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Average Net Cost of Producing 100 lbs. of Milk  
(delivered basis)

For Sale to Cheese Factories

| Item               | Denom.   | 1943   | 1946   | In-crease |
|--------------------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Oats .....         | 18 lbs.  | \$ 29  | \$ 32  | \$ 03     |
| Barley .....       | 7 lbs.   | 10     | 11     | 01        |
| Dairy concentrate  | 6 lbs.   | 17     | 17     | —         |
| Mixed hay .....    | 80 lbs.  | 39     | 41     | 02        |
| Silage .....       | 120 lbs. | 24     | 27     | 03        |
| Labour .....       | 2½ hrs.  | 80     | 1 19   | 39        |
| Haulage .....      |          | 08     | 11     | 03        |
| Pasture .....      |          | 24     | 31     | 07        |
| Depreciation ..... |          | 28     | 33     | 05        |
| Breeding .....     |          | 04     | 06     | 02        |
| Misc. ....         |          | 13     | 16     | 03        |
|                    |          | \$2 76 | \$3 44 | \$ 68     |
| Less Credits ..... |          | 45     | 56     | 11        |
| Net Cost .....     |          | \$2 31 | \$2 88 | \$ 57     |

Average Net Cost of Producing Churning Cream  
Per Pound Butterfat  
(delivered basis)

For Sale to Creameries

| Item                              | Denom.   | 1943   | 1946   | In-crease |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Oats .....                        | 16 lbs.  | \$ 26  | \$ 27  | \$ 01     |
| Barley .....                      | 7 lbs.   | 10     | 11     | 01        |
| Dairy concentrate                 | 6 lbs.   | 17     | 17     | —         |
| Mixed hay .....                   | 130 lbs. | 64     | 66     | 02        |
| Silage .....                      | 140 lbs. | 28     | 31     | 03        |
| Labour .....                      | 3 hrs.   | 96     | 1 38   | 42        |
| Haulage .....                     |          | 09     | 10     | 01        |
| Pasture .....                     |          | 29     | 33     | 04        |
| Depreciation .....                |          | 40     | 46     | 06        |
| Breeding .....                    |          | 04     | 06     | 02        |
| Misc. ....                        |          | 20     | 25     | 05        |
|                                   |          | \$3 43 | \$4 10 | \$ 67     |
| Less Credits .....                |          | 1 40   | 1 56   | 16        |
| Net Cost—<br>100 lbs. 3-4% Milk.. |          | \$2 03 | \$2 54 | \$ 51     |
| Net Cost—<br>Per Pound Butterfat. |          | \$ 60  | \$ 74  |           |

From this brief it is clear that in future the milk producers must receive higher prices for their products if present production is to be maintained, let alone increased. Each year one reads in the press of certain cheese factories in Ontario being closed or amalgamated, which means a further decrease in the production of cheese. I remember what was said in the house on February 27 by the Minister of Agriculture as to the price of cheese under the contracts, and I trust that the minister\* will make some statement soon as to the future price of cheese. In the county of Hastings and the surrounding district the price paid for cheese is at the place of pick-up by the railway company. This means the rural cheese factory has to pay the cost of hauling and delivering the cheese from the factory to the point of shipment. Yet I am advised that

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in other areas of Ontario the price paid is the same for the cheese picked up at the factory. Already this matter has been brought to the attention of the Minister of Agriculture, and I understood some correction was to be made. I hope the minister will announce some change before the cheese factories open next April.

A few days ago I asked the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. McCann) for a ruling by the deputy minister of taxation on whether or not the 1946 amendments in reference to cooperatives would apply to cheese factories. The reason for my question was that every cheese factory president has received notice from the inspector of income tax asking him to file certain returns and supply certain information in reference to the taxation of cooperatives and the payment of patronage dividends. Naturally I do not know what ruling the deputy minister of taxation will give, but whatever his ruling may be, it will be of the utmost importance to the cheese factories concerned. An interpretation by the deputy minister that cheese factory companies are to be taxed will do more to decrease the production of cheese in Ontario than any other action the government might take.

I wish to concur in and approve the remarks made yesterday by the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Lockhart) in reference to the wartime prices and trade board. If I had any criticism of his remarks it would be that he was too mild in his treatment of this octopus that has wrapped its strangling arms around every retail activity in Canada. I submit that the general public in Canada are completely fed up with government control, along with the wartime prices and trade board which has long outlived any useful purpose it ever served. I ask why this board, at public expense, should have a network of spies, investigators, prosecutors, persecutors, inspectors and officials of every kind spread over this country from coast to coast attempting to tell every individual how to run his own business, trying to tell him what he can do and what he cannot do. All this takes place in Canada, which is supposed to be a free country. Why should every retail merchant in the province of Ontario be afflicted with these pests of inspectors, who invade their stores, who think nothing of taking a whole day of a merchant's time, checking prices, asking all sorts of absurd and ridiculous questions, insisting on the filling in of certain forms, asking for the production of invoices and every other sort of obnoxious procedure, and always with the threat of prosecution if any murmur is raised?