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MONTHLY STATISTICS OF THE FLUID MILK TRADE

In order to meet the requirements of an important branch of the Canadian dairy industry, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics commenced in 1935 to collect fluid milk statistics, by markets. After making a study of the statistics obtained, it was found necessary to extend the survey to additional markets so that a more reliable basis for over-all estimates of dairy production would be provided. With the assistance of Municipal Health Officials, extensive lists of distributors were secured. Likewise the Milk Boards of Quebec, Ontario and the Western Provinces have co-operated with the Bureau in collecting and assembling data in the areas in which control is exercised. Reports have been obtained directly or indirectly from milk distributors for the past ten years. In 1940, the data were published for the first time, showing receipts and sales of milk and cream for a number of the principal markets of the Dominion. The first publication covered the years 1939 and 1940. This was followed by publications for 1941-1942 and 1943-1944. The 1945-1946 statement is now in the course of preparation.

During the past few years, it has become evident that the statistical position of the fluid milk trade should be given more detailed treatment in current monthly reports. Thus, by authority of the Honourable Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Bureau is offering for the first time a monthly report on the sales of fluid milk and cream in the principal markets of Canada in January and February, together with comparative data for the previous month and the same month in 1946 and 1939.

During the war period there was a continuous increase in fluid sales, and also in the post-war period up to the end of 1946. It will be observed from the statistics shown in this report that the pendulum is now beginning to swing in the opposite direction. As might be expected, most significant increases appear in the percentage comparisons between 1959 and 1947. In some cases, these increases are well over 100 per cent, and in one market both milk and cream sales are more than 170 per cent above those of the same month of 1939. It should be realized in making these comparisons, that important changes have taken place in the sale and distribution of milk in these market areas during the past eight years. Many amalgamations have taken place; some distributors have ceased to operate and others have taken their place that were not in business in 1939. Consequently, it is not always possible to establish exact relationships, even if the comparative data were based on a limited number of firms that have operated continuously. In this report the percentage changes have been calculated on the basis of all monthly reports received; a fact that should be kept in mind when data for different markets are compared.

Monthly estimates, covering the total Production and Utilization of Milk, have been compiled by the Bureau since 1940. These are published currently in the Dairy Review of Canada. In order to relate the fluid sales statistics shown on this report to the over-all estimate of fluid milk or cream in terms of milk, the following data are presented for each economic area as a supplement to Tables I to IV.

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TABLE I - SALES OF FLUID MILK IN FORTY MARKETS OF CANADA, JANUARY, 1947

Showing Percentage Comparisons with the Previous Month and With the Same Month in 1946 and in 1939

| | Maritim | e Provinces | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|
| TOTAL SALES PERCENTAGE COMPARISC | | | | | Conception of the opposition opposition of | |
| Market | Quarts | Pounds | December 1946 | Jan 1946 | uary | |
| | Qt. | Lb. | 1940 | 1540 | <u>1939</u> % | |
| Charlottetown | 234,150 | 604,107 | - 2.1 | - 0.8 | + 97.9 | |
| Halifax | 1,387,949 | 3,580,908 | + 0.8 | - 3.9 | + 118.7 | |
| Sydney Area | 784,852 | 2,024,918 | + 5.6 | - 19.2 | + 104.7 | |
| Saint John | 909,752 | 2,347,160 | + 16.9 | - 6.7 | + 90.9 | |
| Moncton | 534,526 | 1,379,077 | + 10.2 | + 13.7 | + 203.1 | |
| | | Quebec | | | | |
| Montreal | 12,730,300 | 32,844,1.74 | - 3.1 | - 4.2 | + 67.4 | |
| Quebec | 2,248,926 | 5,802,229 | - 4.4 | - 1.2 | + 94.4 | |
| Sherbrooke | 598,445 | 1,543,988 | + 0.2 | - 10.7 | x | |
| Three Rivers | 554,817 | 1,431,428 | - 1.4 | - 3.4 | x | |
| Chicoutimi | 316,949 | 817,728 | - 4.2 | - 2.5 | x | |
| Noranda-Rouyn | 341,021 | 879,854 | + 1.5 | + 4.4 | x | |
| Levis-Lauzon | 265,855 | 685,906 | - 9.7 | - 20.5 | x | |
| St. Hyacinthe | 275,729 | 711,381 | - 2.6 | + 24.4 | x | |
| Valleyfield | 183,002 | 472,145 | + 21.1 | + 3.1 | x | |
| St. Jerome | 152,706 | 393,981 | - 4.4 | - 17.5 | х | |
| Thetford | 120,132 | 309,941 | - 1.9 | - 2.7 | Х- | |
| Rimouski | 112,883 | 291,238 | x | х | х | |
| | 0: | ntario | | | | |
| Toronto | 11,690,844 | 30,162,378 | + 0.3 | - 4.7 | + 53.6 | |
| Ottawa-Hull | 2,908,023 | 7,502,699 | + 0.2 | - 9.6 | + 89.7 | |
| Hamilton | 2,437,271 | 6,288,159 | + 0.2 | - 8.4 | + 65.1 | |
| Windsor | 1,639,090 | 4,228,852 | | - 3.7 | + 66.3 | |
| London | 1,220,052 | 3,147,734 | - 3.9 | - 9.5 | + 36.3 | |
| Ft. William and Pt. Arthur. | 781,235 | 2,015,586 | - 0.8 | - 0.1 | + 171.3 | |
| Kitchener | 671,273 | 1,751,884 | + 5.9 | - 0.9 | + 83.3 | |
| Kingston | 554,837 | 1,431,479 | + 2.0 | - 15.6 | + 86.0 | |
| Sudbury | 539,102 | 1,390,883 | - 1.5 | + 2.6 | + 82.9 | |
| Brantford | 519,943 | 1,341,453 | - 2.2 | - 7.5 | + 77.5 | |
| Cornwall | 321,271 | 828,879 | - 2.1 | - 7.0 | + 72.0 | |
| Belleville | 279,812 | 721,915 | + 1.6 | - 7.1 | + 69.0 | |
| Prairie Provinces | | | | | | |
| Winnipeg | 3,638,917 | 9,388,406 | + 1.1 | - 0.9 | + 47.9 | |
| Saskatoon-Prince Albert- | | | | | | |
| Battlefords | 950,717 | 2,452,850 | + 3.0 | + 2.4 | + 104.9 | |
| Regina-Moose Jaw | 979,246 | 2,526,455 | | + 1.3 | + 82.8 | |
| Edmonton | 1,438,075 | 3,710,254 | + 0.3 | + 16.6 | + 92.3 | |
| Calgary | 1,172,198 | 3,024,271 | - 1.8 | - 5.4 | + 66.2 | |
| Lethbridge | 176,324 | 454,916 | - 19.5 | - 10.6 | + 85.6 | |
| British Columbia | | | | | | |
| Vancouver | 4,759,947 | 12,280,663 | + 0.8 | + 0.6 | + 82.9 | |
| Victoria | 1,016,643 revious verio | 2,622,939 d not available | - 14.5 | - 14.5 | + 93.8 | |

x Comparable data for previous period not available.

TABLE II - SALES OF FLUID CREAM IN THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS OF CANADA, JANUARY, 1947

Showing Percentage Comparison With the Previous Month and With the Same Month in 1946 and in 1939

| | Maritime | e Provinces | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|---|------------------------|--|
| | TOTAL SALES | | PERCENT | AGE COMPA | RISONS (1) |
| Market | in quarts | in 1b. of butter-fat | December 1946 | January 1946 1939 | |
| | • | | % | % | % |
| Charlottetown | 3,428 | 1,543 | - 15.3 | - 16.3 | - 38.5 |
| Halifax | 52,067 | 14,511 | - 6.4 | + 27.4 | + 131.6 |
| Saint John | 19,282 | 8,677 | - 1.9 | + 35.8 | + 54.4 |
| | Qu | ebec | | | |
| Montreal | 659,945 | 247,479 | - 5.4 | + 3.4 | + 54.3 |
| Quebec | 60,992 | 22,872 | - 9.1 | - 1.0 | + 118.4 |
| Sherbrooke | 9,942 | 4,474 | - 5.5 | + 5.7 | (2) |
| Three Rivers | 9,940 | 4,473 | - 17.0 | + 4.9 | (2) |
| | | | | 1.6.5 | |
| | Ont | ario | | | |
| Toronto | 531,341 | 179,062 | - 2.3 | - 0.4 | + 38.3 |
| Ottawa-Hull | 90,231 | 35,370 | - 3.8 | - 19.2 | + 44.4 |
| Hamilton | 60,456 | 22,066 | - 1.8 | - 2.1 | + 23.6 |
| Windsor | 71,032 | 18,965 | - 5.3 | - 5.5 | + 127.4 |
| Kingston | 8,531 | 3,859 | - 4.5 | - 14.0 | + 4.9 |
| Sudbury | 10,674 | 4,803 | - 11.7 | + 5.5 | + 32.7 |
| | Prairie | Provinces | | Contra Press | A ALSO ANDA Oxio que situ |
| | 205 015 | 309 606 | 1 7 1 | + 9.4 | + 56.1 |
| Winnipeg Saskatoon-Prince Albert- | 395,015 | 108,606 | + 3.1 | + 9.4 | + 56.1 |
| Battlefords | 80,081 | 23,175 | - 4.9 | + 21.4 | + 37.0 |
| Regina-Moose Jaw | 108,385 | 28,790 | - 1.9 | + 2.8 | + 32.2 |
| Edmonton | 142,087 | 35,598 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 | + 72.1 |
| Calgary | 134,623 | 33,781 | + 0.7 | + 12.1 | + 88.5 |
| | | | Terrer of a | - COMPL-S | |
| | British | Columbia | far at up reported with a transmission of | | 1999 - 19 |
| | | 1.47 7.00 | | | |
| Vancouver | 586,300 | 141,562 | + 5.0 | + 21.9 | Tenerson in the |
| Victoria | 68,494 | 19,183 | - 4.5 | + 13.0 | |
| (1) Based on sales in a | marts. | and the summer of the state of the | | | |

Maritime Provinces

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TABLE III - SALES OF FLUID MILK IN FORTY MARKETS OF CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1947

Showing Percentage Comparisons With the Previous Month and With the Same Month in 1946 and in 1939

| | | and In 1000 | | | | | |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|--|
| | Maritime | Provinces | | | | | |
| the second se | TOTAL | SALES | PERCEN | TAGE COMPA | RISON | | |
| Market | Quarts | Pounds | January | Febru | ary | | |
| and the second s | | a management and an and a second second | 1947 | 1946 | 1939 | | |
| The I PE SAULT I PARAL | Qto | Lb. | ⁷ / ₂ | 10 | % | | |
| Charlottetown | 212,949 | 549,408 | - 9.1 | - 4.6 | + 100.8 | | |
| Halifax | 1,314,093 | 3,390,360 | - 5.3 | - 3.4 | + 117.7 | | |
| Sydney Area | 701,406 | 1,809,627 | - 10.6 | - 24.4 | + 88.9 | | |
| Saint John | 872,001 | 2,249,763 | - 4.2 | - 3.7 | + 98.4 | | |
| Moncton | 459,221 | 1,184,790 | - 14.1. | + 0.7 | + 180.3 | | |
| | Que | ebec | | | | | |
| Montreal | 12,086,950 | 31,184,331 | - 5.1 | - 5.3 | + 67.8 | | |
| Quebec | 2,159,816 | 5,572,325 | - 4.0 | - 2.8 | + 111.4 | | |
| Sherbrooke | 564,651 | 1,456,800 | - 5.6 | - 14.4 | x | | |
| Three Rivers | 532,141 | 1,372,924 | - 4.1 | - 5.6 | x | | |
| Chicoutimi | 287,616 | 742,049 | - 2.8 | + 0.6 | x | | |
| Noranda-Rouyn | 276,272 | 712,782 | - 6.0 | - 0.8 | x | | |
| Levis-Lauzon | 252,511 | 651,478 | - 6.8 | - 21.3 | x | | |
| St. Hyacinthe | 264,945 | 683,558 | + 0.2 | + 14.2 | x | | |
| Valleyfield | 168,813 | 455,538 | - 14.5 | - 4.3 | x | | |
| St. Jerome | 152,862 | 394,384 | + 2.7 | - 3.1 | х | | |
| Thetford | 113,815 | 293,643 | 4.4 | - 7.1 | x | | |
| Rimouski | 109,211 | 281,764 | x | x | X | | |
| | and the second s | tario | | | | | |
| | | | | 4 17 | 1 40 4 | | |
| Toronto | 10,839,544 | 27,966,024 | - 7.3 | - 4.7 | + 49.4 | | |
| Ottawa-Hull | 2,807,574 | 7,243,541 | - 3.5 | - 5.3 | + 86.9 | | |
| Hamilton | 2,269,410 | 5,855,078 | - 6.9 | - 9.4 | + 64.9 | | |
| Windsor | 1,548,462 | 3,995,032 | - 5.5 | - 4.4 | + 70.6 | | |
| London | 1,149,519 | 2,965,759 | - 5.8 | - 9.8 | + 82.6 | | |
| -Ft. William and Pt. Arthur | 746,230 | 1,925,273 | - 4.5 | - 0.7 | +176.4 | | |
| Kitchener | 626,411 | 1,616,140 | - 6.7 | - 0.2 | + 85.3 | | |
| Kingston | 532,279 | 1,373,277 | - 4.1 | - 15.7 | + 83.2 | | |
| Sudbury | 512,113 | 1,321,252 | - 5.0 | + 3.2 | + 74.4 | | |
| Brantford | 489,782 | 1,263,638 | - 5.8 | - 4.9 | + 79.6 | | |
| Cornwall | 311,560 | 803,825 | - 3.0 | - 5.1 | +74.3 + 69.8 | | |
| Belleville | 256,358 | 661,404 | - 8.4 | - 8.4 | + 69.8 | | |
| Prairie Provinces | | | | | | | |
| Winnipeg | 3,376,640 | 8,711,731 | - 7.2 | - 3.2 | + 47.6 | | |
| Saskatoon-Prince Albert- | | 0.000.000 | | | | | |
| Battlefords | 893,788 | 2,305,973 | - 6.0 | + 1.3 | +103.4 | | |
| Regina-Moose Jaw | 894,908 | 2,308,863 | - 8.6 | - 4.0 | + 73.3 | | |
| Edmonton | 1,337,343 | 3,450,345 | - 7.0 | - 1.8 | + 89.2 | | |
| Calgary | 1,099,170 | 2,835,859 | - 6.2 | - 6.6 | + 68.2 | | |
| Lethbridge | 176,613 | 455,662 | + 0.2 | - 10.6 | + 85.6 | | |
| British Columbia | | | | | | | |
| Vancouver | 4,499,558 | 11,608,860 | - 5.5 | + 2.2 | + 82.8 | | |
| Victoria | 1,058,610 | 2,731,214 | + 4.1 | - 3.7 | +114.3 | | |
| x Comparable data for previous period not available. | | | | | | | |

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TABLE IV - SALES OF FLUID CREAM IN THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS OF CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1947

Showing Percentage Comparison With the Previous Month and With the Same Month in 1946 and in 1939

| And the owner of the owner of the last of the last | Maritim | e Provinces | | 27 T +31 2 | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | TOTAL | SALES | PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS(1) | | | |
| Market | in quarts | in lb. of butter-fat | January 19 47 | Febr 1946 | mary 1939 | |
| THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS | | | % | % | % | |
| Charlottetown Halifax Saint John | 4,232 50,297 19,503 | 1,904 13,530 8,776 | + 23.4 - 3.4 + 1.1 | + 3.4 + 33.4 + 34.2 | - 13.6 + 131.6 + 61.0 | |
| | Q | uebec | | | | |
| Montreal Quebec Sherbrooke Three Rivers | 593,958 57,113 9,471 9,804 | 222,734 21,417 4,262 4,412 | $\begin{array}{r} -10.0 \\ -6.4 \\ -4.7 \\ -1.4 \end{array}$ | - 0.8 + 16.6 + 0.1 + 8.4 | + 61.4 + 126.0 (2) (2) | |
| | ' On | tario | Carlanda Carlanda | -005 -035 | | |
| Toronto Ottawa-Hull Hamilton Windsor Kingston Sudbury | 503,808 88,971 57,214 67,090 9,018 10,152 | 170,791 33,809 20,483 17,846 4,058 4,568 | $ \begin{array}{r} - 5.2 \\ - 1.4 \\ - 5.4 \\ - 5.6 \\ + 5.7 \\ - 4.9 \\ \end{array} $ | $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$ | + 38.2 + 45.5 + 30.4 + 135.3 + 14.7 + 27.1 | |
| | Prairie | Provinces | La heaven | | | |
| Winnipeg Saskatoon-Prince Albert- Battlefords Regina-Moose Jaw Edmonton Calgary | 377,041 76,977 103,218 138,219 127,448 | 103,659 22,085 27,236 34,618 32,005 | - 4.6 - 3.9 - 4.8 - 2.7 - 5.3 | + 5.0 + 7.3 + 2.3 + 4.4 + 10.7 | + 58.5 + 39.0 + 32.0 + 82.4 + 99.0 | |
| British Columbia | | | | | | |
| Vancouver Victoria | 560,232 71,251 | 135,605 19,962 | - 4.5 + 4.0 | + 23.1 + 21.1 | ***20500 | |
| (1) Based on sales in quarts.(2) Comparable data for previous period not available. | | | | | | |

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| | | MILK | | CREAM (MILK EQUIVALENT) | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Economic Area and Month | Over-all Estimate in Province or Area Shown | Reported 1 to Over-al | e of Total by Markets 11 Estimate nce or Area | Over-all Percentage of Total Estimate in Reported by Markets Province or to Over-all Estimate Area Shown for Province or Area | | | |
| <u>CANADA</u> Jan. Feb. | '000 lb. 305,601 284,776 | No. of Markets 40 40 | % 50.2 50.7 | '000 lb. 52,671 46,836 | No. of Markets 23 23 | % 52.0 55.1 | |
| Maritime <u>Provinces</u> Jan. Feb. | 18,472 16,937 | 5 5 | 53.8 54.2 | 2,205 1,906 | 3 3 | 32.0 36.3 | |
| Quebec Jan. - Feb. | 94,835 89,059 | 12 12 | <mark>48.7</mark> 43.2 | 14.422 12,087 | 4 4 | 55.3 59.8 | |
| <u>Ontario</u> Jan. Feb. | 126,027 121,493 | 12 12 | 48.2 46.9 | 15,211 15,047 | 6 6 | 49.6 47.8 | |
| Prairie <u>Provinces</u> Jan. Feb. | 43,342 38,585 | 9 9 | 49.7 52.0 | 13,289 11,641 | 8 8 | 49.4 53.9 | |
| British <u>Columbia</u> Jan. Feb. | 22,925 18,702 | 222 | 65.0 76.7 | 7,544 6,155 | 2 2 | 60.9 72.2 | |

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