

## PRODUCTION TRENDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

### Items of Interest for June, 1947.

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The mild conditions experienced during autumn continued for the most part during June. Cold nights accompanied by frosts were ideal for the ripening and harvesting of the later sown summer crops. The rainfall was below average and rain was needed in most parts of the State to ensure a satisfactory spring. Nevertheless, prospects for winter sown crops remain good.

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Harvesting of the main potato crop was in progress during the month under generally favourable conditions. Good yields of satisfactory quality were being obtained in the tableland districts.

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The slightly higher prices received for vegetables during the month reflected the somewhat reduced supply coming forward. However, favourable growing conditions in the metropolitan area ensure adequate supplies for the next few months.

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Sowing of the wheat crop has been almost completed under generally favourable conditions, although dry weather delayed sowing, and was responsible for some poor germinations, in some parts of the State. Generally, however, the condition of the crop at present is good, but more rain is needed to ensure good yields. It now appears that in the vicinity of 5,500,000 acres have been planted to wheat. On only one occasion has the area sown exceeded that figure.

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The condition of the oats and barley crops is similar to that of the wheat crop, but there has not been any appreciable expansion in the area sown and, in fact, it appears that the acreage sown to barley may be less than that of 1946.

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It is now estimated that the total controlled production of eggs in New South Wales during 1946-47 was approximately 54 million dozen. This would be more than 4 million dozen above the previous year's figure and nearly 12 million dozen above 1943-44 production. Production in June, however, was some 10 per cent. below the production for the same month last year.

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The rice harvest has been completed. The total yield of 54,530 tons from 31,462 acres was much higher than had been expected earlier due to heavy yields obtained from late sown crops.