

IMPORTATION OF FERTILIZERS IN YEARS 1934-35 AND 1935-36.

THE following particulars of the importation of fertilizers into New Zealand for the years ending 31st March, 1935 and 1936, have been compiled by the Inspector of Fertilizers, Fields Division, Department of Agriculture, Wellington, from returns furnished by courtesy of the Comptroller of Customs:—

Table I.—Summary of Fertilizer Importations, 1935-36 and 1934-35.

	Quantity (in Tons).	
	Year 1935-36.	Year 1934-35.
Bonedust and bone-char	30	80
Basic slag	51,390	9,217
Seychelles soft-phosphate*	5,879	22,089
Nauru and Ocean Islands phosphates	209,751	170,838
Island phosphate (other)†	8,815	3,304
Egyptian phosphate	1,000	1,400
Phosphate (not otherwise specified)‡	7,495	10,237
Kainit	845	840
Muriate of potash	75	262
Sulphate of potash	838	733
Potash salts (other)	7,076	7,386
Sulphate of ammonia	4,033	5,100
Nitrate of soda	1,620	1,511
Fertilizers unspecified	175	95
Sulphate of iron	23	10
Totals	298,955	233,102

* Includes all soft-phosphates from Seychelles Islands and islands in vicinity. † Soft-phosphates from New Caledonia, includes 55 tons from Peru year 1935-36 and 25 tons year 1934-35. ‡ Chiefly from Belgium—presumably North African phosphate mined in Tunisia and ground in Belgium.

Table II.—Imports of the Principal Phosphatic Fertilizers, 1927-36.

Year ended 31st March,	Bonedust and Bone-char.	Basic Slag.	Super- phosphate.	Pacific and Indian Oceans Phosphate.	Egyptian Phosphate.	Moroccan Phosphate.	North African Phosphate (other).
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1927	1,805	53,327	15	161,541	5,979	..	..
1928	725	48,913	6,616	143,373	6,603	13,389	..
1929	554	93,222	1,037	178,057	6,000	22,173	12,499
1930	1,420	94,332	525	170,997	1,000	35,348	37,424
1931	795	67,766	..	156,950	..	8,038	250
1932	180	47,776	300	178,466	..	..	4,738*
1933	30	42,022	..	214,445	160	..	6,024*
1934 .. .. .	..	14,982	..	182,333	350	..	5,437*
1935	80	9,217	..	196,231	1,400	..	10,237*
1936	30	51,390	..	224,445	1,000	..	7,405*

* Includes phosphate (not otherwise specified) which is chiefly North African phosphate ground in Belgium.