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#### CAUSE OF BUTTER SHORTAGE

The main reason for the shortage of butter is the restriction of the supply from Denmark and Holland, from which in normal times the bulk of the imported supply comes. The cause of the reduced supply of butter available from these two countries is the shortage of fodder, and in particular of imported feeding stuffs. A more ample supply of butter from Denmark and Holland could be ensured by allowing more feeding stuffs to be imported into these countries, but that would result in an increased supply of butter to Germany also, which would be a more serious evil. It is necessary, therefore, to choose between indulging ourselves in a more ample supply of butter and thereby sending more into Germany, and as an alternative reducing our supply by preventing the import of feedings tuffs into Holland and thus reducing the German supply still more drastically than our own. The latter policy has been adopted by the ministry nf Food and efforts are being made with considerable success to secure imports from sources outside Europe in order to balance the loss caused by the reduction of the supply normally drawn from Denmark and Holland. – National Food Journal.