

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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## AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION BOARD

*Question No. 129—Mr. Argue:*

1. What amount of each commodity did the agricultural stabilization board hold as of December 31, 1958?
2. What was the total amount of money paid for each commodity held by the board as of December 31, 1958?
3. What amount of each commodity had been bought by the agricultural stabilization board from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958?
4. What was the total amount of money paid for each commodity acquired by the board between April 1, 1958 and December 31, 1958?
5. What quantity of each of the commodities handled by the board from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958, have since been disposed of?
6. What was the total amount of money received by the board from the sale of each commodity from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958?
7. What amounts of each commodity were disposed of other than by outright sale, between April 1, 1958 and December 31, 1958?
8. What was the total amount of money paid for each commodity disposed of in such a manner by the board from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958?
9. In what manner was each commodity disposed of by the board between April 1, 1958 and December 31, 1958, other than by outright sale?
10. Did the board expend any other moneys in the performance of its functions from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958, in its purchase programs other than for the support of food stuffs? If so, for what purpose?
11. What was the net cost of operations of the board from April 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958?

*Answer by: Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture):*

1. On December 31, 1958, the agricultural stabilization board held the following stocks: Butter, 79,339,941 pounds; Dry skimmed milk, 65,113,795 pounds; Shell eggs, 3,108 cases; Cheese, 2,155,818 pounds; Pork products, 8,405,251 pounds; Fowl, 832,255 pounds; Tomatoes, 114,536 cases.
2. The estimated total cost of the inventories shown in 1, including carrying charges to December 31, 1958, were as follows:  
Butter, \$50,962,067; Dry skimmed milk, \$9,015,425; Shell eggs, \$38,917; Cheese, \$742,628; Pork products, \$3,140,065; Fowl, \$330,189; Tomatoes, \$597,786.
3. The following is an estimate of total purchases by the board from April 1 to December 31, 1958.  
Butter, 71,466,653 pounds; Dry skimmed milk, 97,653,587 pounds; Shell eggs, 101,428

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cases; Cheese, 15,408,323 pounds; Pork products, 8,668,872 pounds; Tomatoes, 139,526 cases.

4. The estimated amount of money paid for each commodity acquired between April 1 and December 31, 1958, is as follows:

Butter, \$45,481,917; Dry skimmed milk \$14,052,773; Shell eggs, \$1,198,140; Cheese, \$5,238,830; Pork products, \$3,116,641; Tomatoes, \$726,307.

5. The estimated sales of each commodity from April 1 to December 31, 1958, are as follows:

Butter, 17,310,783 pounds; Dry skimmed milk, 60,259,509 pounds; Shell eggs, 187,077 cases; Cheese, 13,252,505 pounds; Pork products, 263,601 pounds; Tomatoes, 24,990 cases.

6. In the case of sales returns there is always variation in the methods of payment as well as numerous adjustments so that book records, except for the year end audited financial statement, cannot be correlated with the estimated sales shown in question No. 5.

Book records indicate the following amounts received for various commodities between April 1 and December 31.

Butter, \$10,982,561; Dry skimmed milk, \$2,571,742; Shell eggs and egg products \$3,015,637; Cheese, \$4,092,437; Porks products, \$97,999; Fowl, \$1,899,243; Tomatoes \$113,281.

7. All commodities were sold by the board although in some cases, such as that of dry skimmed milk, an agreed commercial value for the area to which the product is destined is provided for in the estimates of another department, for all donations to international relief agencies.

8. See No. 7

9. See No. 7.

10. No.

11. The accounts of the board are kept on the basis of programs which start at different times during the year. The only time that an accrued net cost is calculated and audited is for the fiscal year April 1 to March 31.

## COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—LEGAL FEES

*Question No. 166—Mr. Howard:*

1. Since January 1, 1954, have any fees or remuneration been paid to (a) legal counsel; (b) other persons, for opinions and action arising out of reports of the restrictive trade practices commission or for other activities relating to the combines legislation?

2. If so, what are the names of (a) the counsel; (b) other persons, what amount was paid to each and for what service in each instance?

*Answer by: Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):*

1. (a) Yes; (b) Yes.

2. (a) Counsel.