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INTRODUCTION

Ten groups of farmers in Minnesota kept farm records in an organized manner and had their records summarized at the end of 1963. An annual report was published for each area. It is the purpose of this publication to bring together into one report some of the more pertinent data from each of the ten groups of farmers. A publication of this nature will be of use to farmers, teachers, research workers, and others who desire some information concerning actual farm operations in various sections of the state. Some of the uses for the information in this report are: (1) to show variation in farmers' earnings and some of the factors affecting earnings between the various areas in the state and (2) to provide data which can be used in farm planning and budgeting.

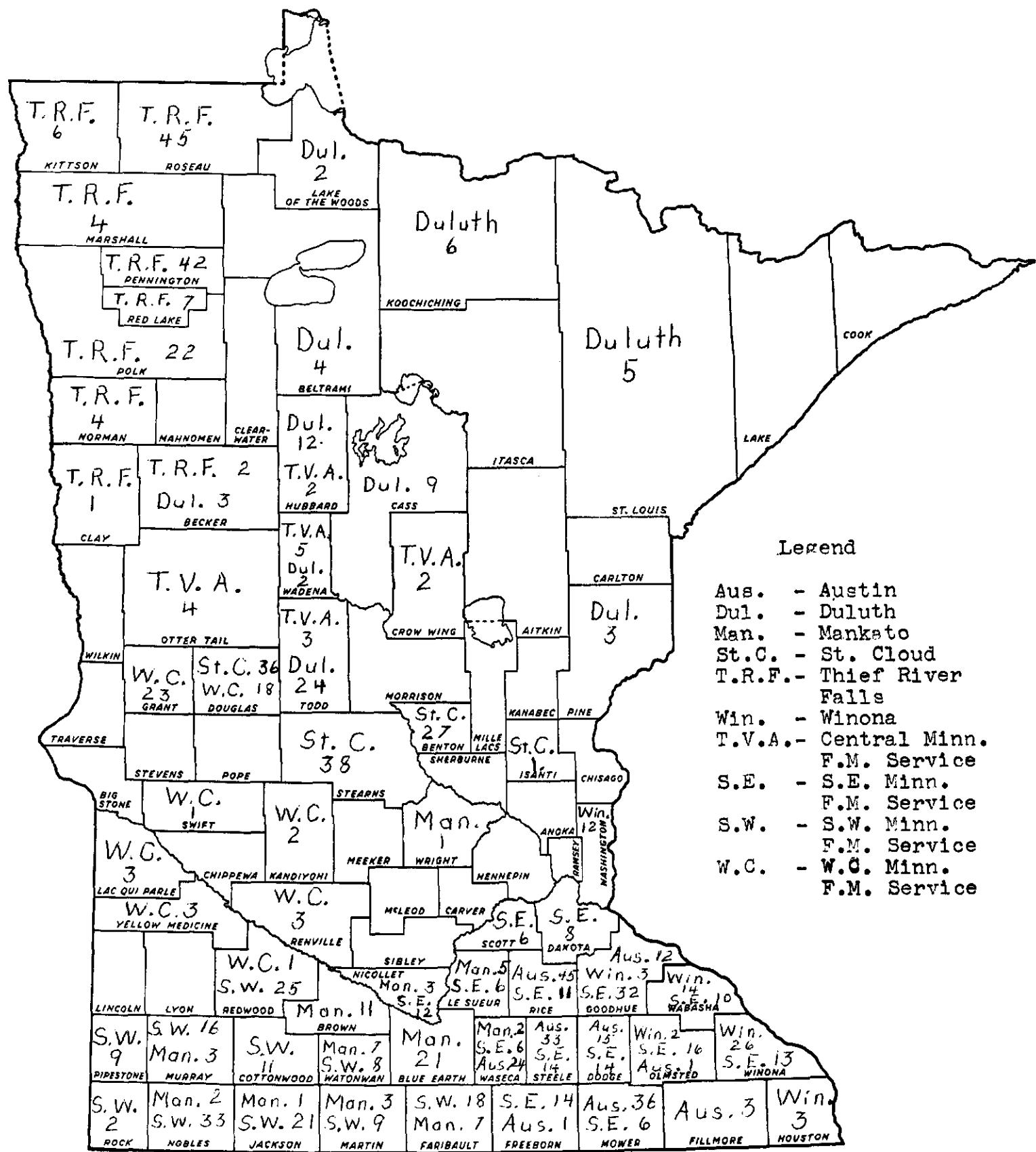
Farmers whose records are used in the preparation of the various reports have demonstrated an interest in the effectiveness of their managerial ability and generally have more productive and larger operations than the average of the farmers in their respective areas.

The farm records of six of the ten groups are summarized by area coordinators in the Area Vocational-Technical schools located throughout the state. The six area coordinators, who in 1963 handled the farm record summarization in their respective areas and prepared reports, are: Gordon Ferguson, Winona; Delbert Hodgkins, Mankato; Robert G. Anderson, Duluth; Ed O'Connell, St. Cloud; Charles Painter, Austin; and Peter Probasco, Thief River Falls. Farm records from the remaining four groups were processed in the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Minnesota. Ralph Smith, Superintendent at the West Central Experiment Station, and Mike Cullen, Area Coordinator at Willmar, assisted in the preparation of the report from West Central Minnesota.

The area designations used in this report and the number of farm records utilized for the report from each area for 1963 are:

Area	Designation in this report	No. of farms
Mankato Area Vocational-Technical School	Mankato	66
Southwestern Minnesota Farm Management Association	S.W. Assoc.	143
Austin Area Vocational-Technical School	Austin	140
Southeastern Minnesota Farm Management Association	S.E. Assoc.	154
Winona Area Vocational-Technical School	Winona	52
St. Cloud Area Vocational-Technical School	St. Cloud	100
West Central Minnesota Farm Management Service	West Central	45
Central Minnesota Farm Management Service for T.V.A.	T.V.A.	16
Thief River Falls Area Vocational-Technical School	Thief River Falls	137
Duluth Area Vocational-Technical School	Duluth	<u>64</u>
Total number of farm records		917

The number of records by counties is shown in figure 1.



CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND EARNINGS

Average receipts, expenses and earnings are shown in tables 1 and 2. These statements have been computed on a "full owner" basis. In cases of rented farms, receipts and expenses of landlords are included in order to make all farms comparable. The earnings statements reflect, in part, differences between areas in type of farming followed.

The average value of capital used per farm for each of the ten areas is shown in table 3. In general, these inventory values are conservative. Estimated values of rented real estate are included in order to show the total capital resources used.

Family living secured from the farm and household and personal expenses are shown in tables 4 and 5. Value of family living secured from the farm is credited to the farm business (table 1).

Some of the factors affecting earnings are shown in table 6. The information reflects some of the differences between areas in size of business, organization, and efficiency in the use of labor, power, machinery, equipment, and buildings.

LAND USE AND CROP YIELDS

The average total acres per farm and the manner in which these acres are utilized in each area is shown in table 7. The figures for the small grains and grasses are higher in the northern areas, while the figures for cultivated crops are higher in the southern areas. These differences in type of crop grown are largely due to climatic conditions, such as length of growing season and average temperature.

Crop yields per acre are presented in table 8 and show the average yields for each crop by areas.

LIVESTOCK ENTERPRISES

Tables 9-18 present the average figures for feed costs and returns from the various livestock enterprises by area. They are presented on a "per head" or "per cwt." basis, as indicated, and show feed cost, value produced, returns over feed cost, and returns for \$100 feed. Table 12 contains the figures from farmers who farrow and raise over 50 percent of the hogs they sell. Table 13 contains the figures from those farmers who purchase more than 50 percent of the hogs they sell. Data from those farmers who farrow and sell all or most of their hogs as feeder pigs are presented in table 14.

Table 1. Summary of Farm Earnings, 1963 (Cash Statements)

Items	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin Assoc.	S.E. Winona	Cloud	Farm record keeping groups					Thief River Falls	Duluth
					St.	West Central	T.V.A.	16	137		
Number of cases	66	143	140	154	52	100	45	16	137	64	
FARM RECEIPTS											
Dairy cattle	\$ 829	\$ 546	\$1348	\$2046	\$2101	\$1718	\$1367	\$2178	\$1045	\$1162	
Dairy products	2908	1694	5073	8247	10494	7215	4621	7932	3631	5201	
Beef cattle (incl. feeders)	6051	20512	3813	2916	1673	1109	6301	245	1744	718	
Hogs	10476	8639	7860	5552	3246	1929	3547	1172	750	739	
Sheep and wool	93	213	234	251	105	51	238	277	640	100	
Poultry (incl. turkeys)	40	485	25	68	521	4	1579	-	1651	6	
Eggs	622	1094	546	1047	381	90	1361	14	682	29	
Crop sales*	10438	9667	5335	4945	1689	1023	4662	788	5840	695	
Machinery and equipment sold	341	313	281	344	253	237	336	252	316	204	
Income from work off the farm	442	502	327	429	250	535	475	269	346	203	
Miscellaneous**	342	496	1478	358	157	493	348	421	412	392	
Total farm sales	\$32642	\$44161	\$26320	\$20870	\$14404	\$24835	\$13548	\$17057	\$9456		
Increase in farm capital	2978	-	2554	874	2283	2110	3025	439	3918	2264	
Family living from the farm	258	277	330	316	455	403	306	315	304	366	
Total farm receipts	\$35878	\$44438	\$29204	\$27393	\$23608	\$16917	\$28166	\$14302	\$21279	\$12086	

* Includes forestry products.

** Includes horses.

Table 1. Summary of Farm Earnings, 1963 (Cash Statement) (continued)

Items	Farm record keeping groups								Thief River Falls	Duluth
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	S.E. Austin Assoc.	St. Winona Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.					
FARM EXPENSES										
Dairy cows bought	\$ 182	\$ 52	\$ 221	\$ 311	\$ 249	\$ 139	\$ 30	\$ 235	\$ 271	
Beef cattle (incl. feeders)	3520	10854	2829	1310	470	3493	211	1266	390	
Hogs bought	510	830	590	387	154	213	295	71	69	24
Sheep bought	3	50	36	93	1	6	47	4	135	18
Poultry (incl. turkeys)	118	239	57	185	149	13	461	4	310	5
Misc. livestock expense	596	562	582	756	741	417	658	389	445	286
Feed bought	5781	8334	4341	3926	3368	2396	5655	2124	2609	1310
Fertilizers	1557	1401	1327	1173	731	975	669	400	614	297
Other crop expenses	1124	1247	973	1091	693	796	446	880	311	
Custom work hired	755	827	722	867	923	638	859	582	585	529
Gas, oil, grease (farm share)	1105	1293	1083	1055	969	750	982	674	1061	673
Rep. trac., truck, auto (fm. sh.)	667	778	595	631	604	495	573	443	525	328
Rep. & upkeep farm real est.	385	351	336	313	338	206	271	161	128	77
Rep. & upkeep cr. & gen. mach.	513	524	440	424	410	327	391	289	432	195
Rep. & upkeep lvstk. equip.	130	223	172	168	199	89	127	120	82	66
Wages of hired labor	649	1134	538	886	799	310	502	204	707	276
Electricity expense	285	291	299	358	341	233	257	289	268	206
Pers. prop. & real est. taxes	1513	1579	1206	1397	996	523	946	604	636	434
Telephone & gen. farm expense	332	419	333	423	347	506	287	355	230	180
Total cash operating expense	\$19725	\$30988	\$16680	\$15754	\$12572	\$8682	\$17408	\$7405	\$11217	\$ 5876
Mech. power bought (fm. sh.)	1507	1034	693	727	1079	542	458	636	535	
Crop & gen. mach. bought	1268	1310	923	948	1035	999	426	745	467	
Livestock equipment bought	442	413	423	393	343	495	137	240	407	
New real estate improvements	740	863	1095	1046	952	1429	189	1645	1645	285
Total farm purchases	\$23682	\$34608	\$19814	\$18868	\$15986	\$11871	\$20923	\$ 8615	\$14483	\$ 8270
Decrease in farm capital	-	997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest on farm capital	4836	5358	3528	3178	3297	1908	2912	1765	1961	1450
Unpaid family labor	192	586	634	710	585	250	604	714	83	443
Board furnished hired labor	76	72	66	96	121	25	65	60	122	49
Total farm expenses	\$28786	\$41626	\$24042	\$22852	\$19989	\$14104	\$24504	\$11154	\$16649	\$10212
Labor earnings	\$ 7092	\$ 2812	\$ 5162	\$ 4541	\$ 3619	\$ 2813	\$ 3662	\$ 3148	\$ 4630	\$ 1874

Table 2. Summary of Farm Earnings, 1963 (Enterprise Statements)

Items	Farm record keeping groups										Thief River Falls	Duluth
	S.W.	Assoc.	Austin	S.E.	Assoc.	Minona	Cloud *	Central	E.V.A.	St.		
RETURNS AND NET INCREASES												
Dairy cows	\$2847	\$1726	\$5057	\$8357	\$10344	\$7298	\$4721	\$8336	\$3674	\$5339	1515	
Other dairy cattle	908	539	1512	2199	2939	2300	1511	2790	1329	369	754	
Beef breeding herd	186	216	248	318	116	246	601	55	755	108	108	
Feeder cattle	2604	6964	1300	1141	1022	440	2393	1227	723	768	768	
Hogs	9746	7695	7477	4924	3126	1735	3318	219	413	72	-	
Sheep--farm flock	75	173	123	85	260	44	237	-	-	-	-	
Sheep--feeders	2	14	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	62	-	
Turkeys	-	350	-	-	408	-	1446	-	-	1393	-	
Chickens	572	1012	529	1014	364	90	1062	24	623	44	-	
All productive livestock	\$16940	\$18694	\$16246	\$18070	\$18579	\$12153	\$12651	\$941	\$860	-	-	
Value of feed fed to lvstk.	12856	17474	12080	11963	10061	2577	11604	2907	5215	4636	-	
Return over feed from lvstk.	\$4034	\$1220	\$4166	\$6107	\$8518	\$4576	\$3685	\$4744	\$3926	\$3964	-	
Crops, seed, and feed	17059	17598	12341	11743	7863	5590	10448	5729	8803	3829	-	
Income from labor off farm	265	300	208	204	87	281	224	124	192	129	-	
Miscellaneous	342	496	1477	349	153	436	348	517	451	391	-	
Total returns & net iner.	\$21750	\$19614	\$18192	\$18403	\$16621	\$10883	\$14705	\$11114	\$13372	\$8313	-	
EXPENSES AND NET DECREASES												
Horses	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Truck	383	319	321	308	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Auto (farm share)	543	550	500	505	421	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tractor	1375	1646	1329	1256	1211	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Electricity (farm share)	285	287	299	359	339	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hired power	340	355	384	423	474	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total power	\$ 2926	\$ 3165	\$ 2833	\$ 2851	\$ 2795	\$ 2455	\$ 2032	\$ 2406	\$ 2076	\$ 2076	-	
Crop and general machinery	1624	1668	1409	1412	1349	1070	885	1159	612	612	-	
Livestock equipment	423	569	418	496	502	363	353	255	213	213	-	
Buildings, fences and tiling	1218	1409	1241	1350	1143	851	524	564	421	421	-	
Misc. prod. lvstk. expense	596	562	582	750	736	658	389	413	285	285	-	
Labor	1190	2075	1479	2005	1840	1501	1198	1110	768	768	-	
Real estate taxes	1336	1293	999	1128	767	737	414	447	268	268	-	
Personal property tax	177	286	208	269	229	209	190	189	166	166	-	
Insurance	148	185	163	194	183	132	101	92	72	72	-	
General farm expense	184	232	170	229	161	155	115	146	108	108	-	
Interest on farm capital	4836	5358	3528	3128	3292	\$11043	\$7966	\$1961	\$1450	\$1450	-	
Total expenses & net decr.	\$14658	\$16802	\$13030	\$13862	\$13002	\$8070	\$8742	\$8742	\$6439	\$6439	-	
Labor earnings	\$ 7092	\$ 2812	\$ 5162	\$ 4541	\$ 3619	\$ 2813	\$ 3148	\$ 4630	\$ 1874	\$ 1874	-	

* Detailed information not available.

Table 3. Summary of Farm Inventories at Beginning of the Year, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups								Thief River Falls		Duluth	
	S.W. Assoc.	Austin Assoc.	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	Cloud*	St. Central	T.V.A.					
Size of farm (acres)	288	346	260	263	303	268	291	368	574	316	316	
Size of business (work units)	483	567	467	563	571	448	513	491	466	378	378	
Dairy cows	\$1988	\$988	\$3360	\$4095	\$6754	\$3021	\$7666	\$2186	\$2989	1554	1554	
Other dairy cattle	877	740	1676	2283	3599	2029	6148	1274	3090	1432	1432	
Beef cattle (incl. feeders)	4605	16029	2673	2819	2196	1331	1210	938	356	421	421	
Hogs	4572	3164	3143	2046	1331	90	169	481	93	93	93	
Sheep (incl. feeders)	72	154	215	137	90	425	\$13002	\$8604	\$256	7	7	
Poultry (incl. turkeys)	125	264	148	207	94							
Total productive livestock	\$12239	\$21339	\$11215	\$11587	\$14064							
Horses	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 33	\$ 16	\$ 96	\$ 26	\$ 44			
Crop, seed and feed	9513	10086	7998	7714	5679	4682	3193	3118	2554			
Auto (farm share)	1148	1137	3608	1159	965	899	914	889	2353			
Tractors	2632	2683	4913	2301	2094	1716	1261	1570				
Crop and general machinery	4495	4522	4612	4182	3712	3786	2856	2408				
Livestock equip. & supplies	1555	1728	1121	1904	2022	1473	1514	910	886			
Total machinery & equipment	\$ 9830	\$ 10461	\$ 9301	\$ 9976	\$ 9263	\$ 7800	\$ 7475	\$ 6225	\$ 5647			
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Land	5050	50463	26575	18741	22313	21295	10139	14996	8449			
Buildings, fences, etc.	13145	15298	14192	15077	13450	9925	5583	5258	4638			
Total capital managed (beginning of year)	\$95227	\$107664	\$69281	\$63128	\$64802	\$36541	\$56720	\$35090	\$37266	\$27828		
Total capital managed (end of year)	\$98205	\$106667	\$71835	\$64002	\$67085	\$38651	\$59745	\$35529	\$41184	\$30092		
Change in capital managed	+2978	-997	+2554	+874	+2283	+2110	+3025	+439	+3918	+2264		

* Detailed information not available.

Table 4. Family Living from the Farm, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping group							
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin* Assoc.	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	St. Cloud*	West Central	R.V.A.	Thief River Falls Duluth
Adult equivalent, family	*	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.1	*	5.1	3.1
Whole milk	\$ 50 1	\$ 35 -		\$ 98 2	\$124 -	\$ 85 2	\$124 3	\$ 71 6
Cream								\$ 86 9
Beef	129	163		148	202	141	134	149 109
Hogs	54	53		45	36	52	48	22 35
Lamb and mutton	-	1		-	1	-	-	2 1
Poultry	6	9		5	12	16	5	6 9
Eggs	8	16		18	22	10	1	8 4
Miscellaneous	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55</u> <u>124</u>
Total family living from farm	\$258	\$277	\$330	\$316	\$452	\$403	\$306	\$315 \$377

* Detailed information not available.

Table 5. Household and Personal Expenses, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups*						Thief River Falls			Duluth	
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin Assoc.	S.E. Assoc.	Minona	West Central	T.V.A.					
Number of cases	34	65	58	60	16	21	9	58	30		
Food and meals bought	\$1204	\$1084	\$1070	\$1091	\$821	\$64	\$966	\$445	\$767		
Operating and supplies	326	335	293	395	314	308	195	188	164		
Furnishings and equipment	245	272	249	225	199	249	183	157	100		
Clothing and clothing materials	428	425	391	390	228	322	349	298	251		
Personal care and spending	128	150	131	105	108	110	110	94	100		
Education, recreation & development	270	350	212	275	137	167	262	130	163		
Gifts and special events	137	141	137	155	81	158	101	81	84		
Medical care and health insurance	407	450	444	589	461	331	272	360	346		
Church, welfare	216	255	214	284	119	242	111	127	113		
Personal share, auto & truck expense	182	227	185	175	117	181	126	165	146		
Upkeep on dwelling (operator's share)	63	35	109	40	66	64	120	67	133		
Electricity & telephone exp. (HH share)	122	130	116	140	116	140	111	93	123		
Total cash living expense	\$3728	\$3854	\$3551	\$3864	\$2767	\$3236	\$2906	\$2705	\$2490		
Household & personal share new auto	84	132	125	81	9	230	-	75	79		
New dwelling	-	388	-	113	312	190	-	199	30		
Taxes and other deductions	16	478	14	271	277	173	38	10	213		
Life insurance	85	494	240	435	209	208	182	170	76		
Other savings and investments	381	534	123	312	54	332	11	54	23		
Total household and personal expense	\$4294	\$5880	\$4053	\$5081	\$3628	\$4374	\$3137	\$3213	\$2911		
Total family living from the farm	222	272	353	320	389	292	285	358	342		
Total cash expense & perquisites	\$4516	\$6152	\$4406	\$5401	\$4017	\$4673	\$3422	\$3571	\$3260		
Return to capital & family labor	\$7752	\$4184	\$6335	\$7029	**	\$3300	\$3921	\$5290	\$2681		

* Information not available from the St. Cloud area.

** Information not available.

Table 6. Farm Organization, Management Efficiency and Related Items, 1963

Items	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	S.E. Austin Assoc.	St. Winona Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.	Thief River Falls	Duluth
Labor earnings	\$7092	\$2812	\$5162	\$4541	\$3619	\$2813	\$3662
Percent tillable land in high return crops	72	67	67	60	57	60	55
Productive livestock units per 100 acres**	36	45	37	36	41	41	29
Size of business--work units	483	567	467	563	571	448	513
Work units per worker	356	334	323	331	331	326	342
Power, machinery, equipment & bldg. exp. per work unit	\$13.34	\$13.07	\$13.62	\$11.75	\$10.26	\$9.68	\$10.47
Items related to some of the above measures:							
Number of animal units	84	134	79	82	82	63	83
Work units on crops	150	173	118	116	91	99	130
Work units on prod. livestock	306	364	349	425	471	349	361
Other work units	27	30	-	22	9	-	22
Number of family workers	1.2	1.3	*	1.3	1.4	*	1.3
Number of hired workers	<u>.1</u>	<u>.4</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>.4</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Total number of workers	<u>1.3</u>						
Power expense per work unit	\$6.46	\$6.12	\$6.71	\$5.56	\$5.16	\$5.32	\$5.47
Crop mach. exp. per work unit	3.39	3.29	3.20	2.77	2.32	2.17	2.31
Livestock equip. exp. per w.u.	.89	1.00	.85	.84	.86	.62	.74
Bldgs. & fences exp. per w.u.	2.66	2.66	2.86	2.58	1.92	1.57	1.95

* Information not available.

** Timber not pastured, roads, waste and farmstead not included.

Table 7. Distribution of Acres per Farm, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups									
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	S.E. Austin Assoc.	Winona Cloud	St. Central	T.V.A.	West	Thief River Falls	West	Duluth	
Canning peas	1.1	.9	.7	2.1	4.6	-	-	.4	-	
Flax	.2	9.2	.9	-	3.6	11.1	-	31.9	2.1	
Wheat	9.5	4.5	8.5	6.8	4.0	10.8	-	30.7	2.2	
Oats for silage	1.2	2.1	.5	2.0	1.1	2.4	.7	-	1.6	
Oats for grain	11.9	23.5	21.5	23.8	24.6	24.7	39.6	119.5	24.0	
Barley	.7	.3	.7	.8	.2	1.4	4.1	-	36.0	
Misc. small grains									1.2	
Total small grain and peas	24.6	40.5	32.8	35.6	32.1	32.2	.1	2.2	.3	
						38.3	66.4	225.7	31.4	
Corn grain	109.8	135.4	84.2	74.6	42.8	36.3	70.0	24.8	7.5	
Soybeans for grain	57.7	47.0	32.4	19.7	4.3	9.8	10.2	-	1.1	
Corn silage	5.3	15.0	9.5	9.5	14.8	23.4	17.0	24.1	14.2	
Misc. cultivated crops	5.3	.9	4.2	4.0	2.4	.1	1.0	-	9.3	
Total cultivated crops	178.1	198.3	130.3	107.8	64.3	69.6	98.2	48.9	32.1	
									29.0	
Alfalfa hay	17.7	29.1	24.9	38.6	44.5	37.3	37.1	55.3	53.9	
Other legumes and mixtures	.4	.4	1.9	.4	2.1	-	10.5	22.6	16.2	
Miscellaneous hay		1.1	1.1	.5	.5	3.2	.8	7.3	16.5	
Total tillable land in hay	18.2	30.6	27.1	39.5	45.4	42.6	37.9	73.1	93.0	
									69.9	
Alfalfa pasture	3.6	5.4	9.3	15.6	19.9	-	9.7	29.6	12.1	
Other legumes and mixtures	.1	-	.9	.1	.6	-	-	21.1	1.0	
Other tillable pasture		.3	.3	.8	.7	24.2	.6	21.6	13.0	
Total till. land in pasture	4.5	5.7	10.5	16.5	24.2	9.6	10.5	51.2	5.6	
									19.6	
Soil bank & feed grain program	24.2	25.3	20.7	15.6	10.1	11.2	11.8	13.8	36.3	
Tillable land not cropped		.8	.5	.8	1.5	1.5	1.1	5.5	29.9	
Total tillable land	249.6	301.2	221.9	215.8	177.6	171.3	225.9	220.8	459.5	
									167.1	
Wild hay	2.2	2.2	.5	1.1	2.5	-	3.5	7.5	5.8	
Non-tillable pasture	9.6	18.6	15.6	20.8	34.8	47.0	30.7	55.7	40.5	
Timber not pastured	2.9	1.1	2.7	7.9	65.4	-	5.6	-	58.4	
Farmstead, roads and waste	23.9	23.2	19.5	16.9	22.2	50.0	25.4	84.3	41.4	
Total acres per farm	288.2	346.3	260.2	262.5	303.0	268.3	291.1	368.3	573.6	
Percent land tillable	87	87	85	82	59	64	78	60	53	

Table 8. Crop Yields per Acre, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups							
	Mankato S.W. Assoc.	Austin S.E. Assoc.	Winona St. Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.	Thief River	Falls	Duluth
Canning peas, dollars	\$28.82	\$38.52	\$49.06	\$42.88	\$35.97	-	-	-
Flax, bu.	13.5	12.8	12.7	19.6	13.9	12.5	9.7	8.5
Wheat, bu.	30.3	21.3	31.0	31.3	34.6	26.6	-	18.5
Oats silage, tons	6.6	5.8	5.5	7.9	6.2	9.2	-	4.0
Rye, bu.	-	-	-	22.5	22.6	15.8	-	20.5
Oats grain, bu.	62.8	50.1	61.2	62.8	57.2	48.1	55.8	38.5
Barley, bu.	40.0	30.5	41.8	54.0	50.0	34.9	44.9	38.2
Corn grain, bu.	90.2	78.0	87.5	82.3	84.4	57.6	65.0	57.1
Potatoes, bu.	-	-	-	-	-	200.0	-	61.2
Soybeans, bu.	30.5	27.7	26.6	26.1	24.5	19.1	24.8	-
Corn silage, tons	12.6	12.3	13.9	13.2	12.8	9.0	10.2	7.6
Alfalfa hay, tons	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.4	2.2
Other legumes and mix., tons	1.1	2.3	2.1	-	1.8	2.1	-	1.7
Soil bank & feed grain prog.	\$53.81	\$49.16	*\$54.69	\$45.45	*	\$40.64	\$31.32	1.0
								1.5
								*

* Information not available.

Table 9. Feed Prices, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups*						Thief River Falls
	Mankato S.W. Assoc.	Austin S.E. Assoc.	Winona Central	T.V.A.	West		
Corn, per bu.	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$.98	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.10
Oats, per bu.	.60	.62	.65	.62	.61	.62	.57
Barley, per bu.	.84	.84	-	.84	.75	.84	.90
Soybean meal, per cwt.	-	4.60	-	4.60	-	4.60	-
Meat scraps, per cwt.	-	5.90	-	5.90	-	5.90	-
Alfalfa hay, per ton	19.00	19.00	18.50	19.00	17.15	19.00	18.50
Red or alsike clover hay, per ton	16.00	16.10	15.25	16.10	14.33	16.10	14.00
Timothy hay, per ton	11.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	-	11.00	10.70
Wild hay, per ton	9.00	9.50	-	9.50	-	9.50	-
Corn silage, per ton	7.00	6.50	6.50	6.49	6.50	6.25	6.00
Grass silage, per ton	6.00	-	-	5.85	-	-	5.00
Pasture, per mo., per cow	3.00	3.00	3.00**	3.00	2.50	3.00	2.50
					1.75		

* Information not available from St. Cloud and Duluth.

** Beef cattle were charged at \$2.50 per head per month.

Table 10. Feed Costs and Returns from Dairy Cows, 1963

Items	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	S.E. Austin Assoc.	Minona	St. Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.	Thief River Falls	Duluth
No. of farms with dairy cattle	20	28	83	117	41	86	29	16
Pounds of butterfat per cow	370	346	359	376	369	329	354	337
Pounds of milk per cow	9650	9872	9983	10229	10207	9244	9835	9349
Percent of butterfat in milk	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
Price rec'd per lb. BF sold (\$)	92.0	92.8	91.0	92.9	96.0	*	87.7	90.8
Price rec'd per cwt. milk sold	\$3.35	\$3.26	\$3.29	\$3.43	\$3.47	*	\$3.16	\$3.32
Feed per cow, lbs.:								
Grain	3737	3932	3526	3738	3215	2570	3472	2126
Commercial feed	<u>351</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>923</u>
Total concentrates	4088	4323	3962	4256	3649	3263	3990	3099
Legume hay	5885	5513	5307	5321	4564	*	4687	4968
Other hay and fodder	<u>31</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>413</u>	*	<u>39</u>	<u>542</u>
Total hay and fodder	5916	5696	5679	5467	4977	5600	4726	5510
Silage	7292	8570	7443	6782	9518	10000	9598	10105
Feed cost per cow:								
Concentrates	\$94.72	\$95.11	\$92.98	\$93.50	\$75.79	\$77.55	\$90.95	\$77.46
Roughages	82.59	77.68	75.11	69.49	74.08	81.30	73.83	80.01
Pasture	<u>9.59</u>	<u>8.97</u>	<u>9.21</u>	<u>12.04</u>	<u>9.39</u>	<u>6.43</u>	<u>10.89</u>	<u>12.57</u>
Total feed cost	\$186.90	\$181.76	\$177.30	\$175.03	\$159.26	\$165.28	\$175.67	\$170.04
Value of produce per cow:								
Dairy product sales	\$330.59	\$309.68	\$316.36	\$339.47	\$346.87	{297.76	\$294.45	\$293.66
Dairy prod. used in home	6.21	6.36	4.43	4.73	4.14		6.66	5.09
Milk fed to livestock	5.66	6.11	5.78	4.19	5.09		6.29	11.39
Net inc. in value of cows	<u>-8.73</u>	<u>-10.83</u>	<u>-11.84</u>	<u>-4.23</u>	<u>-12.82</u>	<u>-8.40</u>	<u>-6.85</u>	<u>-3.4</u>
Total value produced	\$333.73	\$311.32	\$314.73	\$344.16	\$343.23	\$289.36	\$300.55	\$307.98
Returns above feed per cow	\$146.83	\$129.56	\$137.43	\$169.13	\$183.97	\$124.08	\$124.88	\$137.94
Returns for \$100 of feed	\$182	\$176	\$178	\$201	\$215	\$177	\$177	\$200
Feed cost per lb. BF (\$)	52.0	52.3	49.8	46.6	43.0	51.0	49.6	50.5
Feed cost per cwt. milk prod.	\$1.86	\$1.84	\$1.78	\$1.71	\$1.55	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.82
Number of cows	21.7	26.8	26.2	31.1	36.8	28.0	23.2	27.0

* Information not available.

Table 11. Feed Costs and Returns from Other Dairy Cattle and All Dairy Cattle, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups						Thief River Falls	
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin Assoc.	S.E. Minona Assoc.	Other Dairy Cattle	St. Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.	Duluth
Feed per head, lbs.:								
Concentrates	864	820	932	840	672	895	269	546
Hay and fodder	2632	2157	1857	2019	2089	1902	2555	3121
Silage	1671	3300	2016	2006	2564	3200	2200	1375
Skim milk	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	19
Whole milk	206	229	166	123	115	255	252	276
Total feed cost per head	\$60.48	\$58.19	\$57.67	\$54.51	\$49.58	\$51.30	\$58.08	\$50.64
Net increase in value	\$87.15	\$83.83	\$86.79	\$79.37	\$80.02	\$74.88	\$83.33	\$80.68
Return above feed per head	\$26.67	\$25.64	\$29.12	\$24.86	\$30.44	\$23.58	\$25.25	\$30.04
Returns for \$100 of feed	\$162	\$153	\$151	\$157	\$161	\$153	\$174	\$199
Number of head	22.4	32.9	28.8	37.0	44.9	35.6	30.1	39.5
All Dairy Cattle								
Feed per cow, lbs.:								
Concentrates	5013	5356	4782	5355	4461	4439	5087	5249
Hay and fodder	8279	8125	7451	7895	7511	8143	7257	9398
Silage	9299	12888	7713	9304	12625	14069	14055	12984
Total feed cost per cow	\$245.98	\$242.12	\$227.51	\$236.84	\$214.47	\$230.50	\$243.29	\$231.23
Value of produce per cow:								
Dairy products	\$342.46	\$316.14	\$313.69	\$344.21	\$350.36	*	\$301.60	\$296.93
Net inc. in value produced	<u>35.72</u> <u>\$428.18</u>	<u>76.98</u> <u>\$393.12</u>	<u>79.27</u> <u>\$392.96</u>	<u>91.64</u> <u>\$435.85</u>	<u>84.65</u> <u>\$435.01</u>	<u>* \$384.56</u>	<u>96.80</u> <u>\$398.40</u>	<u>103.76</u> <u>\$400.69</u>
Total value produced								
Return above feed per cow	\$182.20	\$151.00	\$165.45	\$199.01	\$220.54	\$154.06	\$155.11	\$169.46
Returns for \$100 of feed	\$180	\$166	\$173	\$188	\$202	\$167	\$169	\$193
								\$209
								\$185

* Information not available.

Table 12. Feed Costs and Returns from Market Hogs--Sow and Finishing Enterprise, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups*							
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	St. Cloud	West Central	T.V.A.	Thief River Falls Duluth
Number of cases	43	94	90	82	22	24	21	7
Feed per cwt. hogs prod.:								
Corn	331	327	340	345	243	284	193	114
Small grain	22	50	46	60	45	88	84	198
Commercial feeds	65	74	69	68	123**	70	178	101
Total concentrates	418	451	455	473	411	449	455	413
Feed cost per cwt. hogs prod.	\$11.08	\$11.38	\$11.73	\$11.36	\$10.43	\$10.91	\$11.23	\$10.49
Net increase in value per cwt. hogs produced	\$14.40	\$13.81	\$14.29	\$13.90	\$14.24	\$14.29	\$15.00	\$14.41
Return above feed per cwt. hogs produced	\$3.32	\$2.43	\$2.56	\$2.54	\$3.81	\$3.38	\$3.77	\$3.92
Return for \$100 of feed	\$133	\$126	\$123	\$128	\$136	\$139	\$142	\$157
Price rec'd per cwt. hogs sold	\$15.00	\$14.79	\$14.94	\$14.72	\$15.43	\$15.62	\$15.31	\$15.10
Total number litters raised	46.4	45.0	40.0	34.0	30.0	11.4	27.0	17.0
Number pigs born per litter	9.7	8.9	9.2	8.7	9.5	8.6	9.6	9.8
Number pigs weaned per litter	7.8	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.5	6.8	7.8	8.3
Number feeder pigs purchased	***	11	***	11	***	***	***	***
Total weight feeders purch.	***	381	***	476	***	***	***	***
Price paid per feeder pig	***	\$10.76	***	\$11.43	***	***	***	***
Pounds of hogs produced	85769	71849	69423	57305	43028	26385	40856	16271
								13735
								8685

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

** One large operation fed practically no grain but bought milling industry by-products.

*** Information not available.

Table 13. Feed Costs and Returns from Purchased Feeder Pigs, 1963

Items	Number of cases	Farm record keeping groups*					
		S.W. Assoc.	Austin	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	West Central	10
Feed per cwt. hogs produced, lbs.:							
Corn	409	303	402	296	329		
Small grain	27	35	53	46	70		
Commercial feeds	58	51	48	54	43		
Total concentrates	494	389	503	396	442		
Feed cost per cwt. hogs produced	\$11.47	\$10.30	\$11.62	\$9.78	\$10.20		
Net increase in value per cwt. produced	\$11.25	\$11.47	\$12.26	\$13.88	\$13.28		
Return above feed cost per cwt. produced	\$ - .22	\$ 1.17	\$.64	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.08		
Return for \$100 of feed	\$105	\$111	\$109	\$141	\$136		
Price received per cwt. hogs sold	\$14.83	\$15.26	\$14.84	\$14.91	\$15.20		
Total number of litters raised	3	-	2	9.3	1		
Number of pigs born per litter	9.7	-	7.8	7.7	7.7		
Number of pigs weaned per litter	6.4	-	6.3	6.2	5.8		
Number of feeder pigs purchased	238	**	149	51	79		
Total weight of feeders purchased	9590	**	5619	2021	3434		
Price paid per feeder pig	\$11.84	\$11.21	\$10.34	\$ 9.69	\$10.50		
Pounds of hogs produced	49519	70024	34959	22490	18656		

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

** Information not available.

Table 14. Feed Costs and Returns from Feeder Pig Production, 1963

Items	Record keeping groups*		
	St. Cloud	Thief River Falls	River Falls
Number of cases	29	25	
Feed per litter, lbs.:			
Corn	** 301		
Small grain	** 2031		
Commercial feeds	** 589		
Total concentrates	<u>2315</u>	<u>2921</u>	
Feed cost per litter	\$63.45	\$80.68	
Net increase in value per litter	\$95.39	\$92.54	
Return above feed cost per litter	\$31.94	\$11.86	
Return for \$100 of feed	\$158	\$115	
Total number of litters	29	25.4	
Number of pigs born per litter	9.0	9.4	
Number of pigs weaned per litter	6.9	7.8	
Number of feeder pigs sold	187	**	
Price received per pig sold	\$10.61	**	
Pounds of sows sold and butchered	7402	**	
Pounds of other hogs sold and butchered	7609	**	
Pounds of hogs and pigs produced	15011	**	

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

** Information not available.

Table 15. Feed Costs and Returns from Feeder Cattle, 1963

Items	Farm record keeping groups*							
	S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	Cloud	St. West Central	River Falls	Thief River Duluth
Number of cases	15	111	24	30	10	13	19	24
Feeds per cwt. beef prod., lbs.:								
Corn	528	629	547	617	638	549	549	111
Small grain	14	13	18	37	44	27	154	183
Commercial feeds	50	49	48	51	43	55	40	63
Total concentrates	592	691	613	705	725	549	305	254
Legume hay	175	294	414	359	323	600	411	421
Other hay	12	14	* 414	11	*	26	96	6
Total hay	192	308	414	370	323	600	437	427
Silage	293	489	689	916	901**	1800	796	500
Feed cost per cwt. beef prod.:								
Concentrates	\$13.19	\$14.54	\$13.66	\$15.34	\$ 9.91	\$10.34	\$13.91	\$ 6.64
Roughages	2.63	4.29	4.94	6.05	5.83	6.54	6.48	6.10
Pasture								
Total feed costs	\$15.82	\$19.15	\$19.00	\$21.96	\$16.39	\$17.15	\$20.59	\$13.18
Net increase in value	\$18.70	\$13.06	\$16.17	\$18.42	\$16.89	\$16.27	\$17.53	\$14.16
Returns above feed cost per cwt. beef produced	\$ 2.88	\$-6.09	\$-2.83	\$-3.54	\$.50	\$-.88	\$-3.06	\$ 1.90
Return for \$100 of feed	\$124	\$ 80	\$ 85	\$ 98	\$103	\$109	\$ 94	\$114
Price paid per cwt. beef bt.	\$24.92	\$24.68	\$24.10	\$23.07	\$23.06	\$24.68	\$23.01	\$23.13
Price rec'd for feeders sold	22.15	22.33	20.49	21.24	20.78	21.10	20.52	21.31
Number of animal units	73.9	98.2	62.9	56.2	48.5	42.6	65.8	59.2
Pounds of beef produced	52391	61434	34926	34352	29269	21593	35634	33830

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.
 ** Includes 156 lbs. of high grain silage.

Table 16. Feed Costs and Returns from Beef Breeding Herds, 1963

Items	Number of cases	Farm record keeping groups*					
		S.W. Assoc.	Austin	S.E. Assoc.	Central	West Falls	River Falls
Feed per cow, lbs.:							
Concentrates	555	314	773	1373	1007	129	
Legume hay	3071	3620	4068	3183	3659	4058	
Other hay	199	2562	45	302	3260	1577	
Silage	3150	472	4854	6260	3363	1828	
Feed cost per cow:							
Concentrates	\$19.25	\$ 7.04	\$16.52	\$30.98	\$10.59	\$ 3.18	
Roughages	37.82	42.43	51.64	50.62	46.73	49.14	
Pasture	22.29	14.50	27.84	22.53	7.59	9.70	
Total feed cost	\$79.36	\$63.97	\$96.00	\$105.13	\$64.91	\$62.02	
Total value produced							
Returns above feed cost per cow	\$98.87	\$82.66	\$98.81	\$130.00	\$98.78	\$106.77	
Returns for \$100 of feed	\$19.51	\$18.69	\$ 2.81	\$24.87	\$33.87	\$44.75	
Pounds of beef produced	\$118	\$129	\$105	\$121	\$152	\$172	
Number of cows and herd bulls	11776	**	26455	18315	**	**	
	32.3	41.0	41.8	27.4	37.0	36.3	

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

** Information not available.

Table 17. Feed Costs and Returns from Chickens, 1963*

Items	Farm record keeping groups**						
	Mankato	S.W.	S.E.	West	Central	Duluth	
Number of cases	9	45	22	40	13	7	5
Feed per hen, lbs.:							
Grain	100	72	74	81	74	63	151
Commercial feeds	<u>36</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>41</u>
Total concentrates	<u>136</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>192</u>
Total feed cost per hen	\$3.96	\$3.51	\$3.57	\$3.54	\$2.68	\$3.43	\$4.41
Value of produce per hen:							
Eggs sold and used in home	\$4.76	\$4.57	\$5.21	\$4.73	\$4.39	\$4.60	\$4.09
Net increase in value of chickens	<u>-0.07</u>	<u>-0.37</u>	<u>-0.46</u>	<u>-0.22</u>	<u>-0.50</u>	<u>-0.45</u>	<u>-0.79</u>
Total value produced	<u>\$4.69</u>	<u>\$4.20</u>	<u>\$4.75</u>	<u>\$4.51</u>	<u>\$3.89</u>	<u>\$4.15</u>	<u>\$4.88</u>
Return above feed cost per hen	\$.73	\$.69	\$1.18	\$.97	\$1.21	\$.72	\$.47
Return for \$100 of feed	\$119	\$122	\$133	\$136	\$145	\$133	\$110
Price rec'd per dozen eggs sold (cents)	25.9	26.5	27.9	27.3	27.1	26.8	29.7
Eggs laid per hen	220	208	227	207	176	206	126
Average number of hens on farm during year	775	730	605	810	335	1432	105
Number of pullets started	256	440	***	428	***	1112	***
Percent death loss	12	6	7	9	8	9	***
Percent of hens that are pullets	93	70	***	74	***	91	***

* Includes feeds and returns from laying and rearing flocks.

** Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

*** Information not available.

Table 18. Feed Costs and Returns from a Farm Flock of Sheep, 1963

Items	Number of cases	Farm record keeping groups*					
		S.W. Mankato Assoc.	Austin	S.E. Assoc.	River Falls	Thief Falls	Duluth
Feed per ewe, lbs.: Concentrates	5	148	247	222	154	70	
Legume hay	1083	659	708	642	753	546	
Other hay	-	1	-	34	187	102	
Silage	171	47	71	75	219	181	
Feed cost per ewe: Concentrates	\$3.34	\$3.30	\$7.23	\$5.04	\$3.37	\$1.36	
Roughages	10.83	6.18	6.63	6.18	6.14	6.08	
Pasture	2.39	4.20	2.23	3.32	1.95	2.17	
Total feed cost	\$16.56	\$13.68	\$16.09	\$14.54	\$11.46	\$9.61	
Value of produce per ewe: Wool	\$ 4.34	\$ 7.06	\$ 5.84	\$ 5.86	\$ 6.43	\$ 4.67	
Net increase in value of sheep	16.36	18.89	15.82	13.30	14.61	8.64	
Total value produced	\$20.70	\$25.95	\$21.66	\$19.16	\$21.04	\$13.31	
Return above feed cost per ewe	\$ 4.14	\$12.27	\$ 5.57	\$ 4.62	\$ 9.58	\$ 3.70	
Return for \$100 of feed	\$128	\$203	\$135	\$134	\$184	\$138	
Price per cwt. lambs sold	\$18.15	\$19.18	\$18.15	\$21.14	\$18.46	****	
Price per lb. wool sold (cents)	65.3	56.0	46.0**	59.1	73.2	****	
Pounds of wool per sheep sheared	8.3	9.5	9.9	9.6	8.1	****	
Percent lamb crop***	130	114	98	105	114	****	
Percent death loss**	16	7.8	5.3	10.6	12.4	****	
Average number of ewes	26.2	54	75.6	45	84	40.3	

* Only those groups with 5 or more cases are included.

** Incentive payment not included.

*** Lambs which die during month of birth are not included.

**** Information not available.

SUMMARY

When studying this report, it is important to remember that these records are only concerned with one year's operation and that a similar report for a different year would show variations in many of the figures presented in the tables. These yearly variations between areas and within areas would be mainly caused by changes in climatic conditions and general price levels which the farm manager cannot control.

The data in table 19 shows the differences in labor earnings, average capital managed and size of business between areas of the state in 1963.

Table 19. Earnings, Resources Utilized and Size of Business, 1963, by Areas

Items	S.W. Mankato	Assoc. Austin	S.E. Assoc.	Winona	Cloud	St. Central	West T.V.A.	Falls	Thief River	Duluth
Number of cases	66	143	140	154	52	100	45	16	137	64
Labor earnings	\$7092	\$2812	\$5162	\$4541	\$3619	\$2813	\$3662	\$3148	\$4630	\$1874
Resources used:										
Acres per farm	288	346	260	263	303	268	291	368	574	316
Acres in tillable land	250	301	222	216	178	171	226	221	460	167
Average capital managed	\$96716	\$107165	\$70558	\$63565	\$65943	\$37596	\$58232	\$35309	\$39225	\$28960
Number of workers	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.4
Size of business:										
Total work units	483	567	467	563	571	448	513	491	466	378
Total farm receipts	\$35878	\$44438	\$29204	\$27393	\$23608	\$16917	\$28166	\$14302	\$21279	\$12086
Animal units of livestock	84	134	79	82	82	63	83	57	59	45