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## MONTHLY REVIEW OF DAIRY PRODUCTION IN CANADA

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION in June decreased 3 per cent as compared with the June make of 1936 and increased 54 per cent over the output for the preceding month. During the month of June 37.8 million pounds of butter were produced and during the six months ending June the output reached a total of 103.3 million pounds. The decline in the June make occurred in three provinces only, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia,

CHEESE PRODUCTION went up 16 per cent in June as compared with June, 1936. and advanced 116 per cent over the output for the preceding month. The June make was 24,2 million pounds and the total during the period January to June amounted to 40.9 million pounds. All provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia contributed to the increase recorded herein.

The production of CONCENTRATED MILK PRODUCTS for the month of May registered increases of 29 per cent over the same month last year and 24 per cent over the preceding month. During May 12.4 million pounds of Concentrated Whole Milk Products were manufactured in Canada and 3.1 million pounds of Concentrated Milk By-Products. During the five months January to May, 39 0 million pounds of the former and 10.6 million pounds of the latter were produced in condenseries and creameries in the Dominion, making a total of 15.5 million pounds for May and 49.6 million pounds for the five months ending May.

CREAMERY BUTTER PRICES at Montreal, as quoted by the Canadian Commodity Exchange for the first grade product, average 24 5/8 cents a pound, compared with 21 3/4 cents in June, 1936. Ontario coloured cheese at Montreal averaged 15 1/8 cents in June as compared with 13 cents in June 1936.

The combined output of creamery butter and factory cheese during the month of June represented the equivalent of 1.2 billion pounds of milk registering an advance of 10.1 million pounds over the combined make in terms of milk for the same month a year ago.

Satisfactory pasture and feed conditions in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario during the latter part of May and June contributed materially to the increase in milk production recorded above. Wet weather delayed having operations in these provinces during the latter part of June but the recent warm spell is giving farmers a chance to gather the crop in good shape. The tonnage of hay and alfalfa is considerably smaller than last year and the quality is scarcely equal to the 1936 crop. Pastures are uniformly good but the shortage of clover in both meadows and pastures may affect milk production to some extent. The situation in Manitoba continues to be quite promising except in the western fringes of the province where drougth has appeared as a result of recent tropical temperatures. In Saskatchewan the pastures are gone in all southern, south western and central areas. Cattle are being turned into fields in some places to gather what remains of the crop and a feed and water shortage is becoming more and more acute. Eastern and northern sections are fair. In Alberta the pastures are poor in the south-eastern and the east central territories but feed conditions are relatively good in the foothill

country and fair in northern sections, although a shortage of rain is reported in the Peace River area and heavy yields are not expected. In British Columbia the grass and forage crops are somewhat profer than last year, but excessive moisture has retarded having operations. While short pastures in the west and excessive heat in all parts of Canada is expected to check the milk flo in July, the prospects are more favourable than they were a year ago and some increase in production is anticipated.

I. PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JUNE, 1936 AND 1937.

		MAY		JUNE	
Province	1936	1937 x More(+)	1936		More(+)
	Lb.	Less(~)	Lb.	Lb.	Less(-)
Canada	25,171,449	24,511,895 (-) 2.6	39,003,644	37,832,241	(-) 3.0
Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	90,840 513,373 294,898 8,181,000 9,307,966 1,899,269 2,038,030 2,140,000 706,073	133,349 (+)46.8 508,483 (-) 1.6 317,605 (+) 7.7 8,042,618 (-) 1.7 8,296,421 (-)10.9 2,335,846 (+)23.6 2,108,754 (+) 3.8 2,140,299 (+) 0.6 628,520 (-)11.6	870,290 669,862 12,908,000 12,339,229 3,661,186 3,925,354 3,650,000	895,660 695,420 12,200,000 11,103,311 4,051,154 4,036,500 3,864,458	(+) 2.9 (+) 3.8 (-) 5.5 (-)10.0 (+)10.6 (+) 2.8 (+) 5.9

II. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO JUNE, 1936 AND 1937.

	January to June				
Province	1936	1937	More (+) Less (-)		
	Lb.	Lbc	%		
Canada	105,337,463	103,284,717	(-) 1.9		
Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	617,683 2,690,374 1,352,070 27,060,000 40,224,431 9,480,281 10,309,934 -10,585,000 3,017,690	781,242 2,737,705 1,422,574 27,086,378 38,562,347 10,320,195 9,811,635 9,905,149 2,657,492	(+)26.5 (+) 1.7 (+) 5.2 (+) 0.1 (-) 4.1 (+) 8.8 (-) 4.8 (-) 6.4 (-)11.9		

x Revised figures.

<sup>/</sup> Preliminary figures.

III. PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JUNE, 1936 AND 1937.

	MAY			JUNE		
Province	1936	1937 x	More(+) Less(-)	1936	1937 /	More(+) Less(-)
	Lb.	Lb.	%	Lb.	Lb.	%
Canada	9,335,986	11,216,617	(+) 20,1	20,892,070	24,246,383	(+) 16.0
Prince Edward Island	-			42,170	90,000	(+)113.4
New Brunswick	24,526	54,025	(+)120.3	81,763	152,650	(+) 86.7
Quebec	1,145,000	1,737,746	(+) 51.8	4,313,000	5,800,000	(+) 34.5
Ontario	7,793,530	9,055,691	(+) 16.2	15,865,493	17,558,672	(+) 10.7
Manitoba	156,282	175,715	(+) 12.4	228,423	299,432	(+) 31.1
Saskatchewan	47,033	26,889	(-) 42.8	105,034	69,800	(-) 33.5
Alberta	94,416	142,851	(+) 51.3	190,416	244,278	(+) 28.3
British Columbia	75,199	23,700	(-) 68.5	65,771	31,551	(-) 52.0

IV. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF FACTORY CHEESE IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, JANUARY TO JUNE, 1936 AND 1937.

1936 Lb. 35,468,818	1937 Lb. 40,895,307	More (+) Less (-) % (+) 15.3
35,468,818		
	40,895,307	(+) 15,3
40 170		
42,170	90,000	(+)113.4
106,289	206,675	(+) 94.4
		(+) 38.7
		(+) 10.8
		(+) 17.2
		(-) 55.3
		(+) 23 <sub>0</sub> 1 (-) 43 <sub>0</sub> 1
	5,897,000 27,668,060 724,311 230,097 551,496 249,395	5,897,000 8,180,351 27,668,060 30,645,415 724,311 848,938 230,097 102,855 551,496 679,080

x Revised figures.

<sup>/</sup> Preliminary figures.



