured to 20s., and occasionally higher for special lines.

Other Fruit.

Representative quotations for other main lines were as follows:—Custard Apples 5s. to 10s., few 12s., inferior lower; Avocados (Fuerte and similar) 12s. to 14s., inferior lower, others 3s. to 6s. per half-bushel case.

VEGETABLES.

Lighter Supplies of Peas.

Offerings of peas totalled 11,586 bags being approximately 3,700 less than those received during June. Quality varied considerably, choice trellis grown consignments coming to hand which commanded 40s. to 44s. per bushel, except during the last week of the period under review, when values declined and 38s. to 40s. was obtained. Lines showing frost-damage were noticeable throughout and whilst better consignments realised from 24s. to 36s. per bushel, those badly affected sold at much lower prices.

Fewer N.S.W. Consignments, But Increased Supplies of Queensland Beans.

Total consignments of N.S.W. beans amounted to 6,361 bags, being approximately 3,700 less than supplies during June, but receivals from Queensland increased from 3,800 packages to 8,167. The quality of lines arriving from North Coast and nearer N.S.W. districts declined considerably and, at times, Queensland offerings showed damage by halo blight. The range of values during the first and third week was from 32s. to 36s., with special lines 40s. to 44s., but during the second and fourth week highest realisations were approximately 4s. per bushel lower.

Cabbages Dearer.

Light offerings of cabbages were available throughout the month, comprising mainly small and medium size heads. Except for the third week, values ranged from 8s. to 12s., medium choice 14s. to 18s., and the limited number of choice large heads 20s. to 24s. per dozen. During the third week, however, choice large heads realised as high as 30s. per dozen.

Cauliflowers More Plentiful.

Though supplies of cauliflowers were somewhat light during the first week, when choice large heads realised as much as 36s. per dozen, heavier consignments during the second and fourth weeks reduced maximum realisations to 28s., with returns as

low as 20s. per dozen for choice large lines on two mornings during the fourth week. During the third week, however, rates reached 38s. per dozen. It is suggested that scarcity of peas considerably influenced prices of both cauliflowers and cabbages.

Choice Large Lettuce Scarce.

Packs of choice large lettuce were scarce throughout the month and whilst during the first week 16s. per case was obtained, values during the second week ranged from 18s. to 20s. and this was increased during the third week from 24s. to 26s.; maximum realisations towards closing were 24s. per case. Lettuce, less attractive in appearance and with smaller heart, changed hands at from 8s. to 12s.

Light Supplies of Local Coloured Tomatoes.

Offerings of local coloured tomatoes were intermittent throughout the period and were keenly sought after at as high as 36s. per half case, but the main source of immediately edible fruit was Queensland repacks, and these realised from 28s. to 38s. according to size and condition. Consignments of tomatoes from Queensland northern districts totalled 37,325 cases, whilst southern supplies amounted to 1,647. These arrivals were approximately 15,000 cases less from northern districts, but southern supplies varied little. Realisations for Queensland tomatoes ranged from 14s. to 24s. early in the month, and 18s. to 28s. towards closing.

Other Main Vegetable Lines.

Carrots 20s. to 40s., inferior lower; Parsnips (N.S.W. and Victorian) 16s. to 34s., early sales to 36s.; Potatoes No. 1 grade 10s. (fixed maximum price); Onions (Vic.) brown 23s. 6d. (fixed maximum price); Swedes (N.S.W.) 8s. to 28s., few 30s.; (Tasmania) 16s. to 30s., few 32s.; Pumpkins 10s. to 28s., few to 30s.; (Queensland) to 34s.; Sweet Potatoes 6s. to 20s., few to 28s. per cwt.; Celery (local) 12s. to 24s., early sales lower, per dozen bunches; (South Australian) 26s. to 36s., few 38s., late sales lower per crate; Brussels Sprouts (N.S.W.) 6s. to 14s., few 16s. per 12 lb.; (Victorian) 7s. to 18s., few 20s. per 12 lb. box.

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SALES OF FARM PRODUCE AT ALEXANDRIA AND SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY.

July, 1948.

Lighter Supplies of Potatoes Available.

Total consignments aggregated 105,545 bags consisting of 94,128 of Tasmanian Brownells, Snowflakes and Bismarcks received at Sussex Street, and 8,336 Victorian Carmans and 2,543 bags of seed from local centres which arrived at Alexandria. Victorian consignments were heavier than in June, but no fresh supplies were received from Queensland and local receivals were much reduced.

The bulk of supplies was available for trading but some receivals were reserved for essential services while others were reconsigned to country centres, particularly to the North Coast. The quality was reported to be good and demand was keen.