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NEW ZEALAND
HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY



ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1956

NEW ZEALAND HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

Auckland,

29th March, 1957.

Rt. Hon. K. J. Holyoake,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting to you a further report on the proceedings and operations of the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority. This is the third annual report and covers the transactions for the year ended 31st August, 1956.

Members of Authority:

In accordance with the provisions of the Honey Marketing Authority Regulations 1953, an election of producer members took place in September 1955. This resulted in the re-election of Messrs W. T. Herron, W. W. Nelson and myself and the replacement of Mr. N. Davidson by Mr. T. E. Pearson of Darfield.

Contracts with Suppliers:

Producers were asked again to contract for the supply of honey and they responded by submitting contracts for record quantities. The comparative figures for the last three years were:

	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56
	Tons	Tons	Tons
North Island	349	737	1088
South Island	449	452	770
	<u>798</u>	<u>1189</u>	<u>1858</u>

Honey Supplied to Authority:

At the beginning of the season when contracts were called for a record production season was anticipated but owing to exceptional drought conditions in the early part of 1956, particularly in the South Island, production was well below normal and many contractors were unable to fulfil their obligations.

The quantities supplied were as follows:

1953/54	1954/55	1955/56
Tons	Tons	Tons
1125	2206	1669

Marketing:

The Authority continued to pack "Imperial Bee" honey for sale on the local markets principally in the Auckland Province, and a limited quantity was sold overseas. Sales in New Zealand comprised 295 tons of packed and bulk honey, 1261 tons were exported to the United Kingdom and 15 tons to Singapore, India, Africa and other countries.

The agency agreement with Messrs Kimpton Bros. (Red Carnation) Ltd., London, for sales in the United Kingdom and Europe operated very satisfactorily during the year. The terms of the agreement were revised and the Authority decided not to ask for guaranteed prices. Our agents in turn agreed to accept a smaller share of the over-prices.

While abroad in June 1956 the Government Member, Mr K. B. Longmore, enquired into the position of overseas markets for honey in Singapore, the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe and the United States of America.

Seals Revenue:

The levy on honey sold by beekeepers who elect to serve local markets continued at approximately the same level as previous years. The revenue for the last three years was as follows:

1953/54	1954/55	1955/56
£15,893	£15,377	£15,883

Depots:

During the year depots were opened at three additional centres and beekeepers are now able to forward their honey to the following receiving points:

New Plymouth
Greymouth
Christchurch
Timaru
Dunedin
Invercargill

The Authority has continued its policy of effecting shipments direct from the depots wherever possible.

Payment to Suppliers:

Advance payments on graded honey and Manuka honey were made at the same rates as for the previous season, i.e., 9d. pro rata and 7d. per lb. respectively and the final payment for both classes of honey was fixed at 3d. per lb. This compares with 3½d. and 2½d. per lb. respectively for the two classes in the previous season. A larger proportion of the honey received during the year was supplied under contract and although the final payment on graded honey was ½d. less than the previous year the total average payout was greater. This is shown by the following table:

Payments for Graded Honey Excluding Manuka and Special Lines

Year	Quantity Supplied lbs.	Average Grading	Pro Rata Advance		Contract Premiums		Final Payment		Overall Average Payment Per lb.
			Per lb.	Total	Per lb.	Total	Per lb.	Total	
1953/54 ..	2,156,913	89.75	8d.	£64,533	¾d.	£4,333	3½d.	£31,455	11.16d.
1954/55 ..	4,425,505	85.22	9d.	£141,268	¾d.	£7,550	3½d.	£59,928	11.32d.
1955/56 ..	3,442,262	88.70	9d.	£115,502	¾d.	£8,964	3d.	£43,028	11.60d.

A study of these figures discloses that the higher average grading for the last year is reflected in the higher average payout.

Annual Accounts:

Copies of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet are attached. For accounting purposes the stocks on hand were valued on the same basis as for the previous year, i.e., at approximate cost or market value whichever was the lower. The carry-over of stocks at the end of the year was £18,105 greater than the previous year, and during the period the indebtedness to the Department of Agriculture was reduced by £30,000. The result of these and other transactions was to convert the previous credit balance at the Reserve Bank to an overdraft of £27,819.

Honey transactions during the period under review plus the seals levy produced sufficient revenue to make the final payment of 3d. per lb. to suppliers. The resulting surplus of £5854 was added to the Accumulated Fund, bringing this Fund to £10,512.

New Premises:

Plans and specifications for our new premises were completed during the year and the tender of the Fletcher Construction Co. Ltd. for the erection of the building has since been accepted.

Acknowledgments:

I would again take the opportunity of expressing the Authority's appreciation of your continued interest in our affairs and the various financial arrangements which you have been instrumental in bringing to fruition. I also acknowledge our indebtedness to the Department of Agriculture for its assistance and advice which has been given so freely at all times.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. FIELD,
Chairman.

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Seals Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st August, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and General Expenses				Seals Revenue	15,883	14	5
Grant to National Beekeepers Association of N.Z. (Inc.)	751	19	3				
Grant to Branch of National Beekeepers Association	500	0	0				
Balance transferred to Appropriation A/c.	14,611	12	11				
	£15,883	14	5		£15,883	14	5

Appropriation Account for Year Ended 31st August, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Department of Agriculture—				Honey Revenue Account—			
Grant towards Overseas Expenses of Research Officer	300	0	0	Balance transferred	35,486	9	2
Honey Suppliers—				Seals Revenue Account—			
Final Payments	43,943	19	5	Balance transferred	14,611	12	11
Balance transferred to Accumulated Fund	5,854	2	8				
	£50,098	2	1		£50,098	2	1

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Bank Overdraft—	£	s.	d.	Freehold Premises	£	s.	d.
Reserve Bank of N.Z., W'gton.				Bank—	4,051	3	6
Sundry Creditors—				Bank of N.Z., Auckland	6,524	8	11
Department of Agriculture	71,187	5	11	Honey Stocks	155,555	15	0
Trade Creditors and Accrued Expenses	2,417	0	2	Packing Materials	1,961	16	2
Honey Suppliers	43,475	2	1	Plant and Tools	320	12	10
Provision for contingencies	350	0	0	Office Appliances	64	19	8
				Stationery	132	9	9
Stock Fluctuation Account				Sundry Debtors—			
Accumulated Fund—				Overseas Agent	6,720	9	10
As at 31/8/55	4,658	15	3	Current Accounts	8,385	3	0
Plus Surplus from Appropriation Account	5,854	2	8	Air Travel Deposit Account			
					15,105	12	10
					44	13	2
					£183,761	11	10
	£183,761	11	10		£183,761	11	10

The Audit Office having made such examination as was considered necessary certifies that in its opinion the above balance sheet and accompanying accounts are correct.

(Signed) C. R. J. ATKIN,
Controller and Auditor-General. *

W. H. CHUDLEY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Manager.