

to Wellington from other floors according to the relative supplies and needs of all areas  
Quantities transferred to Wellington were—

*Eggs Transferred to Wellington from other Floors*

	From	1945. Dozen.	1946. Dozen.
Hamilton	.. ..	13,320	5,400
Auckland	.. ..	42,150	49,550
Tauranga	.. ..	48,180	21,705
Gisborne	.. ..	44,370	77,934
Hastings	.. ..	111,780	128,530
New Plymouth	.. ..	137,970	218,598
Wanganui	.. ..	97,950	117,191
Palmerston North	.. ..	86,340	113,580
Carterton	.. ..	210,660	208,077
Blenheim	.. ..	32,017	80,332
Christchurch	.. ..	442,830	281,040
Timaru	.. ..	71,940	63,555
Ashburton	.. ..	..	8,280
Nelson	.. ..	..	19,977
		1,339,507	1,393,749

IMPORTS

Since production is not yet, despite improvement, adequate to meet the still-increasing demand, arrangements are being negotiated with Australia for further egg-pulp for bakers' and pastrycooks' winter needs. Such imports make it possible to use fewer of our own shell-eggs for the egg-pulp, and thus avoid competition with household consumers for winter's small supply of fresh eggs. The Division therefore, at the close of last pulping season, purchased a further 12,000 forty-pound tins of egg-pulp from Australia (equivalent to 360,000 dozen eggs), thus increasing the original 1945-46 purchase to 1,620,000 dozen equivalent.

Recent importations from Australia are as follows:—

	Dozen Eggs Equivalent.
1942-43 .. ..	2,722,020
1943-44 .. ..	2,286,732
1944-45 .. ..	2,662,107
1945-46 .. ..	1,620,000
1946-47 .. ..	2,000,000 (estimated maximum)

Less pulp was imported in 1945-46 because the Division arranged with New Zealand pulp-manufacturers to make more egg-pulp than hitherto without seriously reducing household supply. A larger importation for 1946-47 is proposed because world wheat shortage promises to retard the increase in New Zealand egg-production which had been expected. The Division is carefully watching developments in order to plan its pulping programme in such a way as to avoid dislocating other supplies.

CHILLING

During the year the Division chilled more eggs than in any previous year, putting into cool store during the flush season:—

	Dozen.
Auckland .. ..	125,060
Wanganui .. ..	49,230
Wellington .. ..	32,400
Christchurch .. ..	47,250
Total .. ..	253,940