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INTRODUCTION

The Division of Agricultural Economics and the Division of Agricultural Extension of the University of Minnesota, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the county extension services of Dodge, Freeborn, Goodhue, Rice, Steele, and Waseca counties organized late in 1927 the Farm Management Service Project, to operate in the above named counties, beginning January 1, 1928. Additional counties have since been added. This farm management service is offered to farmers who desire to keep farm records, and to have these records summarized and analyzed in connection with those of other farmers. Each farmer who cooperates in this service pays an annual fee which covers a part of the cost. The balance of the cost is defrayed by the University of Minnesota and the United States Department of Agriculture.

General administration of this project, analysis of the records and preparation of the reports is handled by the Division of Agricultural Economics under the direction of G. A. Pond and T. R. Nodland. Extension work in connection with the project is handled by S. B. Cleland. Harvey Bjerke was the field agent for this project. At the end of the year, B. F. Stanton, S. A. Engene, R. M. Dennistoun and Neils Rorholm of the Division of Agricultural Economics aided in closing the records. County agricultural extension agents who cooperate in this project include C. O. Quie, V. Sander, R. E. Jacobs, G. J. Kunau, Russell Miller, Don Hasbargen, F. L. Liebenstein, F. E. Wetherill, Ray Aune, Warren Liebenstein, Chester Graham, J. R. Gute, Herbert Feldman, C. F. Murphy, Norman Mindrum, and Esbern Johnson.

The Southeast Minnesota Farm Management Association was organized in 1939 by the farmers cooperating in the S.E. Farm Management Service. This association now represents its membership as an additional cooperating agency to determine policies and especially to maintain the field organization and membership. Officers for 1951 were:

President: R. L. Zimmerman, Racine, Mower County
Vice President: Wesley Pierson, Aldine, Freeborn County
Secretary-Treasurer: George Williamson, Shakopee, Scott County

The board of directors included these officers and also the following: Sarah Holland, Dakota County; Harry Morton, Dodge County; Cameron Hayward, Goodhue County; Emil Dietz, Le Sueur County; Sidney Johnson, Nicollet County; Earl Kleinwort, Olmsted County; George Little, Rice County; Alvin Ebel, Scott County; Levern Wilker, Steele County; James Walker, Wabasha County; Ray Miller, Waseca County; and Marvin Simon, Winona County.

The following tabulation shows by counties the number of records submitted in 1951:

Dakota	8	Mower	8	Steele	17
Dodge	13	Nicollet	13	Wabasha	10
Freeborn	19	Olmsted	15	Waseca	16
Goodhue	21	Rice	10	Winona	2
Le Sueur	5	Scott	5	Total	169

The table on page 4 and succeeding pages show 162 farms. Seven farms have been omitted from all the averages in the tables because they differed so widely in type from the others or the records were not sufficiently complete for a full analysis.

Because the farmers included in this study are, in general, above the average in managerial ability and operate larger and more productive farms, they have returns materially higher then the average for this section of the state. There were, nevertheless, wide variations in the methods and practices followed by these men. It is reasonable to assume that similar variations occur among all farmers in the area. To the extent that this is true, this report should be of value to all farmers and to others interested in agriculture in that it illustrates how farm records may be used as a basis for making an analysis of a farm business and for improving the management of a farm.

Table 1. Monthly and Annual Precipitation

	Rochester		Austin		Faribault	
	Precipitation	Departure from normal	Precipitation	Departure from normal	Precipitation	Departure from normal
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
January	.85	- .25	.83	- .06	.64	- .04
February	2.03	+1.21	2.35	+1.43	1.90	+1.21
March	4.01	+2.53	4.23	+2.58	2.92	+1.81
April	3.98	+1.62	4.05	+1.73	2.84	+ .93
May	3.17	- .61	3.16	-1.45	3.97	+ .77
June	5.50	+1.03	3.97	-1.25	6.74	+2.37
July	8.14	+4.87	1.91	-1.17	8.46	+5.11
August	4.56	+1.14	5.32	+1.07	6.25	+2.84
September	2.82	- .45	3.20	- .78	5.54	+2.09
October	2.73	+ .77	2.14	+ .28	1.83	- .25
November	1.80	+ .26	1.47	- .11	1.67	+ .33
December	.80	- .18	1.13	+ .26	.97	+ .29
1951 Total	40.39	+11.94	33.76	+2.53	43.73	+17.46
1950 Total	23.23	- 5.54	23.57	-7.66	23.79	- 2.48
1949 Total	26.60	- 2.17	24.12	-7.11	26.47	+ .20
1948 Total	25.75	- 3.04	27.57	-3.66	25.63	- 1.64

Very unusual weather and crop growing conditions characterized the year 1951 in Southeastern Minnesota. The winter during the early part of the year was the coldest since 1936 - 37 and the wettest since 1938 - 39. Southeast Minnesota during March had the greatest snowfall recorded by the weather bureau since records were started in 1891. These heavy snows caused heavy flooding and a wet soil condition which prevented spring work in the fields from starting before the 20th of April. The late spring and summer months were characterized by heavy and frequent rains, very cool weather, much less than normal sunshine and very slow development of corn and soybeans. This was the coolest summer since 1927 and the wettest since 1944. Because of the rains first cutting hay crops suffered considerable damage thru spoilage and poor quality. Pastures were good to excellent thruout the summer and fall months. Harvesting, and combining of small grains progressed slowly and although yields were average and higher the quality was low. Corn continued to develop slowly thruout the summer and fall with about 75% in the early dent stage when the killing frost hit on September 28th. Considerable soft corn was picked and subsequent spoilage was common. This was the third coldest fall on record.

Table 2. Summary of Farm Inventories, 1951*

Items	Your farm Jan. 1	Your farm Dec. 31	Average of 162 farms Jan. 1	Average of 162 farms Dec. 31
Size of farm (acres)	———		222	
Size of business (work units)**	———		594	
Dairy and dual purpose cows		———	$ 2237	$ 2588
Other dairy & dual purpose cattle	———	———	1483	1843
Beef cattle (incl. feeders)	———	———	1217	1790
Hogs	———	———	1520	1585
Sheep(including feeders)	———	———	165	254
Poultry (including turkeys)	———	———	307	309
Productive livestock (total)	———	———	6929	8369
Horses	———	———	75	67
Crop, seed, and feed	———	———	5043	5354
Power mach. (farm share)	———	———	2919	3166
Crop and general mach. (farm share)	———	———	3508	3958
Livestock equipment & supplies	———	———	677	702
Mach. & equipment (total)	———	———	7104	7826
Miscellaneous	———	———	12	12
Buildings, fences, etc.	———	———	11499	12098
Land	———	———	10139	10139
Total farm capital	———	———	$40801	$43865

Items	32 most profitable farms Jan. 1	32 most profitable farms Dec. 31	32 least profitable farms Jan. 1	32 least profitable farms Dec. 31
Size of farm (acres)	293		196	
Size of business (work units)**	750		491	
Dairy & dual purpose cows	$ 2613	$ 3151	$ 1653	$ 2037
Other dairy & dual purpose cattle	2072	2419	1086	1320
Beef cattle (incl. feeders)	2419	3089	1589	2217
Hogs	1875	1997	1576	1501
Sheep	208	282	141	332
Poultry	278	278	240	268
Productive livestock (total)	9465	11216	6285	7675
Horses	96	90	87	81
Crop, seed, and feed	7270	8110	3987	3783
Power mach. (farm share)	3475	3777	2953	3262
Crop & general machinery	4526	5031	3245	3734
Livestock equipment & supplies	763	711	708	780
Mach. & equipment (total)	8764	9519	6906	7776
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Buildings, fences etc.	12726	12964	10460	11233
Land	13328	13328	9211	9211
Total farm capital	51649	55227	36936	39759

*For the purpose of comparison, all the data shown in this report with the exception of Tables 5 and 6 are presented on a full-owner basis. The assets, expenses and receipts of the landlord were included in the records from rented farms.

**See page 24 for an explanation of "work units."

Table 3. Summary of Farm Earnings (Cash Statement), 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 162 farms	32 most profitable farms	32 least profitable farms
FARM RECEIPTS				
Dairy and dual-purpose cows	____	$ 1325	$ 1747	$ 1250
Dairy products	____	4500	6057	2620
Other dairy & dual-purpose cattle	____	900	1187	912
Beef cattle (including feeders)	____	1326	3483	1053
Hogs	____	4646	5677	4275
Sheep and wool (including feeders)	____	177	245	184
Poultry (including turkeys)	____	359	412	195
Eggs	____	1522	1510	1002
Horses	____	10	7	15
Corn	____	444	930	292
Small grain	____	461	747	285
Other crops	____	739	1063	552
Machinery & equip. sold	____	539	827	419
Agricultural adjustment payments	____	60	78	48
Income from work off the farm	____	370	517	267
Miscellaneous	____	115	61	33
(1) Total farm sales	____	17493	24548	13402
(2) Increase in farm capital	____	3064	3578	2823
(3) Family living from the farm	____	816	891	705
(4) Total farm receipts (1)+(2)+(3)	____	$21373	$29017	$16930
FARM EXPENSES				
Dairy and dual-purpose cows bought	____	$ 194	$ 64	$ 454
Other dairy & dual-pur. cattle bought	____	196	147	359
Beef cattle bought (incl. feeders)	____	881	1873	784
Hogs bought	____	219	203	367
Sheep bought (including feeders)	____	54	54	201
Poultry bought (including turkeys)	____	145	148	112
Horses bought	____	5	2	8
Misc. livestock expenses	____	327	421	259
Misc. crop expenses	____	876	1100	739
Feed bought	____	2299	2621	1873
Custom work hired	____	522	515	387
Mech. power mach. (farm share) (new)	____	1007	1279	1109
Mech. power mach. (farm share) (upkp.)	____	273	348	287
Mech. power (farm share)(gas, oil, etc.)	____	914	1164	858
Crop and general mach. (new)	____	1224	1552	1131
Crop and general mach.(upkp.)	____	236	298	194
Livestock equipment (new)	____	156	91	195
Livestock equipment (upkeep)	____	110	122	95
Buildings and fencing (new)	____	1218	867	1228
Buildings and fencing (upkeep)	____	359	448	273
Hired labor	____	885	1256	776
Taxes	____	583	772	533
General farm and insurance	____	216	271	178
(5) Total farm purchases	____	12899	15616	12400
(6) Decrease in farm capital	____	-	-	-
(7) Interest on farm capital	____	2117	2672	1917
(8) Unpaid family labor	____	505	539	488
(9) Board furnished hired labor	____	189	216	192
(10) Total farm exp. (sum of (5) to (9)	____	$15710	$19043	$14997
(11) Operator's labor earnings (4) - (10)	____	$ 5663	$ 9974	$ 1933

Table 4. Summary of Farm Earnings (Enterprise Statement) 1951*

Items	Your farm	Average of 162 farms	32 most profitable farms	32 least profitable farms
RETURNS AND NET INCREASES				
Dairy and dual purpose cows	____	$5446	$7416	$3444
Other dairy & dual pur. cattle	____	2089	2854	1618
Beef breeding herd	____	293	57	733
Feeder cattle	____	675	1976	173
Hogs	____	4622	5912	3924
Sheep - farm flock and feeders	____	212	264	174
Turkeys	____	126	175	4
Chickens	____	1719	1731	1188
All productive livestock	____	15182	20385	11258
Crops, seed and feed	____	-1350	-282	-1842
Agricultural conservation payments	____	60	77	48
Income from labor off the farm	____	232	336	129
Miscellaneous	____	277	257	223
(1) Total returns & net increases	____	14401	20773	9816
EXPENSES AND NET DECREASES				
Horses	____	$61	$76	$78
Tractor	____	750	921	768
Truck	____	283	359	276
Auto (farm share)	____	333	374	371
Gas engine and elect.exp. (f.share)	____	184	217	163
Hired power	____	236	253	149
Total power	____	1847	2200	1805
Crop and general machinery	____	864	1072	770
Livestock equipment	____	232	252	214
Buildings, fencing and tiling	____	816	970	634
Misc. productive livestock expense	____	322	421	259
Labor	____	1741	2169	1573
Real estate taxes	____	458	622	424
Personal property tax	____	125	150	109
Insurance	____	88	115	63
General farm	____	128	156	115
Interest on farm capital	____	2117	2672	1917
(2) Total expenses & net decreases	____	8738	10799	7883
(3) Oper. labor earnings (1)-(2)	____	5663	9974	1933

*Cash receipts and expenses are adjusted for changes in inventory for each enterprise and for each item of expense in order to show total receipts and net increases, and total expenses and net decreases. The operator's labor earnings are the same as those on page 4.

Table 5. Net Worth Statement for Those Farmers Who Kept a Complete Record of All Assets and Liabilities, 1951 (Operator's Share)

	Your Farm		44 Owners	
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Total acres in farm	———		183.3	
Owned	———		183.3	
Rented	———		-	
Total farm capital	———	———	$34877	$37432
Accounts receivable	———	———	415	419
Stocks and bonds	———	———	2073	1974
Life insurance	———	———	1286	1364
Outside real estate	———	———	1655	2934
Other outside investments	———	———	368	394
Total outside investments	———	———	5382	6666
Cash on hand and in bank	———	———	462	751
Other household & personal assets	———	———	2055	2192
Total cash, household & personal assets	———	———	2517	2943
TOTAL ASSETS	———	———	43191	47460
Federal Land Bank Mortgage	———	———	1021	982
Other mortgages on land operated	———	———	3247	3151
Mortgages on other real estate	———	———	231	774
Production Credit Association	———	———	349	330
Sealed Grain	———	———	105	29
Other chattel mortgages	———	———	422	420
Notes payable	———	———	1395	1343
Accounts payable	———	———	400	404
TOTAL LIABILITIES	———	———	7170	7433
Farmer's net worth	———	———	36021	40027
Gain in net worth		———		+4006

	17 part-owners*		16 Renters**	
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Total acres in farm	228.1		193.5	
Owner	132.0		-	
Rented	96.1		193.5	
Total farm capital	$32431	$36237	$12338	$14366
Accounts receivable	825	972	555	998
Stocks and bonds	1151	1136	990	1006
Life insurance	1282	1204	829	979
Outside real estate	56	59	10	10
Other outside investments	536	557	253	269
Total outside investments	3025	2956	2082	2264
Cash on hand and in bank	1008	1432	925	773
Other household & personal assets	2202	2467	2719	2863
Total cash, household & personal assets	3210	3899	3644	3636
TOTAL ASSETS	39491	44064	18619	21264
Federal Land Bank Mortgage	-	-	-	-
Other mortgages on land operated	4603	4383	-	-
Mortgages on other real estate	-	-	-	-
Production Credit Association	-	-	490	511
Sealed grain	64	-	112	65
Other chattel mortgages	712	1332	552	847
Notes payable	3150	3155	1618	1450
Accounts payable	341	361	344	533
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8870	9231	3116	3406
Farmer's net worth	30621	34833	15503	17858
Gain in net worth		+4212		+2355

* 11 rented for cash, 3 cash and crop share, 2 crop share and 2 livestock and crop share.

**9 rented for cash, 3 cash and crop share, and 9 livestock share.

Table 6. Summary of Farm Earnings by Tenure, 1951 (Operator's Share)

	Your farm	44 Owners	17 part-owners	16 renters
FARM RECEIPTS				
Dairy and dual purpose cows		$ 1176	$1727	$ 752
Dairy products		4397	4639	3498
Other dairy and dual purpose cattle		801	964	547
Beef cattle (including feeders)		974	1127	213
Hogs		4264	4388	2664
Sheep and wool (including feeders)		131	188	95
Poultry (including turkeys)		293	539	129
Eggs		1388	1652	1006
Horses		43	4	5
Corn		373	72	194
Small grain		349	459	214
Other crops		450	755	341
Machinery & equipment sold		418	648	347
Agricultural adjustment payments		57	58	31
Income from work off the farm		478	371	532
Miscellaneous		29	237	34
(1) total farm sales		15621	17828	10602
(2) increase in farm capital		2555	3806	2028
(3) family living from the farm		809	754	726
(4) total farm rec. (1)+(2)+(3)		18985	22388	13356
FARM EXPENSES				
Dairy and dual purpose cows bought		$ 241	$ 355	$ 80
Other dairy & dual pur. cattle bought		240	239	166
Beef cattle bought (including feeders)		680	918	33
Hogs bought		228	107	277
Sheep bought (including feeders)		36	3	10
Poultry bought (including turkeys)		112	198	56
Horses bought		13	-	4
Misc. livestock expenses		312	273	196
Misc. crop expenses		837	905	427
Feed bought		2149	2707	1343
Custom work hired		567	668	464
Mech. power mach. (farm share) (new)		823	1286	1304
Mech. power mach. (farm share) (upkeep)		294	295	227
Mech. power (farm share)(gas, oil, etc.)		794	924	722
Crop and general mach. (new)		1060	1496	698
Crop and general mach. (upkeep)		215	272	202
Livestock equipment (new)		194	111	67
Livestock equipment (upkeep)		182	156	79
Land, buildings & fencing (new)		647	1138	104
Buildings and fencing (upkeep)		343	347	101
Hired labor		724	999	544
Taxes (real estate & pers. property)		443	378	95
General farm and insurance		195	222	133
Cash rent		-	398	697
Interest paid		282	266	123
(5) Total farm purchases		11611	14661	8152
(6) Decrease in farm capital		-	-	-
(7) Interest on farm capital		1526	1451	544
(8) Unpaid family labor		342	136	259
(9) Board furnished hired labor		142	271	168
(10) Total farm exp. (sum of (5) to (9)		13621	16519	9123
(11) Operator's labor earn. (4) - (10)		5364	5869	4233
(12) Ret. cap. & family lab.(7)+(8)+(11)		7232	7456	5036

Table 7. Household and Personal Expenses for Those Farms Which Kept Complete Accounts of These Expenses, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 79 farms	16 most profitable farms	16 least profitable farms
Number of persons - family	_____	4.3	5.0	4.5
Number of adult equiv. - family	_____	3.1	3.7	3.3
other*	_____	.5	.6	.4
Food and meals bought	_____	$714	$727	$632
Operating and supplies	_____	291	254	285
Clothing and clothing materials	_____	322	328	281
Personal care, personal spending	_____	96	159	68
Furnishings and equipment	_____	278	359	258
Education, recreation and development	_____	147	166	111
Medical care and health insurance	_____	255	304	188
Church, welfare, gifts	_____	263	359	160
Personal share of auto expense	_____	124	139	84
Household share of elect. & gas eng. exp.	_____	75	96	51
H.H. &pers. shr. of new auto,gas eng.&motors bot.	_____	166	225	179
Total cash living expenses	_____	2731	3116	2297
State and Federal income taxes	_____	$186	$232	$159
Insurance	_____	211	211	193
Total household and personal cash exp.	_____	3128	3559	2649
Food furnished by the farm	_____	493	652	490
Fuel furnished by the farm	_____	15	6	2
House rental	_____	297	307	217
Total cash expenses & perquisites	_____	3933	4524	3358
Purchase of stocks,bonds,and other invest.	_____	168	359	203
Receipts:				
Income from investments	_____	228	371	179
Miscellaneous income	_____	170	12	123

*Hired help or others boarded.

Table 8. Family Living From the Farm, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average 162 farms	Your farm	Average 162 farms
Adult equiv. - family	_____	3.2		
- others	_____	.6		
Whole milk	_____	1261 qts.	_____	$90.02
Skim milk	_____	107 qts.	_____	1.15
Cream	_____	62 pts.	_____	14.56
Farm made butter	_____	-	_____	.03
Beef	_____	416 lbs.	_____	103.56
Hogs	_____	436 lbs.	_____	85.09
Sheep	_____	1 lb.	_____	.12
Poultry	_____	133 lbs.	_____	30.19
Eggs	_____	198 doz.	_____	79.54
Potatoes	_____	6 bu.	_____	7.42
Vegetables & fruits			_____	66.64
Farm fuel	_____	1 cd.	_____	6.27
Rental vl. of house			_____	331.71
Total			_____	816.30

CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF EXCELLING IN A NUMBER OF MANAGEMENT FACTORS

Studies of earnings of farmers in this area show that there are seven major management factors causing variations in earnings among farmers within a given year. These seven factors are (1) crop yields, (2) choice of crops, (3) returns from livestock, (4) amount of livestock, (5) size of business, (6) work accomplishment per worker, and (7) control over expenses. The combined or cumulative influence of these seven management factors on earnings is shown in Table 9. The farmer's earnings are determined to a considerable extent by his accomplishments in these seven factors.

Table 9. Relation of Operator's Labor Earnings to the Number of Factors in which the Farmer Excels

No. of factors in which farmer excels	No. of farms	Your farm	The length of the shaded lines is in proportion to the average operator's labor earnings	Average operator's labor earnings
None or 1	17	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	$3562
2	28	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	4746
3	37	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	5136
4	40	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	6147
5	30	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	7121
6 or 7	10	_____	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	7443

The array in Table 9 indicates that it will be worth while for each cooperator to study carefully his ranking on pages 10 and 11, and learn his standing in respect to each of the above factors and the elements of strength and weakness in his farm business.

Table 10. Measures of Farm Organization and Management Efficiency, 1951

Measures used in chart on page 11	Your farm	Average of 162 farms	32 most profitable farms	32 least profitable farms
Operator's labor earnings	$____	$5663	$9974	$1933
(1) Crop yields*	____	100	101	94
(2) % of tillable land in high ret. crops**	____	63.2	61.6	60.5
(3) Ret. for $100 feed to prod. livestock***	____	100	103	89
(4) Prod. livestock units per 100 acres****	____	29.6	29.4	27.9
(5) Size of business - work units	____	594	750	491
(6) Work units per worker	____	313	341	273
(7) Pow.,mach.,equip.,& bldg.exp.per work unit	____	$6.54	$6.01	$7.45
Measures and items related to some of the above measures:				
(3) Index of return for $100 feed from:				
Dairy cattle (see pages 16 & 17)	____	100	102	87
Dual purpose cattle (see pages 18 & 19)	____	100	99	105
Beef breeding herd (see page 20)	____	100	-	-
Feeder cattle (see page 20)	____	100	120	95
Hogs (see page 15)	____	100	104	88
Native sheep (see page 21)	____	100	87	87
Turkeys (see page 24)	____	100	-	-
Chickens (see page 22 & 23)	____	100	106	93
(4) Number of animal units prod. livestock	____	56.3	75.7	48.4
(5) Work units on crops	____	147	196	127
Work units on productive livestock	____	408	498	342
Other work units	____	39	56	22
(6) Number of family workers	____	1.3	1.4	1.3
Number of hired workers	____	.6	.8	.5
Total number of workers	____	1.9	2.2	1.8
(7) Power expense per work unit	$____	$3.24	$2.96	$3.90
Crops mach. expense per work unit	____	1.49	1.42	1.66
Livestock equip. exp. per work unit	____	.41	.35	.47
Building exp. per work unit	____	1.40	1.28	1.42

*Given as a percentage of the average.
**Crops are marked on page 12 as (A), (B), (C), and (D). All of the acres in (A) crops, one-half of acres in (B) crops, and one-fourth of acres in (C) crops are used in calculating per cent of tillable land in high return crops.
***An index weighted by the animal units of livestock.
****Acres in timber not pastured, roads, waste, and farmstead were not included.

Thermometer Chart

Using your figures from page 10, locate your standing with respect to the various measures of farm organization and management efficiency. The averages for the 162 farms included in this summary are located between the dotted lines across the center of this page.

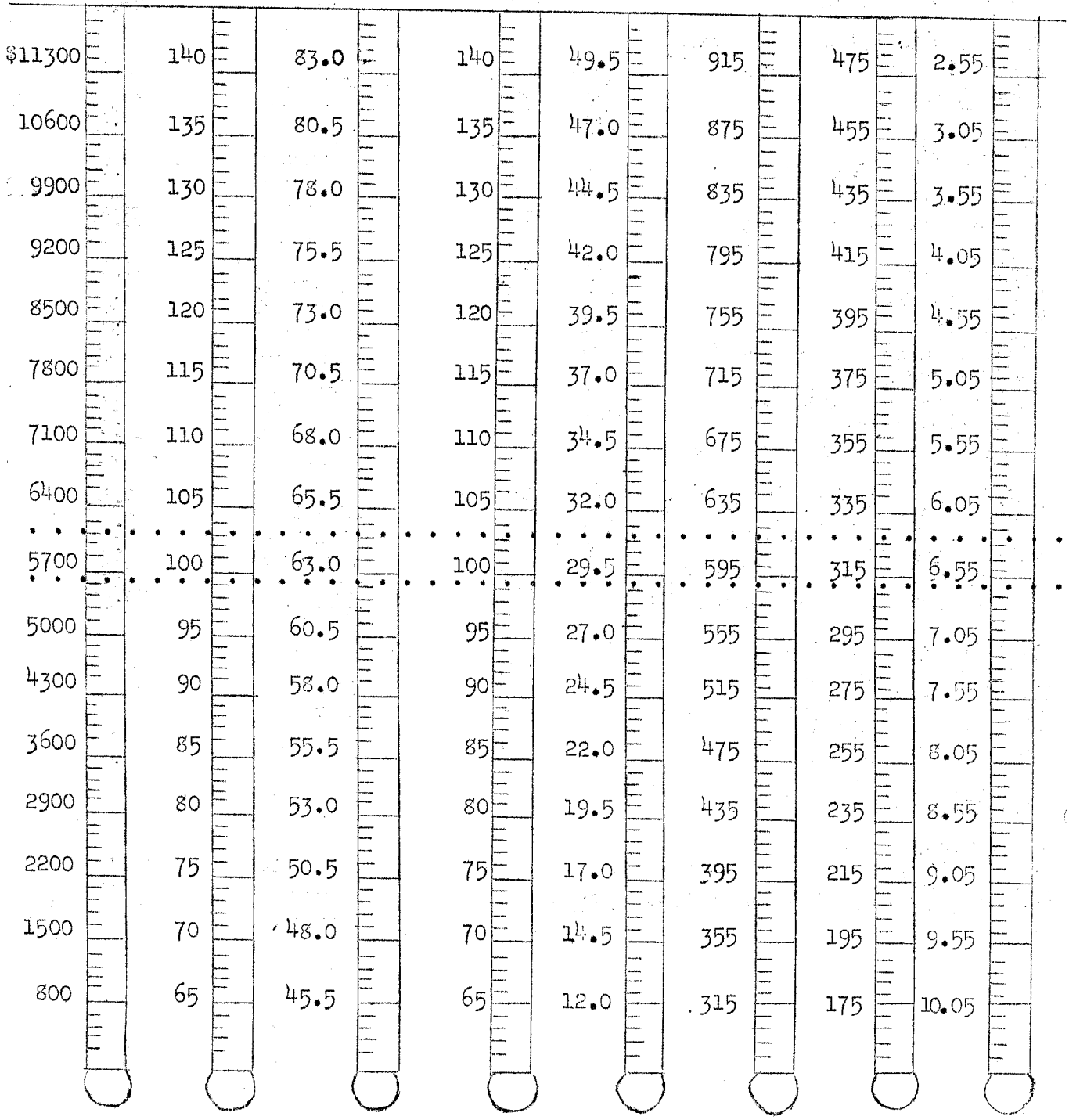

Table 11. Distribution of Acres in Farm, 1951

Crop: (A), (B), (C) and (D) refer to ranking used in calculating % of tillable land in high return crops (see page 10)		No. growing this crop	Your farm	Average of 162 farms
Canning peas	(A)	17		1.5
Flax	(C)	20		2.0
Barley	(D)	48		5.0
Oats and barley	(D)	20		2.8
Oats	(D)	151		32.7
Oats and wheat	(D)	9		1.0
Wheat	(D)	29		2.2
Rye, millet and buckwheat	(D)	16		1.1
Total small grain and peas		159		48.3
Sugar beets, hybrid seed corn, potatoes and truck crops	(A)	13		1.1
Corn grain	(A)	160		44.4
Corn silage	(B)	101		6.4
Sweet corn	(B)	13		1.3
Soybeans for grain	(C)	57		7.7
Corn fodder	(D)	2		-
Total Cultivated crops		161		60.9
Alfalfa hay	(A)	162		37.4
Red clover hay	(B)	28		2.6
Soybean hay	(C)	1		.1
Mixed legumes & non-legumes	(C)	6		.3
Legumes for seed	(C)	7		.4
Timothy and/or brome hay	(D)	6		.2
Other annual hay	(D)	2		.1
Total tillable land in hay		162		41.1
Alfalfa and mixtures incl. alf.	(A)	126		13.5
Other legumes and mixtures	(C)	36		3.7
Sudan grass or rape pasture	(C)	12		.4
Other tillable land in pasture	(D)	44		3.0
Total tillable land in pasture		148		20.6
Tillable land not cropped	(D)	30		2.0
Total tillable land		162		172.9
Wild hay (non-tillable)		49		2.9
Non-tillable pasture		118		24.8
Timber (not pastured)		60		5.8
Roads and waste				9.0
Farmstead				6.8
Total acres in farm				222.2
Per cent land tillable				77.8
Per cent tillable land in high ret. crops				63.4

Table 12. Crop Yields Per Acre, 1951

Crop	Your farm	Average of farms growing each crop
Canning peas, value above seed cost	$____	$68.20
Flax, bu.	____	9.0
Barley, bu.	____	27.9
Oats and barley, bu.	____	45.1
Oats, bu.	____	48.6
Oats and wheat, bu.	____	50.1
Wheat, bu.	____	22.8
Rye, bu.	____	19.6
Corn, grain, bu.	____	50.8
Corn and cane silage, tons	____	8.6
Sweet corn, tons	____	4.2
Soybeans, bu.	____	17.2
Alfalfa hay, tons	____	2.9
Red clover hay, tons	____	2.1
Mixed legume & non-legume hay, tons	____	1.7
Legumes for seed, lbs.	____	106
Timothy and/or brome hay, tons	____	1.7
Wild hay, tons	____	.5

Table 13. Average Price of Feeds, 1951

Item	Value	Item	Value
Ear corn, per bu.	$1.36	Alfalfa hay, per ton	$19.00
Oats, per bu.	.81	Red or alsike clov. hay, per ton	16.00
Barley, per bu.	1.23	Soybean hay, per ton	16.00
Wheat, per bu.	2.20	Timothy, per ton	11.00
Soybeans, per bu.	2.82	Wild hay, per ton	9.50
Bran, per cwt.	3.20	Corn fodder, per ton	8.55
Linseed oilmeal, per cwt.	3.85	Corn silage, per ton	6.00
Soybean oilmeal, per cwt.	4.55	Pasture, per mo. per an. unit	1.40
Tankage, per cwt.	6.20	Skim milk, per cwt.	.40

Table 14. Feed Costs for Horses, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 89 farms
Feed per horse, lbs.:*		
Grain	_____	278
Hay	_____	3701
Fodder and stover	_____	163
Feed cost per horse:*		
Grain	_____	$6.95
Roughage	_____	30.27
Pasture	_____	7.09
Total feed cost	_____	44.31
Number of work horses	_____	2.4
Number of colts	_____	.2

*Two colts equal one horse

Table 15. Power and Machinery Expenses per Crop Acre, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 162 farms	32 most profitable farms	32 least profitable farms
Crop acres per farm	_____	153.2	203.3	136.8
Tractor and horse exp. per crop acre	_____	$5.53	$4.98	$6.43
Crop & gen. mach. exp. per crop acre	_____	5.83	5.48	5.66

TOTAL RETURNS AND FEED COST FROM YOUR LIVESTOCK ENTERPRISES

The total "return over feed costs" for each class of livestock is shown in Table 16. This differs from the "return over feed" shown in the enterprise statement in that it is the total for each class of livestock instead of a return "per head" "per unit" or "per 100 pounds". These data indicate the relative importance of different classes of livestock as a source of income and as a market for feed. The total return is the same as the returns and net increases shown on page 5. The return over feed is not a net return, but rather the amount available from the gross income, after paying the feed bill, to cover the outlay for hired labor, power, equipment, taxes, insurance, interest, and veterinary bills and to provide a return for the use of family labor and capital.

Feed is the largest single item of cost for all classes of livestock. However, the proportion of the total cost represented by feed varies considerably between classes of livestock. Feed makes up approximately 45 per cent of the total costs of maintaining dairy cattle and poultry, 50 per cent in the case of a farm flock of sheep and 75 to 90 per cent for hogs, feeder cattle and feeder lambs. Consequently, it is necessary to secure a relatively higher return over feed from dairy cattle and poultry than from the other livestock enterprises in order to be able to cover all the cost other than feed.

Table 16. Total Feed Costs and Returns From Your Livestock Enterprises, 1951

	Dairy or dual purpose cattle			Beef breeding herd	Feeder Cattle
	Cows	Other	All		
Total returns					
Total feed cost					
Total return over feed					

	Hogs	Sheep		Turkeys	Chickens
		Farm flock	Feeders		
Total returns					
Total feed cost					
Total return over feed					

Table 17. Feed Costs and Returns from Hogs, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 145 farms	29 farms highest in returns above feed	29 farms lowest in returns above feed
Feed per cwt. hogs produced, lbs.:				
Corn		313	250	391
Small grain		116	89	138
Commercial feeds		44	35	62
Total concentrates		473	374	591
Skim milk, buttermilk and whey		87	78	101
Feed cost per cwt. hogs produced:				
Concentrates	$	$12.78	$10.14	$16.29
Skim milk, buttermilk and whey		.35	.32	.41
Pasture		.18	.16	.16
TOTAL FEED COSTS		13.31	10.62	16.86
Net increase in value per cwt hogs prod.	$	$19.25	$20.67	$17.92
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER CWT. HOGS PROD.	$	$ 5.94	$10.05	$ 1.06
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED	$	$151	$198	$108
Price received per cwt. hogs sold	$	$19.69	$20.42	$19.38
No. of spring litters raised		10.4	9.4	8.7
No. of fall litters raised		6.9	6.1	7.4
Total no. of litters raised		17.3	15.5	16.1
No. of pigs born per litter		8.3	8.3	8.0
No. of pigs weaned per litter		6.5	6.6	6.0
Pounds of hogs produced		25931	24511	22407

Table 18. Factors of Cost and Returns from Dairy Cows, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 133 farms	27 farms highest in butterfat per cow	27 farms lowest in butterfat per cow
Pounds of butterfat per cow		307	386	225
% butterfat in milk		3.8	3.9	3.6
Price rec. per lb. B.F. sold (cents)		95.9	99.9	88.6
As manufacturing cream (cents)		79.2	79.5	79.0
Other (cents)		101.5	102.3	98.2
Feeds per cow, lbs:				
Corn		1433	1645	1465
Small grain		797	931	679
Commercial feeds		378	495	210
Legume hay		4484	4436	4491
Other hay		549	589	144
Fodder and stover		98	18	14
Total Concentrates		2608	3071	2354
Total dry roughage		5131	5043	4649
Silage		6708	8108	6322
Total digestible nutrients*		5837	6506	5352
T.D.N. per lb. B.F.		19.0	16.9	23.8
%T.D.N. that is protein		15.0	15.0	14.9
Feed cost per cow:				
Concentrates		$70.38	$83.52	$61.66
Roughages		67.54	71.70	63.53
Pasture		6.64	6.68	6.67
TOTAL FEED COSTS		144.56	161.90	131.86
Value of produce per cow:				
B.F. sales		$273.40	$363.28	$177.20
Dairy produce used in house		7.40	6.02	11.36
Milk to livestock		18.03	15.10	22.44
Net increases in value of cows		34.74	41.11	38.66
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED		333.57	425.51	249.66
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER COW		$189.01	$263.61	$117.80
Returns for $100 OF FEED		$240	$270	$206
Feed cost per lb. B.F. (cents)		47.1	41.9	58.6
% fall freshening		52	55	52
Number of cows**		18.2	20.6	15.3

* Not including nutrients received from pasture.

**All dairy cows which have at some time in the past freshened are included in the dairy herd, and affect the average number of cows used in computing this table. There is some variation in the number of months of dry period per cow; however, this variation is small for the majority of farms.

Table 19. Feed Costs and Returns from Other Dairy Cattle, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 133 farms	27 farms highest in butterfat per cow	27 farms lowest in butterfat per cow
Feeds per head, lbs.:				
Concentrates		640	879	558
Hay and fodder		1960	2109	1865
Silage		2170	2424	2389
Skim milk		360	214	750
Whole milk		402	384	354
TOTAL FEED COSTS PER HEAD		$58.08	$66.06	$55.42
Net inc. in value of other dairy cattle		$117.87	$122.89	$107.29
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER HEAD		$59.79	$56.83	$51.87
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED		$221	$196	$236
Number of head of other dairy cattle		19.9	23.9	16.6

Table 20. Feed Costs and Returns From All Dairy Cattle, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 133 farms	27 farms highest in butterfat per cow	27 farms lowest in butterfat per cow
Feeds per animal unit, lbs.:				
Concentrates		2112	2566	1880
Hay and fodder		4637	4720	4208
Silage		5814	6826	5706
TOTAL FEED COSTS PER ANIMAL UNITS		$123.66	$140.86	$112.85
Value of produce per animal unit:				
Dairy products		$183.54	$234.77	$127.48
Net increase in val. of dairy cattle		101.52	113.31	90.98
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED		$285.06	$348.08	$218.46
RETURNS ABOVE FEED PER ANIMAL UNIT		$161.40	$207.22	$105.61
RETURNS PER $100 OF FEED		$239	$253	$211
Animal Units of dairy cattle		28.4	32.8	23.8

Table 21. Factors of Cost and Returns from Dual Purpose Cows, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 14 farms
Pounds of butterfat per cow		204
% butterfat in milk		3.7
Price received per lb. B.F. sold (cents)		84.4
As manufacturing cream (cents)		78.1
Other (cents)		96.9
Feeds per cow, lbs.:		
Corn		692
Small grain		696
Commercial feeds		126
Legume hay		3344
Other hay		466
Fodder and stover		247
Total concentrates		1514
Total dry roughage		4057
Silage		6497
Total digestible nutrients*		4365
T.D.N. per lb. B.F.		21.3
% T.D.N. that is protein		14.3
Feed cost per cow:		
Concentrates		$38.74
Roughages		56.13
Pasture		6.67
TOTAL FEED COSTS		101.54
Value of produce per cow:		
B.F. sales		$153.45
Dairy produce used in house		7.03
Milk to livestock		25.79
Net increases in value of cows		45.99
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED		$232.26
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER COW		$130.72
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED		$240
Feed cost per lb. B.F. (cents)*		49.8
% fall freshening		44
Number of cows		18.5

*Not including nutrients received from pasture.

Table 22. Feed Costs and Returns from Other Dual Purpose Cattle, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 14 farms
Feeds per head, lbs.:		
Concentrates		916
Hay and fodder		1746
Silage		2025
Skim milk		510
Whole milk		485
TOTAL FEED COST PER HEAD		$62.91
Net increase in value		$122.69
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER HEAD		$59.78
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED		$204
Number of head		25.7

Table 23. Feed Costs and Returns From All Dual Purpose Cattle, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 14 farms
Feeds per animal unit, lbs.:		
Concentrates		1633
Hay and fodder		3727
Silage		5505
TOTAL FEED COSTS PER ANIMAL UNIT		$96.83
Value of produce per animal unit:		
Dairy products		$ 98.45
Net increase in value		119.58
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED		218.03
RETURNS ABOVE FEED PER ANIMAL UNIT		$121.20
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED		$244
Animal units		31.6

Table 24. Feed Costs and Returns from Beef Cattle, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of all farms
Beef breeding herd: No. of farms:		**9**
Feeds per animal unit, lbs:		
Concentrates	____	2011
Legume hay	____	4006
Other hay	____	1412
Fodder and stover	____	653
Silage	____	6885
Feed cost per animal unit:		
Concentrates	$____	$52.65
Roughages	____	68.19
Pasture	____	8.65
TOTAL FEED COSTS	____	129.49
Value of produce per animal unit:		
Dairy products	$____	$ 6.09
Net increase in value of animals	____	207.76
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED	____	213.85
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER ANIMAL UNIT	____	$84.36
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED	____	$173
Number of cows and herd bulls	____	18.6
Number of animal units in the herd	____	23.6
Lbs. beef produced	____	12623
Feeder cattle: No. of farms:		**20**
Feeds per cwt. beef produced, lbs.:		
Corn	____	390
Small grain	____	40
Commercial feeds	____	37
Legume hay	____	511
Other hay	____	194
Fodder and stover	____	-
Total concentrates	____	467
Total dry roughages	____	705
Silage	____	745
Feed cost per cwt. beef produced		
Concentrates	$____	$12.08
Roughages	____	8.04
Pasture	____	1.22
TOTAL FEED COSTS	$____	21.34
Net increase in value of feeders	$____	38.66
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER CWT BEEF PRODUCED	$____	$17.32
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED	____	$210
Price recd. per cwt. beef sold in 1951	____	$33.83
Price paid per cwt. beef bought	____	37.70
No. of Animal units	____	33.1
Pounds of beef produced	____	14996

Table 25. Feed Costs and Returns from a Farm Flock of Sheep, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 34 farms	17 farms highest in returns above feed	17 farms lowest in returns above feed
Feeds per head, *lbs.:				
Concentrates	____	73	38	108
Legume hay	____	333	247	419
Other hay	____	58	84	31
Fodder and stover	____	25	-	50
Silage	____	145	153	137
Feed cost per head:				
Concentrates	$____	$1.88	$1.02	$2.74
Roughages	____	4.15	3.26	5.03
Pasture	____	1.15	1.22	1.09
TOTAL FEED COSTS	$____	7.18	5.50	8.86
Value of produce per head:				
Wool	____	$6.13	$6.93	$5.33
Net increase in value of sheep	____	15.77	20.13	11.41
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED	$____	21.90	27.06	16.74
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER HEAD	____	14.72	21.56	7.88
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED	____	$397	$564	$230
Price per cwt. of lambs sold	$____	$29.87	$29.93	$29.81
Price per lb. wool sold (cts.)	____	93.4	99.2	87.2
Pounds of wool per sheep sheared	____	9.2	9.3	9.0
Number of ewes kept for lambing	____	31	26	35
% lamb crop**	____	108	117	99
% death loss**	____	11.0	11.0	11.0
Pounds of sheep produced	____	2449	2470	2427
No. of head of sheep*	____	45.8	38.3	53.3

*Two lambs under six months of age considered as one head.
**Lambs which die during month of birth are not included.

Table 26. Feed Costs and Returns from Chickens, 1951*

Items	Your farm	Average of 134 farms	27 farms highest in return above feed	27 farms lowest in return above feed
Feed per hen, lbs.:				
Grain	_____	95	92	92
Commercial feeds	_____	48	47	57
Total concentrates	_____	143	139	149
Skim milk and buttermilk	_____	2	2	4
TOTAL FEED COST PER HEN	$_____	$4.83	$4.67	$5.32
Value of produce per hen:				
Eggs sold and used in house	$_____	$6.96	$8.51	$5.28
Net increase in value of chickens	_____	.60	1.23	.22
TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED	_____	7.56	9.74	5.50
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER HEN	$_____	$2.73	$5.07	$ .18
RETURNS FOR $100 OF FEED	$_____	$166	$216	$109
Price rec'd per doz. eggs sold (cents)	_____	43.5	44.4	42.7
Eggs laid per hen	_____	193	230	150
Ave. no. of hens on farm during year	_____	269	282	209
% of hens that are pullets	_____	82	96	71
% of death loss of hens	_____	16	12	19
Number of chicks started-straight run	_____	70	63	61
-pullets	_____	301	421	239
-cockerels	_____	32	39	28
Pounds of poultry produced	_____	1241	1956	958

*Includes feeds and returns from the laying flock and chicks.

Table 27. Feed Costs and Returns from Chicks, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 64 farms
Number of cases		
Feed per 100 chicks raised, lbs.:		
Grain	_____	1373
Commercial feeds	_____	1288
Total concentrates	_____	2661
Total feed cost per 100 chicks raised	_____	$99.01
Net increase in val. per 100 chicks	_____	72.93
Return over feed cost per 100 chicks	_____	-26.08
Return for $100 of feed	_____	$86
Number of chicks bot:		
Pullets	_____	366
Straight run	_____	92
Cockerels	_____	29
Price paid per 100 chicks bot:		
Pullets	_____	$44.72
Straight run	_____	19.25
Cockerels	_____	3.99
Per cent death loss	_____	15
Number chicks raised	_____	410
Price rec'd per pound sold (cts.)	_____	21.6
Pounds of poultry produced	_____	1741

Table 28. Feed Cost and Returns from Laying Hens, 1951

Items	Your farm	Eggs laid per hen: Below 175	175-224	225 and over
Number of cases		25	36	21
Feed per hen, lbs:				
Grain	_____	69	79	78
Commercial feeds	_____	31	33	34
Total concentrates	_____	100	112	112
Skim milk	_____	1	1	2
Total feed cost per hen	_____	$3.26	$3.72	$3.77
Value of produce per hen:				
Eggs sold and used in home	_____	$5.30	$7.24	$8.83
Less depreciation and death loss	_____	.39	.52	.53
Total value produced	_____	4.91	6.72	8.30
Return above feed cost per hen	_____	$1.65	$3.00	$4.53
Return for $100 of feed	_____	$151	$181	$220
Eggs laid per hen	_____	150	200	245
Price rec'd per doz. eggs sold (cts.)	_____	42.9	43.5	43.2
Ave. no. hens on farm during year	_____	278	264	333
No. of hens on hand beginning of year	_____	312	292	389
% death loss	_____	19	15	14
% of hens that are pullets	_____	65	87	97

Table 29. Feed Costs and Returns for Turkeys, 1951

Items	Your farm	Average of 5 farms
Feed per cwt. turkeys produced, lbs.:		
Grain	_____	335
Commercial feeds	_____	263
Total concentrates	_____	598
Feed cost per cwt. turkeys produced	$_____	$21.11
Net increase in value per cwt. turkeys produced	$_____	$33.13
RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER CWT. TURKEYS PRODUCED	$_____	$12.02
RETURNS FOR $100 FEED	$_____	$167
No. of poults put on feed	_____	1077
Price paid per poult purchased (cts.)	_____	61.3
% death loss	_____	19.6
Price rec'd per lb. turkeys sold (cts.)	_____	39.1
Weight per bird sold (lbs.)	_____	13.2
Pounds of turkey produced	_____	11806

EXPLANATION OF "WORK UNITS"

The total "work units" for any one farm is a measure of the size of that farm business. A work unit as used in this report is the average accomplishment of a farm worker, in a ten hour day, working on crops and productive livestock at average efficiency or ten hours of work off the farm for pay. The number of work units for each class of livestock and each acre of crop are presented in Table 30.

Table 30. Number of Work Units for Each Class of Livestock and Each Acre of Crop

Item	No. of work units	Item	No. of work units
Dairy and dual pur. cows	14.0 per cow	Small grain	.7 per acre
Other dairy & du.pur. cattle	4.0 per an. unit*	Sugar beets	3.0 per acre
Beef breeding herd	5.0 per an. unit*	Sweet corn	2.3 per acre
Feeder cattle	.35 per 100 lbs.	Corn husked	1.1 per acre
Sheep - farm flock	1.8 per an. unit*	Corn, hogged	.7 per acre
Sheep- feeders	.4 per 100 lbs.	Corn, shredded	2.2 per acre
Hogs	.3 per loo lbs.	Corn, silage	1.7 per acre
Turkeys	.7 per 100 lbs.	Corn, fodder	1.0 per acre
Hens	22.0 per 100 hens	Alfalfa hay	.9 per acre
Canning peas	2.0 per acre	Soybean hay	1.4 per acre
Soybeans for grain	.7 per acre	Other hay crops	.6 per acre

* Animal unit represents one dairy cow or bull, two other dairy cattle, 1 1/4 beef cows or bull, 1 feeder steer or heifer, 3 1/3 other beef cattle, 7 sheep, 14 lambs, 2 1/3 hogs, 5 pigs, 50 hens or 1100 pounds of turkeys produced.

Table 31. Summary by Years

	Average 1928-29	Average 1930-34	Average 1935-39	Average 1940-44	Average 1945-46	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Number of farms	148	140	149	177	170	170	173	164	165	162
Acres in farm	170	199	218	227	223	223	225	223	222	222
Crop acres in farm	116	136	147	148	147	146	150	150	153	153
Farm inventory	$24574	$19851	$20286	$25912	$28327	$31183	$33873	$35300	$37768	$42333
Farm earnings (see page 27.)										
FARM EXPENSES										
Cattle	$ 141	$ 83	$ 213	$ 441	$ 352	$ 436	$ 646	$ 636	$ 807	$ 1271
Hogs bought	85	52	72	154	163	226	199	217	179	219
Sheep bought	6	14	94	64	97	65	45	18	10	54
Poultry bought	37	41	80	142	202	149	145	182	148	145
Horses bought	36	33	43	32	17	11	11	12	9	5
Misc. livestock expense	66	64	94	124	182	250	257	268	315	327
Misc. crop expenses	186	160	222	301	507	780	933	780	819	876
Feed bought	440	313	535	1273	1842	2224	2090	1773	1972	2299
Custom work hired	-	-	-	165	318	400	507	461	446	522
Power mach. (new & exp.)	399	321	559	717	995	1515	2178	2128	2186	2194
Mach. and equip. (new)	190	122	281	392	520	823	1372	990	1251	1380
Mach. and equip. (upkeep)	72	55	67	144	244	303	318	290	304	346
Bldgs., fencing (new)	130	81	245	331	340	897	1205	1109	1139	1218
Bldgs., fencing (upkeep)	52	32	79	188	238	354	383	403	409	359
Hired labor	272	243	398	585	702	893	957	990	891	885
Taxes and insurance	298	313	281	303	361	425	525	575	656	671
General farm	30	28	35	52	76	94	104	115	116	128
Total farm purchases	$2,440	$1,955	$3,298	$5,408	$7,156	$9,845	$11,875	$10,947	$11,657	$12,899
Decrease in farm capital	-	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Board to hired labor	102	87	145	158	128	201	209	203	205	189
Interest on farm capital	1,228	992	1014	1296	1417	1559	1694	1765	1888	2117
Unpaid family labor	358	261	239	326	474	582	544	483	462	505
Total farm expenses	$4,128	$3,525	$4,696	$7,188	$9,175	$12,187	$14,322	$13,398	$14,212	$15,710

Table 31. Summary by Years (continued)

	Average 1928-29	Average 1930-34	Average 1935-39	Average 1940-44	Average 1945-46	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
FARM RECEIPTS										
Cattle	$ 753	$ 431	$ 713	$ 1335	$ 1480	$ 2108	$ 2440	$ 2602	$ 2844	$ 3551
Dairy products	1662	1188	1451	2138	3797	4129	4811	3866	4005	4500
Hogs	1164	793	1074	2517	2718	4362	4222	3971	3926	4646
Sheep and wool	52	60	200	186	247	224	299	143	160	177
Poultry	140	166	381	629	871	609	596	416	327	359
Eggs	275	243	372	751	1218	1410	1402	1347	1158	1522
Horses	30	27	55	34	22	23	15	17	19	10
Corn	37	62	153	121	190	402	316	576	433	444
Small grain	241	177	357	278	306	904	1264	511	766	461
Other crops	163	155	174	455	740	1033	911	672	669	739
Income from labor off farm	102	118	168	141	168	173	225	153	199	232
Agric. adj. payments	0	74	230	254	58	65	76	36	59	60
Misc.	134	138	247	282	366	505	611	503	788	792
Total farm sales	$ 4,753	$ 3,632	$ 5,575	$ 9,121	$12,181	$15,947	$17,188	$14,813	$15,353	$17,493
Increase in farm cap.	617	-	524	921	734	3542	1520	527	3457	3064
Fam. living from farm	325	232	273	566	670	741	791	700	702	816
Total farm receipts	5,695	3,864	6,372	10,608	13,585	20,230	19,499	16,040	19,512	21,373
Total farm expenses	4,128	3,525	4,696	7,188	9,175	12,187	14,322	13,398	14,212	15,710
Oper. lab. earnings	1,567	339	1,676	3,420	4,410	8,043	5,177	2,642	5,300	5,663
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS										
Yield per A. corn (bu.)	44.8	43.4	47.2	55.7	42.4	41.6	60.3	51.3	52.0	50.8
Yield per A. barley (bu.)	36.0	26.2	28.7	24.8	31.9	29.4	32.6	28.2	34.6	27.9
Yield per A. oats (bu.)	46.0	40.0	43.4	44.2	45.7	47.5	55.0	47.2	45.7	48.6
Yield per A. alfalfa (tons)	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.9
% high return crops	31.9	35.8	41.0	43.3	48.7	50.2	51.0	56.0	55.9	63.2
A.U. livestock per 100 A.	19.2	20.6	19.3	24.5	23.1	22.6	22.2	22.7	22.7	29.6
No. of work units	599	747	777	670	640	573	577	577	588	594
Work units per worker	310	338	341	305	320	287	288	288	294	313
Expenses per work unit	$1.76	$1.26	$1.37	$2.35	$3.57	$4.74	$5.62	$5.97	$5.95	$6.54
No. of work horses	5.4	5.4	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.3
No. of colts	.8	.7	1.2	.8	.4	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1
No. of milk cows	14.2	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.0	16.9	16.7	17.4	17.2	16.6

Table 31. Summary by Years (continued)

Misc. Items (cont.)	Average 1928-29	Average 1930-34	Average 1935-39	Average 1940-44	Average 1945-46	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. of litters of pigs	9.3	10.8	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.0	12.4	13.7	14.0	15.5
Lbs. of hogs produced	12,706	15,153	13,438	21,586	18,178	17,686	19,215	21,438	21,593	23,957
No. of head of sheep	7.0	13.5	18.8	15.8	11.6	11.0	10.8	9.3	8.4	10.1
No. of hens	136	169	182	222	244	239	230	220	219	224
Lbs. B.F. per dairy cow	244	240	238	252	260	281	284	305	312	307
Lbs. B.F. per dual pur. cow	-	-	-	185	172	180	186	197	206	204
Pigs weaned per litter	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.5
No. of eggs laid per hen	95	114	131	145	171	177	179	191	198	193
PRICE RECEIVED PER:										
Lb. B.F. sold as cream	$.52	$.28	$.34	$.47	$.79	$.84	$.95	$.70	$.70	$.79
Cwt. hogs sold	8.92	4.98	8.26	10.93	15.74	24.54	22.95	17.84	18.25	19.69
Cwt. feeder cattle sold	-	-	-	11.55	14.75	21.94	28.16	23.32	27.31	33.83
Lb. wool sold	.36	.16	.25	.39	.45	.37	.46	.45	.55	.93
Doz. eggs sold	.28	.16	.19	.27	.36	.42	.43	.40	.33	.44
Lb. turkey sold	-	-	.20	.27	.33	.36	.48	.40	.36	.39
RETURN ABOVE FEED COST PER:										
Dairy cow	$76.50	$28.15	$49.95	$81.83	$152.20	$153.06	$203.85	$145.03	$160.62	$189.01
Dual purpose cow	-	-	-	51.55	92.37	106.77	130.26	99.52	104.44	130.72
Cwt. hogs produced	1.50	.48	2.98	3.93	5.65	8.19	5.52	5.43	6.99	5.94
Head of sheep	5.50	.81	2.82	4.63	6.79	7.33	8.06	6.70	13.25	14.72
Hen	1.82	.99	1.12	1.82	2.36	1.34	2.52	2.99	1.52	2.73
Cwt. turkeys prod.	-	-	10.81	13.54	12.08	4.74	27.48	16.52	10.33	12.02
FEED COST PER:										
Dairy cow	$69.50	$47.30	$44.93	$63.13	$101.16	$141.42	$142.12	$130.28	$136.97	$144.56
Dual purpose cow	-	-	-	52.08	69.95	93.83	100.12	88.73	99.55	101.54
Cwt. hogs produced	7.66	4.21	5.10	7.52	11.37	17.99	15.04	10.40	12.20	13.31
Head of sheep	2.82	2.23	2.62	3.30	4.50	5.54	5.94	5.35	6.25	7.18
Hen	1.62	1.13	1.57	2.38	3.84	5.53	4.78	3.95	4.49	4.83
Cwt. turkeys prod.	-	-	8.47	12.86	17.61	27.70	18.43	17.08	19.32	21.11
Horse	55.09	35.59	36.02	41.52	42.73	48.56	41.82	36.75	42.56	44.31
PRICE OF FEED:										
Corn (per bu.)	$.70	$.45	$.59	$.71	$.98	$1.76	$1.63	$1.02	$1.20	$1.36
Barley (per bu.)	.60	.42	.49	.59	1.08	1.82	1.59	.99	1.20	1.23
Oats (per bu.)	.48	.26	.28	.46	.68	.92	.88	.59	.72	.81
Bran (per cwt.)	1.70	.98	1.22	1.80	2.45	3.20	2.85	2.85	2.80	3.20
Oilmeal (per cwt.)	3.00	1.96	2.12	2.30	3.11	4.50	4.50	4.00	3.95	3.85
Alfalfa (per ton)	14.75	11.10	9.30	9.90	15.25	21.50	20.00	20.00	21.00	19.00

Footnote for pages 25, 26, and 27

The values of farm real estate in 1931 were reduced approximately 25 per cent from 1928-1930 values. The values in 1932 were reduced about 29 per cent from the 1931 values. Only land was affected by the reduction in 1931, but in 1932 buildings and improvements were cut 25 per cent. In 1936 the values of land were adjusted upward 10 per cent. The value of dairy cows was also adjusted downward in 1932 and upward in 1936. These capital losses were not included in the inventory decreased in the financial statement but the changes in valuation resulted in variations in the interest charge. No changes in the basis of inventory valuations were made in the years 1933 to 1935 and 1937 to 1950.

The charges for unpaid family labor and board for hired labor were also changed from year to year. The rates used for the period 1928 to 1950 were as follows:

Year	Unpaid family labor	Board for hired labor	Year	Unpaid family labor	Board for hired labor
1928	$60	$20	1940	$45	$18
1929	60	20	1941	50	20
1930	60	20	1942	60	25
1931	40	15	1943	75	25
1932	30	10	1944	85	25
1933	30	10	1945	90	25
1934	30	10	1946	100	30
1935	40	15	1947	125	36
1936	43	18	1948	125	36
1937	45	18	1949	125	36
1938	45	18	1950	125	36
1939	45	18	1951	125	36

Several changes were made in the 1940 records. The value of the house which had previously been omitted from the farm business was included and a rental charge equal to 10 per cent of the average value of the house was included with the farm perquisites. The standards used in the calculation of work units were changed in accordance with the new information made available. This latter change also affected the work units per worker and the factor of expense per work unit. The acres in protected woodlots, roads, waste and farmstead were omitted from the acreage used in the calculation of amount of livestock per 100 acres. Several new livestock statements were added. Cattle were classified into two groups: "specialized dairy cattle" and "dual purpose cattle". Statements for beef breeding cattle, feeder cattle and feeder sheep were also included.

The crop ratings used in calculating the percentage of the tillable land in high return crops were changed considerably in 1944 and the animal unit equivalent were changed in 1951.

These adjustments should be considered in comparing 1951 results with previous years.