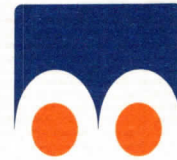


# EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA

The Victorian Egg Marketing Board trading as Egg Farmers of Victoria



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20th September, 1985

Mr. K. Fitz-Gibbon,  
Secretary,  
Commercial Egg Producers Association  
STRATHFIELDSAYE 3555

Dear Kevin,

re: Amendments to the Marketing of Primary  
Products Act

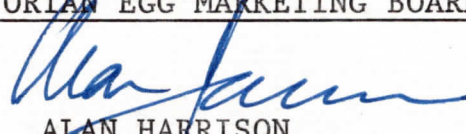
Amendments to the above Act are expected to go through Parliament in the Spring Session, allowing for Board marketing and administration costs to be collected on a per quota basis.

This scheme is now operating in New South Wales and Queensland successfully. However, the Board believes that discussions with the Industry may result in improvements to the quota buy-back scheme now operating in New South Wales.

For this reason, I attach an extract which has been printed in our September Newsletter and the Board would be interested in obtaining your Organization's suggestions on possible improvements to the quota surrender rules now operating in New South Wales.

It would be appreciated if you could provide your suggestions by the 1st November 1985.

Yours faithfully,  
THE VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD

  
ALAN HARRISON  
General Manager



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AMENDMENTS TO THE MARKETING OF PRIMARY  
PRODUCTS ACT

The Victorian Government has agreed to amend the above Act before January 1986 to allow for administration and marketing costs to be collected on a per quota basis or a per dozen basis.

Currently, the administration and marketing costs are collected on the basis of 11 cents per dozen on all eggs produced.

When the alternative of a charge based on quota is introduced early in 1986, the two systems will be -

1. Producers continue to pay administration and marketing costs on the basis of 12¢/dozen on all production. (The one cent increase will occur due to the additional collection costs on the smaller base.)

OR

2. Producers can pay administration and marketing costs on the basis of 7.5 cents per issued quota hen per fortnight. This is the equivalent of 9.7 cents per dozen to a producer achieving a rate of lay of 21 dozen eggs per hen with an average occupancy of 95% and reflects the reduced administration costs associated with Option No.2.
2. (a) Producer Agents will be required to pay administration and marketing costs on the basis of issued quota so that sales recording procedures can be simplified.
- (b) Where producers pay costs on a per quota basis, there will be provision for the producer to voluntarily surrender quota (and thus reduce his payments to the Board) under certain circumstances.

Under the New South Wales' quota levy scheme, quota may be surrendered to the Corporation for a minimum period of four weeks (and thereafter in minimum periods of two weeks) for at least 15% of quota held.

The exact details of quota surrender to reduce quota levy in Victoria will have to be worked out in the light of the experience gained in New South Wales and the wishes of Victorian producers and the Board would be interested in obtaining your organizations suggestions - particularly where it is felt that the criteria used in New South Wales can be improved upon.