

CHEESE (IN TONS): QUANTITIES PURCHASED AND PAID FOR AT DIFFERENTIAL PRICES.

Grading Ports.	Total.	Finest Grade.		First Grade.		Second Grade.
		94 Points and over.	93 to 93½ Points.	92 to 92½ Points. (Basic Price.)	91 to 91½ Points.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Auckland	14,830	553	1,426	8,379	3,287	1,185
Bluff	11,169	71	1,676	5,916	3,226	280
Dunedin	1,800	173	410	1,077	129	11
Gisborne	85	..	3	60	18	4
Lyttelton	684	32	244	368	34	6
Napier	63	..	25	35	3	..
New Plymouth	16,970	45	5,608	9,283	1,996	38
Patea	20,550	166	2,676	15,461	2,184	63
Timaru	614	4	84	446	69	11
Wanganui	2,182	216	267	1,334	333	32
Wellington	11,267	104	1,099	7,386	2,457	221
Grand totals—						
1938-39	80,214	1,364	13,518	49,745	13,736	1,851
1937-38	83,784	385	7,350	53,658	18,023	4,368
1936-37	86,708	2,079	15,768	48,045	18,561	2,255
Percentage of qualities—						
1938-39	100	1·70	16·85	62·01	17·12	2·32
1937-38	100	0·46	8·77	64·05	21·51	5·21
1936-37	100	2·40	18·18	55·41	21·41	2·60
Percentage of—						
Waxed cheese—						
1938-39	60·04	..	..	..	..	..
1937-38	59·32	..	..	..	..	..
1936-37	58·54	..	..	..	..	..
Coloured cheese—						
1938-39	29·32	..	..	..	..	..
1937-38	33·44	..	..	..	..	..
1936-37	32·69	..	..	..	..	..

Cheese figures calculated at fourteen crates to a ton.

QUANTITIES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE GRADED.

The total gradings of butter and cheese for the twelve months ended 31st July, 1939, are shown below, also the comparative gradings for the 1936-37 and 1937-38 seasons:—

—	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
<i>Butter (in Tons).</i>			
Salted	147,168	136,023	117,832
Unsalted	7,396	6,812	4,440
	154,564	142,835	122,272
<i>Cheese (in Tons).</i>			
White	59,337	56,752	53,619
Coloured	28,885	28,718	27,888
	88,222	85,470	81,507

Butter gradings for the 1938-39 season show a decrease of 14·39 per cent. and cheese gradings a decrease of 4·63 per cent. Expressed in terms of butterfat, the total decrease in gradings is 13·252 per cent.