

Table 81 (Cont.)

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- (1) Meat Board figures represent the amount bought by the British Ministry of Food in each contract year, not the amount shipped within the year. Originally the contract year for meat was from October 1 to September 30, but in practice it has been extended each year until by the end of 1943 the contract year virtually coincided with the calendar year. For convenience in this table the two are considered to coincide--e.g. 1942-43 figures are listed under 1943. In January, 1944, a two-year agreement was made. The figures in the 1944 column represent clearances of 1944 production and the same applied to 1945.
- (2) This includes only bacon processed from current production after the board commenced operations on January 20, 1940. In addition there were 82,578,402 pounds of bacon and cuts shipped or stored by packers prior to January 20, 1940, but within the contract period, making grand total shipments of 331,481,636 pounds with an estimated value of \$60,860,000.
- (3) Contract for mutton and lamb covers period July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.
- (4) Figures from the Dairy Products Board represent quantities purchased by the British Ministry of Food and shipped in the contract year, April 1 to March 31 -- e.g. figures in the 1944 column cover shipments in the contract year 1944-45.
- (5) Figures from the Special Products Board represent goods shipped on contract covering products derived from the crop produced in the year specified, with the exception of the fruit and vegetables figure for 1941, which includes some products from the crops grown in 1939 and 1940.
- (6) Prior to 1941 supplies of fish to the United Kingdom were handled by private trade. The figures in this table show supplies made available by the federal Department of Fisheries and paid for by the British Ministry of Food in the fiscal year -- e.g. 1941 figures relate to fish purchased in the fiscal year 1941-42. In each instance the great bulk of the fish came from the production of the calendar year indicated during 1943-45, salt fish totalling 5.2 million pounds in amount and \$800,000 in value, was also supplied to the Food Ministry. In addition to these shipments made under government agreements some fish and fish oil reached the United Kingdom through regular trade channels during the war.