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Volumes and Results of Butter Operations

Our company butter operations volume represents only 12.66 per cent of the total dollar sales volume of our company business.

That is based on the fiscal year ending March 31, 1947.

Our company butter operations as from the year 1939 show, as per statements attached, a "Net Loss". This nine year period of 1939 to 1947 shows a loss of 1·35 cents per pound. The greater portion of this period was under a controlled price. The price control was removed in early June, 1947 and in line with the general advance in prices of dairy products and other conditions beyond the control of the industry butter prices advanced to make for an unusual and an abnormal profit. The eleven month period of March, 1947, that is April 1, 1947, to February, 1948 shows, as per our statement, 2·53 cents per pound net profit (before tax). In the final analysis, therefore, the overall review is that the period of fiscal years 1939 to 1947 and eleven months of April, 1947 to February, 1948 show a result of ·88 cents per pound net loss before tax.

We have supplied your committee with statements of information to comply with your questionnaire consistent with our accounting records. Should any additional information be required we will endeavour to supply same.

SILVERWOOD DAIRIES, LIMITED E. G. SILVERWOOD, *President*.

Mr. Silverwood: I might say that we have had certain supplementary information to the brief which I will not attempt to read but I thought it might be useful. You may already have it, possibly.