

The Pig Marketing Regulations already referred to are applicable in the North Island only. In the South Island, resulting from the prohibition of the consumption of pork in New Zealand, a special arrangement was made in May fixing the "on hooks" prices payable to producers for porker and baconer pigs. The Marketing Department buys the resultant frozen pig-meats from freezing companies for supply to the Armed Forces.

#### DISPOSAL OF THE 1942-43 SEASON'S KILL

In view of the diversified nature of the outlets for export meat resulting from the development of canning, dehydration, supplies to the United States Armed Forces, to the New Zealand Forces, and the local civilian market, the following statement of production and disposal of each class of meat for the 1942-43 season may be of interest:—

#### PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF FROZEN MEAT KILLED FOR EXPORT (IN TONS), 1942-43 SEASON

|                    | Pro-<br>duction: | Disposal. |                   |   |                         |                  |   | Total.  |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------|
|                    | Net<br>Weight.   | Canning.  | Dehydra-<br>tion. | United<br>States<br>Joint<br>Purchasing<br>Board. | New<br>Zealand<br>Army. | Local<br>Market. | Shipments<br>to United<br>Kingdom<br>and<br>Middle<br>East. |         |
|                    | Tons.            | Tons.     | Tons.             | Tons.   | Tons.                   | Tons.            | Tons.   | Tons.   |
| Lambs .. ..        | 164,027          | ..        | ..                | 5,231   | 750                     | 345              | 157,701   | 164,027 |
| Wethers .. ..      | 14,780           | ..        | ..                | 2,843   | 1,000                   | 793              | 10,144  | 14,780  |
| Ewes .. ..         | 42,019           | 30,925    | 224               | ..  | ..                      | 500              | 10,370  | 42,019  |
| Quarter beef .. .. | 31,611           | ..        | ..                | 16,729  | 1,000                   | 493              | 13,389  | 31,611  |
| Boneless—          |                  |           |                   |   |                         |                  |   |         |
| Cow and ox .. ..   | 27,310           | 25,080    | 1,863             | ..  | ..                      | ..               | 367   | 27,310  |
| Bull .. ..         | 6,558            | ..        | 5,928             | ..  | ..                      | ..               | 630   | 6,558   |
| Veal .. ..         | 7,351            | ..        | 871               | ..  | ..                      | ..               | 6,480   | 7,351   |
| Veal sides .. ..   | 1,027            | ..        | ..                | 1,010   | ..                      | ..               | 17  | 1,027   |
| Baconers .. ..     | 6,067            | ..        | ..                | 5,309   | ..                      | 500              | 258   | 6,067   |
| Porkers .. ..      | 4,585            | ..        | ..                | 3,635   | 500                     | 200              | 250   | 4,585   |
| Offal .. ..        | 10,133           | ..        | ..                | 1,403   | 100                     | ..               | 8,630   | 10,133  |
|                    | 315,468          | 56,005    | 8,886             | 36,160  | 3,350                   | 2,831            | 208,236   | 315,468 |

NOTE.—The above table shows only the disposal of frozen meat ex freezing-works through the Export Division, Marketing Department, channels, and thus is not a complete statement of quantities of meat supplied to the United States or the New Zealand Armed Forces.

#### SUPPLIES OF MEAT TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

During the year under review substantial quantities of frozen and canned meats have been supplied to the United States Armed Forces. As the entire exportable surplus for the 1942-43 season was under contract to the United Kingdom Government the approval of the United Kingdom Ministry of Food was sought and obtained for release of the quantities and kinds of meat required by the United States authorities. The arrangements for the purchase of the American Armed Forces' requirements are in the hands of the United States Joint Purchasing Board.

Delivery of goods is made to the order of the United States Joint Purchasing Board; the bulk of the frozen and canned meat supplied is delivered to central refrigerated and dry stores leased by the Board for the purpose at Auckland and Wellington.

The Meat Pool Account receives a credit for the value of the goods supplied for shipment overseas, in the same way as if they had been shipped to the United Kingdom.

During the year many discussions have taken place with officers of the Joint Purchasing Board relative to the availability of particular classes of meat desired by the Board, and to the technique of processing, packaging, and delivery, in accordance with its particular requirements.

At the request of the Board, experiments have been made in the processing of beef in a form differing materially from standard practice as laid down by the United Kingdom Ministry of Food, whose consent has now been given to the proposal, and as a result all ox, heifer, and g.a.q. cow beef will be processed in the 1943-44 season in accordance with the American specifications.

The Admiralty pack of moulded carton-packaged ox beef as supplied to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food for the past two years has found favour also with the United States authorities, who have placed a regular order for this product.

It is pleasing to record that the relations between the Department and executive officers of the Joint Purchasing Board during the year have been harmonious and cordial, and that there has been a ready appreciation by the Board's officers of the difficulties involved in meeting abnormal requirements for particular classes of meats and in adapting to American standards trade practices which have characterized our trade with the United Kingdom over a long period.

#### ACCOUNTS

The Meat Account covering the completed operations for the 1941-42 season is shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, page 31. The surplus on transactions after 31st July, 1942—namely, £826,505—is transferred to the Meat Pool Account. The completed operations for the 1941-42 season are referred to on page 14 of this report.