

LEMONS

The lemon season in New Zealand covers the period 1st April in one year to the 31st March of the next year. The departmental report covers the period 1st October in one year to the 30th September in the next.

The figures set out below therefore cover half of one season and half of the next.

Packing-plants at Kerikeri, Auckland, and Tauranga were again operated during the period under review, whilst in Tauranga a picking team is provided for growers who are unable to recruit the necessary labour for this purpose.

The total lemon sales for this year and for the same period last year were :—

Source of Supply.	Year Ended 30th September, 1947.		Year Ended 30th September, 1948.	
	Three-quarter- bushel Cases.	Per- centage.	Three-quarter- bushel Cases.	Per- centage.
New Zealand ..	60,557	72·9	74,338	86·3
Cook Islands ..	462	0·6	1,397	1·6
Australia ..	22,004	26·5	10,453	12·1
	83,023	100·0	86,188	100·0

The following is a summary of marketable grades received by each packing house for the period under review :—

Auckland.		Tauranga.		Kerikeri.		Gisborne.	
Preferred.	Commercial.	Preferred.	Commercial.	Preferred.	Commercial.	Preferred.	Commercial.
12,994 ⁴ _{57·60%}	9,563 ⁷ _{42·40%}	47,867 ⁵ _{70·57%}	19,958 ⁵ _{29·43%}	5,266 ⁷ _{63·00%}	3,092 ⁷ _{37·00%}	2,443 ⁵ _{56·67%}	1,868 _{43·33%}

				£	s.	d.
Total preferred ..	..	..	68,572 ⁵ ₈	35,403	14	1
Total commercial ..	..	..	34,483 ³ ₈	15,020	1	10
			103,056	£50,423	15	11

Total Receipts (Including Rejects), All Grades for Each Shed

					Cases.
Tauranga ..	..	..	..	..	84,180 ³ ₈
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	27,890 ² ₈
Kerikeri ..	..	..	..	..	10,023
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	4,906 ² ₈
					126,999 ⁷ ₈

By-products

Receipt figures as under :—

		£	s.	d.
First peel lemons : 16336 ⁴ ₈ cases at 5s. 6d. case	..	4,492	10	9
Second peel lemons : 156 ³ ₈ cases at 4s. case	..	31	5	6
Juice lemons : 5505 ⁴ ₈ cases at 2s. case	..	550	11	0

Processed

129¹₂ tons peel : 9,641 gallons juice.