

## GRADING OF EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE.

LEADING FACTORY AVERAGES FOR 1922-23.

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FROM time to time the Dairy Division receives requests from dairy company secretaries, factory-managers, and others interested for the season's average grade of the factory with which they are connected. Credit is due to those dairy companies which have exported produce attaining a high average grade for the season. It is also recognized that other companies are endeavouring to improve the quality of their output, and in such cases the chance of having their names included in a published list will provide some additional stimulus. The average grades for 1922-23, tabulated below, represent very meritorious work, and the New Zealand dairy industry is fortunate in being in a position to show such a list of factories with averages of 92 points or more for butter and 91 points or more for cheese.

BUTTER-FACTORIES WITH AN AVERAGE GRADE OF 92 POINTS AND OVER FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1923.

Name of Company.	Registered No.	Brand.	Average Grade.
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### *Auckland Grading-station.*

			Registered No.				Points.
Kaitaia .. .. .	1298	Kaitaia .. .. .	93.95				
Piopio .. .. .	603	Piopio .. .. .	93.89				
Kaitieke .. .. .	1119	Kaitieke .. .. .	93.74				
Waipu .. .. .	1248	Waipu .. .. .	93.64				
Cambridge .. .. .	1239	Cambridge .. .. .	93.52				
New Zealand (Frankton Junction No. 1)	1510	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	93.50				
Whangarei .. .. .	1720	Kauri .. .. .	93.50				
Maungaturoto .. .. .	1407	Maungaturoto .. .. .	93.48				
Waitanguru .. .. .	1154	Golden Gem .. .. .	93.45				
Oruru-Fairburn .. .. .	1337	Fairy .. .. .	93.42				
Whangaroa .. .. .	658	Whangaroa .. .. .	93.41				
Kaipara .. .. .	794	Popiar, &c. .. .. .	93.21				
Hikurangi .. .. .	303	Hikurangi .. .. .	93.09				
Northern Wairoa .. .. .	1358	Northern Wairoa, &c. .. .. .	92.80				
Ruawai .. .. .	66	Ruawai .. .. .	92.77				
Aria .. .. .	1734	Aria .. .. .	92.75				
Mercury Bay .. .. .	485	Mercury Bay .. .. .	92.72				
New Zealand (Frankton Junction No. 2)	1880	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.69				
New Zealand (Ngaruawahia) .. .. .	22	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.58				
Maungatapere .. .. .	1710	Moana .. .. .	92.54				
New Zealand (Waiuku) .. .. .	111	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.53				
New Zealand (Waihou) .. .. .	1458	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.51				
Bay of Plenty .. .. .	1399	Bay of Plenty .. .. .	92.51				
New Zealand (Ngatea) .. .. .	291	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.47				
Hokianga .. .. .	1843	Hokianga .. .. .	92.47				
New Zealand (Pukekohe) .. .. .	109	Anchor, &c. .. .. .	92.36				
Waitemata .. .. .	332	Waitemata .. .. .	92.33				