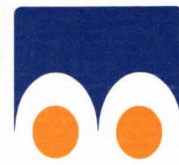


EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA

The Victorian Egg Marketing Board trading as Egg Farmers of Victoria



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23rd September, 1987

Mr. K. Fitzgibbon,
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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Your letter dated 24th August 1987 was discussed by the Board at its Meeting on 16th September 1987.

The matters raised relating to production costs e.g. yolk colouring, feed costs and shell quality, should be referred to the Prices Commissioner so that they can be taken into account in his next report.

With the introduction of the three grades, a normal grade price adjustment was made which may have resulted in some producers receiving less for their eggs. However, producers with small and medium grades would have benefited as the market required those eggs. Recently, producers received a premium of 10 cents per dozen for 70 gram eggs which are in short supply.

The Board believes it would be counter productive to interfere with the prices of the three main grades whilst the Prices Commissioner is conducting his review.

The Board would be interested in knowing of the areas of the Prices Commissioner's report in which you say that Professor Fels "has agreed he has made several mistakes."

The Board has suggested that the Chairman, Mr. Don Foster should be invited to your next meeting in October to discuss policy matters e.g. grading, raised with the General Manager, Alan Harrison in Bendigo recently.

Yours faithfully,
THE VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD

J. VIPADI
Secretary