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**Introduction**

The Agricultural Extension Service and the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Minnesota, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the County Extension Services of five counties in central Minnesota are cooperating in a fertilizer demonstration project and in a farm management service. The service was initiated in 1958. It is available to a selected group of farmers who are willing to demonstrate the value of commercial fertilizers and who have agreed to keep farm business records. The authors wish to express their appreciation to the farmers and the Agricultural Extension Agents for their fine cooperation in making this report possible.

The purpose of this report is (1) to show some of the factors affecting farm income, and (2) to obtain data in regard to farm income and expenses for central Minnesota farms.

The project is under the general supervision of Roland Abraham, Roger Harris, Duane Erickson and Paul Hasbargen of the Agricultural Extension Service. Analysis of the farm records and preparation of this report are handled by T. R. Nodland, Department of Agricultural Economics, and Duane E. Erickson, Agricultural Extension Service.

The following tabulation shows by counties, the county agricultural agents and the number of farm records submitted.

| <u>County</u>   | <u>County Agricultural Agents</u> | <u>No. of records</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Crow Wing       | Glenn Smith and James Rabehl      | 3                     |
| East Otter Tail | Gerald Ness and Sherman Mandt     | 5                     |
| Hubbard         | Wm. Dorsey and John Eix           | 5                     |
| Todd            | Richard Brand and Loyal Hyatt     | 4                     |
| Wadena          | Miles Rowe                        | 5                     |

Table 1. Summary of Farm Inventories, 1961

| Items                             | Ave. of<br>21 farms | Farm Number |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                   |                     | 7           | 19     | 4      | 27     | 21     | 25      | 20      | 3      | 12     | 22     |
| <b>Size of farms (acres)</b>      |                     |             |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |
| Size of business<br>(work units)* | 335                 | 620         | 280    | 294    | 160    | 365    | 425     | 380     | 175    | 160    | 240    |
| Dairy cattle                      | \$6340              | \$7455      | \$8040 | \$7310 | \$7460 | 230    | 698     | 472     | 373    | 333    | 323    |
| Other livestock                   | 1565                | --          | 882    | --     | 915    | \$7141 | \$12086 | \$9720  | \$5450 | \$6475 | \$2985 |
| Horses                            | 38                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --      | 105     | 1537   | 430    | 900    |
| Crop, seed and feed               | 2404                | 2010        | 3410   | 2162   | 1920   | 2060   | 3005    | 2331    | 1904   | 2185   | 1411   |
| Auto & truck (share)              | 567                 | --          | 644    | 110    | --     | 270    | 1305    | 760     | 568    | 2048   | 617    |
| Tractors                          | 1460                | 1715        | 1264   | 82     | 147    | 460    | 2520    | 2746    | 1276   | 1512   | 900    |
| Crop & general mach.              | 2959                | 894         | 11399  | 1566   | 2368   | 2407   | 3849    | 2934    | 1312   | 4177   | 1642   |
| Livestock equip. & sup.           | 1286                | 2264        | 2568   | 535    | 156    | 182    | 3815    | 1111    | 455    | 297    | 1749   |
| Land                              | 8871                | 4800        | 12000  | 7084   | 16000  | 6600   | 20000   | 9712    | 16415  | 8000   | 7380   |
| Buildings, fences, etc.           | 5045                | 4684        | 7796   | 4943   | 5084   | 2314   | 8550    | 1980    | 5879   | 4100   | 4060   |
| Total farm capital                | 30535               | 23822       | 48003  | 23792  | 34050  | 21434  | 55130   | 31399   | 34796  | 29224  | 21644  |
| <b>Beginning of Year</b>          |                     |             |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |
| Dairy cattle                      | \$6600              | \$7835      | \$7295 | \$7405 | \$7915 | \$--   | \$13916 | \$10325 | \$6135 | \$6190 | \$3917 |
| Other livestock                   | 1525                | --          | 1513   | --     | 1781   | 8326   | --      | 71      | 1173   | 770    | 2100   |
| Horses                            | 82                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --      | --      | --     | --     | --     |
| Crop, seed and feed               | 2395                | 2474        | 3158   | 3329   | 2000   | 1790   | 2668    | 1977    | 3028   | 4205   | 2190   |
| Auto & truck (share)              | 688                 | --          | 1976   | 351    | --     | 180    | 1131    | 500     | 424    | 1792   | 356    |
| Tractors                          | 1406                | 1958        | 1092   | 116    | 122    | 345    | 2370    | 2379    | 1057   | 3146   | 800    |
| Crop & general mach.              | 3141                | 751         | 10865  | 1215   | 3579   | 2093   | 3532    | 2720    | 985    | 4049   | 1479   |
| Livestock equip. & sup.           | 1369                | 2058        | 2393   | 2591   | 140    | 120    | 3542    | 2070    | 365    | 246    | 1661   |
| Land                              | 8871                | 4800        | 12000  | 7084   | 16000  | 6600   | 20000   | 9712    | 16415  | 8000   | 7380   |
| Buildings, fences, etc.           | 4972                | 4406        | 8016   | 6425   | 4845   | 2233   | 8098    | 2800    | 5597   | 4100   | 4590   |
| Total farm capital                | \$31049             | 24282       | 48308  | 28516  | 36382  | 21687  | 55257   | 32554   | 35179  | 32498  | 24473  |

1 Arranged in descending order by labor earnings

\* See page 17 for an explanation of work units

Table 1. Summary of Farm Inventories, 1961 (continued)

| Items                            | Farm Number |        |        |        |        |             |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                  | 26          | 2      | 1      | 18     | 5      | 24          | 16     | 11     | 8      | 23     |
| Size of farms (acres)            | 400         | 240    | 361    | 547    | 357    | 360         | 320    | 240    | 240    | 550    |
| Size of business<br>(work units) | 615         | 346    | 440    | 382    | 312    | 464         | 338    | 387    | 226    | 444    |
| Dairy cattle                     | \$14580     | \$2775 | \$7205 | \$8130 | \$3375 | \$10110     | \$4740 | \$6545 | \$2285 | \$6425 |
| Other livestock                  | --          | 512    | 1476   | --     | 160    | --          | 805    | 450    | 5008   | --     |
| Horses                           | --          | --     | 300    | --     | --     | --          | --     | --     | --     | 12542  |
| Crop, seed and feed              | 2783        | 1827   | 2480   | 2563   | 1484   | 4249        | 1563   | 2445   | 2541   | 2467   |
| Auto & truck (share)             | 1106        | 607    | 1011   | 768    | 730    | 219         | 90     | --     | --     | 3688   |
| Tractors                         | 722         | 3050   | 2620   | 1374   | 487    | 1470        | 297    | 2796   | 446    | 2290   |
| Crop & general mach.             | 2316        | 2098   | 3317   | 2645   | 1508   | 2976        | 764    | 3735   | 1336   | 4546   |
| Livestock equip. & sup.          | 2866        | 52     | 2640   | 2973   | 1512   | 137         | 1550   | 56     | 134    | 4338   |
| Land                             | 5000        | 9840   | 4300   | 5410   | 4500   | 5800        | 8800   | 10000  | 5450   | 9700   |
| Buildings, fences, etc.          | 7595        | 3844   | 10352  | 5155   | 1073   | 3646        | 3366   | 4125   | 2798   | 10700  |
| Total farm capital               | \$36968     | 24605  | 35701  | 29018  | 14829  | 28607       | 21975  | 30152  | 19998  | 37000  |
|                                  |             |        |        |        |        | End of Year |        |        |        | 39090  |
| Dairy cattle                     | \$15122     | \$2840 | \$8220 | \$8755 | \$3450 | \$10315     | \$4615 | \$5530 | \$2850 | \$5965 |
| Other livestock                  | --          | 645    | 1972   | --     | 324    | --          | 805    | --     | 4947   | --     |
| Horses                           | --          | --     | 300    | --     | --     | --          | --     | --     | --     | 7598   |
| Crop, seed and feed              | 3050        | 1516   | 3614   | 2247   | 990    | 2592        | 1005   | 3261   | 751    | 2342   |
| Auto & truck (share)             | 1066        | 405    | 2201   | 576    | 1345   | 49          | --     | 1337   | --     | 2112   |
| Tractors                         | 1704        | 2640   | 2120   | 1146   | 375    | 1109        | 170    | 2393   | 343    | 567    |
| Crop & general mach.             | 4924        | 1755   | 3656   | 2798   | 1272   | 4142        | 938    | 6500   | 1027   | 4037   |
| Livestock equip. & sup.          | 2438        | --     | 2514   | 2568   | 1369   | 357         | 1439   | 36     | 101    | 3631   |
| Land                             | 5000        | 9840   | 4300   | 5410   | 4500   | 5800        | 8800   | 10000  | 5450   | 9700   |
| Buildings, fences, etc.          | 6889        | 4057   | 9758   | 4900   | 1279   | 3330        | 3186   | 3685   | 2666   | 10030  |
| Total farm capital               | \$40193     | 23698  | 38655  | 28400  | 14904  | 27694       | 20958  | 32742  | 18135  | 34742  |
|                                  |             |        |        |        |        |             |        |        |        | 32779  |

### Capital Investment

The average value of capital used per farm is shown in table 1. Capital investment per farm varied from \$55,198 to \$14,866. These data represent "book" values and not necessarily current market values. The common practice for both income tax accounting and farm business analysis is to depreciate all capital items each year by an amount equal to their decrease in value as a result of use and obsolescence. Market price, particularly real estate, has been increasing during the last several years. As a result, the value of farm real estate as shown in table 1 tends to be an understatement of its present market value. This is especially true in cases of farms purchased several years ago.

### Farm Earnings

Farm income in this area of the state is relatively low. The 21 farmers included in this report have average farm sales of \$13,194 and farm purchases of \$9,130, or a net cash income of \$4,064 per farm (table 2). Farm purchases amounted to 69 percent of total farm sales leaving 31 percent to pay family living expenses, interest on indebtedness, and for savings.

Labor earnings, the measure of financial success used in this report, have been computed on a "full owner" basis. Sales and purchases for the whole farm are shown, whether it was operated by an owner or a renter. Labor earnings are the return to the operator for his labor and management after all expenses have been paid, including wages for members of the family other than the operator, and a 5 percent charge on the average value of capital used in the farm business. This places all farms on a uniform basis for comparison.

Two methods of calculating labor earnings are used. Table 2 shows the earnings statement on a cash basis; table 3 shows the earnings on an enterprise or accrual basis. The main difference in the two statements is in the method of handling the net increase or decrease in farm capital. In the cash statement, the net increase or decrease in farm capital is entered as one item (items 13 or 42, table 2). In the enterprise statement, as shown in table 3, the net change in the inventory has been included in each item in order to compute "total returns and net increases" or "total expenses and net decreases" by enterprises. Thus the average returns and net decreases of \$7,436 from dairy cows includes the value of dairy products sold, fed, and used in the home -- with adjustments for changes in the value of the herd. The following is an illustration using the data for a dairy farm:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Value of dairy products sold                 | \$6180        |
| Used in the home                             | 225           |
| Fed to livestock                             | 28            |
| Total value of dairy products produced       | <u>\$6433</u> |
| Value of cows on end of year inventory       | \$4000        |
| Sales of cows                                | 726           |
| Butchered for home use                       | 0             |
| Total  | <u>\$4726</u> |
| Value of cows on beginning of year inventory | \$4800        |
| Purchases                                    | --            |
| Value of heifers transferred to cow herd     | 200           |
| Total  | <u>\$5000</u> |
| Net change in value of cows                  | -274          |
| Returns and net increases from milk cows     | <u>\$6159</u> |

Table 2. Summary of Farm Earnings (Cash Statement) 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items  | Ave. of<br>24 farms | Farm Number |        |        |        |       |
|--|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|  | 7                   | 19          | 4      | 27     | 21     | 25    |
| <u>Farm Receipts</u>                           |                     |             |        |        |        |       |
| 1. Dairy cattle                                | \$1819              | \$1233      | \$2067 | \$2660 | \$1996 | \$ -- |
| 2. Dairy products                              | 7274                | 10429       | 7437   | 8034   | 9129   | --    |
| 3. Beef cattle                                 | 408                 | --          | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 4. Hogs  | 2068                | --          | 6070   | --     | 1985   | 10592 |
| 5. Sheep                                       | 294                 | --          | --     | --     | --     | 2023  |
| 6. Horses                                      | 26                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 7. Poultry                                     | 14                  | --          | --     | --     | 80     | --    |
| 8. Eggs  | 35                  | --          | --     | --     | 270    | --    |
| 9. Crops                                       | 515                 | 800         | 428    | 101    | --     | 1100  |
| 10. Mach. & equipment sold                     | 166                 | 114         | 281    | 358    | 102    | 165   |
| 11. Inc. from work off farm                    | 216                 | 90          | 81     | --     | --     | 39    |
| 12. Miscellaneous                              | 359                 | 203         | 732    | 15     | --     | 2354  |
| 13. Total farm sales                           | \$13194             | 12869       | 17096  | 11168  | 13562  | 16273 |
| 14. Inc. in farm capital                       | 514                 | 461         | 305    | 4724   | 2332   | 253   |
| 15. Family living from farm                    | 301                 | 328         | 259    | 494    | 612    | 168   |
| 16. Total farm receipts                        | \$14009             | 13658       | 17660  | 16386  | 16506  | 16694 |
| <u>Farm Expenses</u>                           |                     |             |        |        |        |       |
| 17. Dairy cattle bought                        | \$100               | \$ --       | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$ -- |
| 18. Beef cattle bought                         | 83                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | 1216  |
| 19. Hogs bought                                | 98                  | --          | 45     | --     | 24     | --    |
| 20. Sheep bought                               | 14                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | 220   |
| 21. Horses bought                              | 39                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 22. Poultry bought                             | 3                   | --          | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 23. Misc. livestock expense                    | 371                 | 29          | 292    | 423    | 395    | 111   |
| 24. Feed                                       | 2361                | 650         | 1377   | 894    | 3566   | 4777  |
| 25. Fertilizers                                | 407                 | 184         | 780    | 416    | 574    | 723   |
| 26. Other crop expenses                        | 347                 | 287         | 561    | 399    | 92     | 332   |
| 27. Custom work hired                          | 840                 | 679         | 640    | 490    | 307    | 807   |
| 28. Gas, oil, grease (farm share)              | 705                 | 437         | 857    | 811    | 447    | 623   |
| 29. Rep. tract., trucks, autos<br>(farm share) | 352                 | 301         | 216    | 222    | 438    | 175   |
| 30. Repair farm real estate                    | 96                  | --          | 79     | 44     | 47     | 116   |
| 31. Rep. crop & gen. machinery                 | 279                 | 174         | 223    | 258    | 390    | 87    |
| 32. Rep. livestock equipment                   | 97                  | 87          | 37     | --     | 206    | 129   |
| 33. Wages of hired labor                       | 153                 | --          | 680    | 56     | 186    | 25    |
| 34. Electricity expense (farm share)           | 245                 | 157         | 181    | 159    | 50     | 139   |
| 35. Real estate & personal property<br>taxes   | 517                 | 524         | 642    | 615    | 561    | 391   |
| 36. Tel. & gen. farm expense                   | 227                 | 333         | 106    | 186    | 350    | 210   |
| 37. Total cash oper. expense                   | \$7334              | 3842        | 6716   | 4973   | 7633   | 10081 |
| 38. Mech. power bot. (farm share)              | 491                 | 844         | 1575   | 298    | --     | 250   |
| 39. Crop & gen. mach. bought                   | 756                 | 75          | 740    | --     | 1566   | 225   |
| 40. Livestock equip. bought                    | 254                 | --          | 50     | 2439   | --     | --    |
| 41. New real estate improvement                | 295                 | --          | 761    | 1664   | --     | 117   |
| 42. Total farm purchases                       | \$9130              | 4761        | 9842   | 9374   | 9199   | 10423 |
| 43. Decrease in farm capital                   | --                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 44. Interest on farm capital                   | 1540                | 1203        | 2408   | 1308   | 1761   | 1078  |
| 45. Unpaid family labor                        | 555                 | 1800        | --     | 450    | 630    | 300   |
| 46. Board fur. hired labor                     | 50                  | --          | --     | 6      | 7      | 6     |
| 47. Total farm expenses                        | \$11275             | 7764        | 12250  | 11138  | 11597  | 11801 |
| 48. Labor earnings                             | \$2734              | 5894        | 5410   | 5248   | 4909   | 4893  |
|  |                     |             |        |        |        | 487   |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of labor earnings

Table 2. Summary of Farm Earnings (Cash Statement) 1961 (continued)

| Items  | Farm Number |       |        |       |        |        |        |
|--|-------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 20          | 3     | 12     | 22    | 26     | 2      | I      |
| <u>Farm Receipts</u>                           |             |       |        |       |        |        |        |
| 1. Dairy cattle                                | \$3777      | \$980 | \$1897 | \$842 | \$4107 | \$1563 | \$2067 |
| 2. Dairy products                              | 11810       | 6427  | 6123   | 5449  | 11845  | 5865   | 9622   |
| 3. Beef cattle                                 | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 4. Hogs  | 44          | 4908  | 1775   | 3364  | --     | 1992   | 3322   |
| 5. Sheep                                       | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 6. Horses                                      | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 7. Poultry                                     | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 8. Eggs  | --          | 468   | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 9. Crops                                       | --          | 338   | --     | 1325  | 735    | 223    | --     |
| 10. Mach. & equipment sold                     | 79          | 251   | 103    | 196   | 300    | 107    | 204    |
| 11. Inc. from work off farm                    | 461         | 55    | --     | --    | 472    | 310    | 67     |
| 12. Miscellaneous                              | 810         | 37    | 108    | 50    | 555    | 53     | 45     |
| 13. Total farm sales                           | \$16981     | 13464 | 10006  | 11226 | 18014  | 10113  | 15327  |
| 14. Increase in farm capital                   | 1156        | 383   | 3274   | 2830  | 3224   | --     | 2954   |
| 15. Family living from farm                    | 393         | 316   | 436    | 282   | 238    | 259    | 309    |
| 16. Total farm receipts                        | \$18530     | 14163 | 13716  | 14338 | 21476  | 10372  | 18590  |
| <u>Farm Expenses</u>                           |             |       |        |       |        |        |        |
| 17. Dairy cattle bought                        | \$228       | \$ -- | \$225  | \$712 | \$130  | \$ --  | \$50   |
| 18. Beef cattle bought                         | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 19. Hogs bought                                | 16          | 50    | 285    | 949   | --     | 50     | 555    |
| 20. Sheep bought                               | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 21. Horses bought                              | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | --     | --     |
| 22. Poultry bought                             | --          | --    | 11     | 8     | --     | --     | --     |
| 23. Misc. livestock expense                    | 570         | 441   | 211    | 568   | 408    | 195    | 557    |
| 24. Feed                                       | 3387        | 3186  | 1771   | 2279  | 3052   | 1505   | 4016   |
| 25. Fertilizers                                | 249         | 605   | 248    | 321   | 449    | 290    | 682    |
| 26. Other crop expenses                        | 353         | 486   | 352    | 307   | 326    | 378    | 395    |
| 27. Custom work hired                          | 1105        | 349   | 226    | 873   | 1951   | 625    | 718    |
| 28. Gas, oil, grease (farm share)              | 801         | 626   | 415    | 531   | 1415   | 523    | 809    |
| 29. Rep. tract., trucks, autos<br>(farm share) | 434         | 344   | 190    | 304   | 702    | 104    | 438    |
| 30. Repair farm real estate                    | 56          | 210   | 6      | 70    | 108    | 11     | 227    |
| 31. Rep. crop & gen. machinery                 | 278         | 107   | 184    | 170   | 619    | 134    | 329    |
| 32. Rep. livestock equipment                   | 144         | 37    | 98     | --    | 321    | 90     | 123    |
| 33. Wages of hired labor                       | 227         | 47    | 111    | --    | 945    | 8      | 375    |
| 34. Electricity expense (farm share)           | 346         | 249   | 246    | 267   | 359    | 200    | 338    |
| 35. Real estate & personal property<br>taxes   | 416         | 279   | 516    | 384   | 699    | 682    | 426    |
| 36. Tel. & gen. farm expense                   | 178         | 412   | 156    | 145   | 375    | 108    | 58     |
| 37. Total cash oper. expense                   | \$8788      | 7428  | 5251   | 7888  | 11859  | 4903   | 10096  |
| 38. Mech. power bot. (farm share)              | 100         | --    | 2000   | --    | 1375   | --     | 1738   |
| 39. Crop & gen. mach. bought                   | 485         | --    | 465    | 110   | 3297   | --     | 1225   |
| 40. Livestock equip. bought                    | 1179        | --    | --     | 72    | 60     | --     | 110    |
| 41. New real estate improvement                | 964         | --    | --     | 823   | --     | 500    | --     |
| 42. Total farm purchases                       | \$11516     | 7428  | 7716   | 8893  | 16591  | 5403   | 13169  |
| 43. Decrease in farm capital                   | --          | --    | --     | --    | --     | 906    | --     |
| 44. Interest on farm capital                   | 1599        | 1749  | 1543   | 1153  | 1929   | 1208   | 1859   |
| 45. Unpaid family labor                        | 450         | 300   | 330    | --    | --     | 375    | 900    |
| 46. Board fur. hired labor                     | 160         | --    | 88     | 440   | --     | --     | 240    |
| 47. Total farm expenses                        | \$13725     | 9477  | 9677   | 10486 | 18520  | 7892   | 16168  |
| 48. Labor earnings                             | \$4805      | 4686  | 4039   | 3852  | 2956   | 2480   | 2422   |

Table 2. Summary of Farm Earnings (Cash Statement) 1961 (continued)

|                      | Farm Number |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|                      | 18          | 5      | 24     | 16     | 11     | 8      | 23     | 13    |
| <b>Farm Receipts</b> |             |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| 1.                   | \$2848      | \$1282 | \$3823 | \$1655 | \$2086 | \$1155 | \$1104 | \$ -- |
| 2.                   | 8621        | 3838   | 9192   | 5506   | 10087  | 1280   | 7184   | --    |
| 3.                   | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 8556  |
| 4.                   | --          | 488    | --     | --     | 1127   | --     | --     | 7770  |
| 5.                   | --          | --     | --     | 948    | --     | 2906   | --     | 302   |
| 6.                   | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 544   |
| 7.                   | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 209   |
| 8.                   | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 9.                   | 232         | 176    | 37     | --     | --     | 923    | 1606   | 512   |
| 10.                  | 123         | 148    | 157    | 148    | 102    | 62     | 62     | 259   |
| 11.                  | 503         | 1068   | 408    | --     | --     | 323    | 332    | 303   |
| 12.                  | 576         | 217    | 175    | 32     | --     | 130    | 674    | --    |
| 13.                  | \$12903     | 7217   | 13792  | 8289   | 13402  | 6779   | 10962  | 18455 |
| 14.                  | --          | 74     | --     | --     | 2590   | --     | --     | --    |
| 15.                  | 86          | 315    | 299    | 185    | 34     | 178    | 470    | 492   |
| 16.                  | \$12989     | 7606   | 14091  | 8474   | 16026  | 6957   | 11432  | 18947 |
| <b>Farm Expenses</b> |             |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| 17.                  | \$455       | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$ --  | \$185  | \$ -- |
| 18.                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 520   |
| 19.                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 85    |
| 20.                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | 70     | --     | --    |
| 21.                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 820   |
| 22.                  | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 37    |
| 23.                  | 475         | 187    | 601    | 211    | 368    | 441    | 227    | 578   |
| 24.                  | 2795        | 197    | 869    | 1453   | 1930   | 2035   | 480    | 6239  |
| 25.                  | 411         | 100    | 576    | 116    | 489    | 217    | 313    | 367   |
| 26.                  | 298         | 154    | 291    | 239    | 442    | 148    | 403    | 342   |
| 27.                  | 1131        | 583    | 184    | 550    | 3752   | 404    | 1282   | --    |
| 28.                  | 769         | 614    | 908    | 819    | 524    | 263    | 615    | 667   |
| 29.                  | 183         | 216    | 611    | 305    | 672    | 92     | 532    | 247   |
| 30.                  | 111         | 89     | 156    | 236    | 22     | 87     | 134    | 22    |
| 31.                  | 381         | 280    | 294    | 94     | 252    | 93     | 732    | 234   |
| 32.                  | 34          | --     | 70     | 32     | 152    | 34     | 118    | 149   |
| 33.                  | 56          | --     | 74     | 79     | --     | 30     | --     | 99    |
| 34.                  | 307         | 120    | 210    | 245    | 188    | 233    | 236    | 472   |
| 35.                  | 530         | 348    | 595    | 357    | 663    | 373    | 588    | 489   |
| 36.                  | 170         | 207    | 155    | 93     | 609    | 194    | 215    | 263   |
| 37.                  | \$8106      | 3095   | 5594   | 4829   | 10063  | 4714   | 6060   | 11630 |
| 38.                  | --          | 750    | 52     | --     | 1338   | --     | --     | --    |
| 39.                  | 425         | 100    | 2599   | 314    | 3248   | --     | 535    | --    |
| 40.                  | --          | --     | 327    | 16     | --     | --     | 70     | 1016  |
| 41.                  | --          | 260    | --     | --     | --     | 113    | 1000   | --    |
| 42.                  | \$8531      | 4205   | 8572   | 5159   | 14649  | 4827   | 7665   | 12646 |
| 43.                  | 619         | --     | 913    | 1017   | --     | 1862   | 2258   | 6311  |
| 44.                  | 1435        | 744    | 1408   | 1073   | 1572   | 953    | 1794   | 1797  |
| 45.                  | 150         | 525    | 1800   | --     | 113    | 375    | 1200   | 1350  |
| 46.                  | 20          | --     | --     | 32     | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| 47.                  | \$10755     | 5474   | 12693  | 7281   | 16334  | 8017   | 12917  | 22104 |
| 48.                  | \$2234      | 2132   | 1398   | 1193   | -308   | -1060  | -1485  | -3157 |

Table 3. Summary of Farm Earnings (Enterprise Statement) 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                             | Ave. of<br>21 farms | 7            | 19           | 4            | 27           | 21           | 25           | 20           | 3            | 12          | 22           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>RETURNS AND NET INCREASES</b>  |                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |
| Dairy cows                        | \$7436              | \$10499      | \$7510       | \$8738       | \$9794       | \$15073      | \$11623      | \$6554       | \$6229       | \$5718      |              |
| Other dairy cattle                | 2170                | 2115         | 1683         | 2756         | 2572         | 3181         | 4681         | 1823         | 1560         | 1005        |              |
| Beef cattle                       | 149                 | --           | --           | --           | 210          | --           | --           | --           | --           | --          |              |
| Hogs                              | 2143                | --           | 6746         | --           | 3162         | 9999         | --           | 74           | 4617         | 1936        | 3656         |
| Sheep                             | 306                 | --           | --           | --           | 2323         | --           | --           | --           | --           | --          |              |
| Chickens                          | 67                  | --           | --           | --           | 271          | --           | --           | 556          | 40           | --          | 52           |
| Total livestock                   | \$12271             | <u>12614</u> | <u>15939</u> | <u>11494</u> | <u>15799</u> | <u>12532</u> | <u>18254</u> | <u>16378</u> | <u>13550</u> | <u>9765</u> | <u>10431</u> |
| Value of feed fed                 | 6685                | <u>4236</u>  | <u>6653</u>  | <u>5959</u>  | <u>8923</u>  | <u>7050</u>  | <u>11121</u> | <u>7546</u>  | <u>7156</u>  | <u>5388</u> | <u>5951</u>  |
| Lvstk. return<br>over feed        |                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |
| Crops: seed & feed                | \$5586              | 8378         | 9286         | 5535         | 6876         | 5482         | 7133         | 8832         | 6394         | 4377        | 4480         |
| Income from labor<br>off farm     | 3969                | 4137         | 3846         | 5309         | 4340         | 2048         | 8132         | 3176         | 4411         | 5037        | 5118         |
| Miscellaneous                     | 117                 | 22           | 24           | --           | --           | --           | 30           | 130          | --           | --          |              |
| Total returns &<br>net increases  | <u>359</u>          | <u>202</u>   | <u>733</u>   | <u>15</u>    | <u>--</u>    | <u>2354</u>  | <u>775</u>   | <u>810</u>   | <u>38</u>    | <u>108</u>  | <u>49</u>    |
| <b>EXPENSES AND NET DECREASES</b> |                     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |
| Truck (farm share)                | \$239               | \$--         | \$143        | \$245        | \$285        | \$378        | \$214        | \$302        | \$483        | \$211       |              |
| Auto (farm share)                 | 258                 | --           | 353          | 140          | 89           | 302          | 318          | 340          | 31           | 437         |              |
| Tractors & horses                 | 778                 | 1203         | 674          | 522          | 427          | 623          | 1447         | 1219         | 636          | 600         | 351          |
| Elec. motors exp.<br>(farm share) | 257                 | 156          | 188          | 170          | 50           | 139          | 523          | 367          | 249          | 256         | 268          |
| Hired power                       | 499                 | 378          | 384          | 186          | 156          | 422          | 550          | 726          | 204          | 135         | 427          |
| Total power                       | \$2031              | <u>1737</u>  | <u>1742</u>  | <u>1263</u>  | <u>1007</u>  | <u>1419</u>  | <u>3200</u>  | <u>2844</u>  | <u>1731</u>  | <u>1505</u> | <u>1694</u>  |
| Crop & gen. mach.                 | 851                 | 383          | 1472         | 762          | 827          | 656          | 1373         | 765          | 442          | 777         | 540          |
| Livestock equipment               | 258                 | 293          | 262          | 163          | 222          | 190          | 455          | 364          | 126          | 150         | 158          |
| Buildings, fences, etc.           | 464                 | 278          | 620          | 226          | 286          | 315          | 643          | 200          | 492          | 5           | 362          |
| Misc. lvstk. expense              | 371                 | 28           | 292          | 423          | 395          | 111          | 509          | 570          | 441          | 211         | 568          |
| Labor                             | 1038                | 2066         | 936          | 665          | 898          | 621          | 1225         | 1208         | 485          | 619         | 790          |
| Real estate taxes                 | 354                 | 399          | 396          | 456          | 355          | 279          | 560          | 231          | 178          | 391         | 251          |
| Personal property tax             | 163                 | 125          | 246          | 159          | 206          | 112          | 214          | 185          | 101          | 125         | 134          |
| Insurance                         | 101                 | 145          | 35           | 77           | 164          | 76           | 167          | 98           | 246          | 74          | 111          |
| General farm expense              | 126                 | 188          | 70           | 109          | 186          | 134          | 85           | 79           | 166          | 83          | 34           |
| Interest on farm cap.             | 1540                | <u>1203</u>  | <u>2408</u>  | <u>1308</u>  | <u>1761</u>  | <u>1078</u>  | <u>2760</u>  | <u>1599</u>  | <u>1749</u>  | <u>1543</u> | <u>1153</u>  |
| Total exp. and net<br>decreases   | \$7297              | 6845         | 8479         | 5611         | 6307         | 4991         | 11191        | 8143         | 6157         | 5483        | 5795         |
| Labor earnings                    | \$2734              | 5894         | 5410         | 5248         | 4909         | 4893         | 4879         | 4805         | 4686         | 4039        | 3852         |

1 Arranged by descending order of labor earnings

Table 3. Summary of Farm Earnings (Enterprise Statement) 1961 (continued) \*

| Items                             | Farm Number |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
|                                   | 26          | 2      | 1      | 18     | 5      | 24     | 16     | 11      | 8      | 23     | 13    |
| <b>RETURNS AND NET INCREASES</b>  |             |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |       |
| Dairy cows                        | \$11901     | \$6030 | \$9730 | \$8799 | \$4018 | \$9531 | \$5814 | \$10240 | \$1380 | \$6963 | \$ -- |
| Other dairy cattle                | 4774        | 1662   | 3173   | 3098   | 1505   | 4061   | 1691   | 1086    | 1798   | 1356   | --    |
| Beef cattle                       | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --      | --     | --     | 2926  |
| Hogs                              | --          | 2155   | 3323   | --     | 700    | --     | 677    | --      | --     | --     | 7947  |
| Sheep                             | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | 948    | --     | 2775    | --     | --     | 390   |
| Chickens                          | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --      | --     | --     | 480   |
| All productive livestock          | 16675       | 9847   | 16226  | 11897  | 6223   | 13592  | 8453   | 12003   | 5953   | 8319   | 11743 |
| Value of feed fed                 | 10260       | 5276   | 7920   | 6396   | 2750   | 5960   | 4413   | 7165    | 5027   | 4394   | 10838 |
| Livestock return over feed        | 6415        | 4571   | 8306   | 5501   | 3473   | 7632   | 4040   | 4838    | 926    | 3925   | 905   |
| Crops, seed and feed              | 7361        | 2995   | 3961   | 2636   | 1919   | 2532   | 1762   | 4986    | 1760   | 4473   | 3411  |
| Income from labor off farm        | 179         | 251    | 67     | 267    | 923    | 146    | --     | --      | 224    | 90     | 102   |
| Miscellaneous                     | 555         | 53     | 45     | 575    | 217    | 175    | 33     | --      | 130    | 674    | --    |
| Total returns & net increases     | 14510       | 7870   | 12379  | 8979   | 6532   | 10485  | 5835   | 9824    | 3040   | 9162   | 4418  |
| <b>EXPENSES AND NET DECREASES</b> |             |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |       |
| Truck (share)                     | 339         | --     | 194    | 628    | 183    | 689    | 369    | 344     | --     | --     | --    |
| Auto (share)                      | 775         | 481    | 671    | --     | 93     | 204    | --     | 134     | 80     | 353    | 383   |
| Tractor & horses                  | 1031        | 602    | 1225   | 537    | 595    | 951    | 825    | 910     | 246    | 1077   | 641   |
| Elec. exp. (share)                | 359         | 200    | 338    | 310    | 120    | 217    | 245    | 297     | 233    | 236    | 472   |
| Hired power                       | 1212        | 305    | 424    | 636    | 305    | 61     | 321    | 2691    | 234    | 727    | --    |
| Total power                       | 3716        | 1588   | 2852   | 2111   | 1296   | 2122   | 1760   | 4376    | 793    | 2393   | 1496  |
| Crop & gen. mach.                 | 1119        | 568    | 1220   | 560    | 603    | 1628   | 245    | 936     | 387    | 1802   | 810   |
| Lvstk. equip.                     | 810         | 142    | 358    | 439    | 143    | 177    | 159    | 172     | 67     | 257    | 311   |
| Buildings, fences, etc.           | 814         | 297    | 821    | 366    | 143    | 472    | 416    | 462     | 331    | 1804   | 382   |
| Misc. lvstk. ex.                  | 408         | 195    | 557    | 475    | 187    | 601    | 211    | 368     | 441    | 228    | 578   |
| Labor                             | 1685        | 602    | 1805   | 660    | 731    | 1929   | 328    | 973     | 562    | 1567   | 1449  |
| Real estate taxes                 | 488         | 502    | 288    | 337    | 202    | 361    | 248    | 522     | 263    | 387    | 346   |
| Per. property taxes               | 210         | 180    | 138    | 193    | 146    | 234    | 109    | 141     | 110    | 201    | 143   |
| Insurance                         | 158         | 55     | 27     | 91     | 29     | 73     | 31     | 125     | 100    | 128    | 119   |
| Gen. farm expenses                | 217         | 53     | 32     | 78     | 177    | 82     | 62     | 485     | 93     | 87     | 144   |
| Interest on farm capital          | 1929        | 1208   | 1859   | 1435   | 743    | 1408   | 1073   | 1572    | 953    | 1793   | 1797  |
| Total expenses & net decreases    | 11554       | 5390   | 9957   | 6745   | 4400   | 9087   | 4642   | 10132   | 4100   | 10647  | 7575  |
| Labor earnings                    | 2956        | 2480   | 2422   | 2234   | 2132   | 1398   | 1193   | -308    | -1060  | -1485  | -3157 |

\* 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 net decreases. The labor earnings are the same as those on pages 5, 6, and 7.

### Return to Capital and Family Labor

Return to capital and family labor, as shown in table 4, represents the amount available to the family. These data represent the operator's share of the farm income. In cases of rented farms, landlord's expenses and receipts have not been included. Interest on indebtedness paid by the farm operator is included as a farm expense. Thus, return to capital and family labor represents the returns to family labor, management, and the operator's equity in the farm capital used in the business.

### Net Worth

Net worth statement for those farmers who kept a complete record of all assets and liabilities are shown in table 5. This is simply a statement of all farm and nonfarm assets that a farmer has, balanced against all notes, accounts, mortgages, etc. that constitute his liabilities. It provides an excellent benchmark which can be used to give a true measure of progress through the year. Without this measure it is difficult for a farm family to judge their financial progress. Debt retirement is often considered to be a farm expense, when in reality it adds to the farmer's net worth by decreasing the amount of his liabilities.

The average net worth of the 19 farmers who kept complete records of assets and liabilities in 1961 was \$27,893. These farmers realized an average increase of \$898 in net worth during 1961.

### Family Income and Expenses

Total cash family living expenses for 16 farm families that kept records of these expenditures amounted to an average of \$2,428 per family (table 6). In addition, these families used farm produce valued at \$301, or a total of \$3,612 for cash family expenses plus prerequisites. Their average total income available for payment of family living amounted to \$4,080. Thus, the 16 farmers who kept records of family living expenses had an average of about \$360 to use for debt retirement or business expansion after all living expenses were met.

Table 4. Returns to Capital and Family Labor (Operator's Share) 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                                    | Ave. of<br>21 farms | Farm Number |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  |                     | 7           | 19      | 3       | 27      | 25      | 4       | 20      | 12      | 21      | 22      |
| <u>Farm Income</u>                       |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 1. Total farm sales                      | \$13159             | \$12869     | \$17096 | \$13464 | \$13562 | \$19171 | \$11168 | \$16981 | \$10006 | \$16273 | \$11226 |
| 2. Increase in capital                   | 1790                | 461         | 305     | 383     | 2332    | 126     | 4724    | 1968    | 15374   | 253     | 2830    |
| 3. Family living from<br>farm            | 301                 | 328         | 259     | 316     | 612     | 176     | 494     | 393     | 436     | 168     | 282     |
| 4. Total farm receipts                   | 15250               | 13658       | 17660   | 14163   | 16506   | 19473   | 16386   | 19342   | 25816   | 16694   | 14338   |
| <u>Farm Expenses</u>                     |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 5. Total farm purchases                  | \$10271             | \$4818      | \$9842  | \$7475  | \$9837  | \$12969 | \$10198 | \$13100 | \$20146 | \$11118 | \$9288  |
| 6. Decrease in capital                   | 661                 | --          | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      |
| 7. Board fur. hired<br>labor             | 50                  | --          | --      | --      | 6       | 66      | 6       | 160     | 88      | --      | 440     |
| 8. Total farm expenses                   | 10982               | 4818        | 9842    | 7475    | 9843    | 13035   | 10204   | 13260   | 20234   | 11118   | 9728    |
| 9. Return to capital<br>and family labor | 4268                | 8840        | 7818    | 6688    | 6663    | 6438    | 6182    | 6082    | 5582    | 5576    | 4610    |
| Items                                    | 24                  | 1           | 26      | 18      | 2       | 5       | 16      | 11      | 23      | 8       | 13      |
| <u>Farm Income</u>                       |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 1. Total farm sales                      | \$13792             | \$15327     | \$18014 | \$12902 | \$10113 | \$7041  | \$8289  | \$13402 | \$10815 | \$6779  | \$18038 |
| 2. Increase in capital                   | --                  | 2954        | 3224    | --      | --      | 74      | --      | 2590    | --      | --      | --      |
| 3. Family living from<br>farm            | 299                 | 309         | 238     | 86      | 260     | 315     | 185     | 34      | 470     | 178     | 492     |
| 4. Total farm receipts                   | 14091               | 18590       | 21476   | 12988   | 10373   | 7430    | 8474    | 16026   | 11285   | 6957    | 18530   |
| <u>Farm Expenses</u>                     |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 5. Total farm purchases                  | \$8572              | \$14269     | \$17491 | \$8727  | \$6116  | \$4474  | \$5339  | \$15379 | \$8800  | \$4937  | \$12797 |
| 6. Decrease in capital                   | 913                 | --          | 619     | 907     | --      | 1017    | --      | 2258    | 1862    | 1862    | 6311    |
| 7. Board fur. hired<br>labor             | --                  | 240         | --      | 20      | --      | --      | 32      | --      | --      | --      | --      |
| 8. Total farm expenses                   | 9485                | 14509       | 17491   | 9366    | 7023    | 4474    | 6388    | 15379   | 11058   | 6799    | 19108   |
| 9. Return to capital<br>and family labor | 4606                | 4081        | 3985    | 3622    | 3350    | 2956    | 2086    | 647     | 227     | 158     | -578    |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of return to capital and family labor.

Table 5. Net Worth Statement for Those Farmers Who Kept a Record of All Assets and Liabilities (Operator's Share) 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                          | Ave. of<br>19 farms | 19      | 4       | 240     | 100     | 365     | 160     | 280     | 100     | 20      | 3       | 160     | 160 | 22 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|----|
| Total acres - owned            | 251                 | 280     | 54      | 54      | 60      | --      | 265     | 100     | 15      | 15      | 15      | --      | --  | 80 |
| rented                         | 74                  | --      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |    |
| Farm Capital                   | \$27855             | \$48003 | \$23292 | \$28050 | \$21434 | \$42130 | \$29687 | \$34296 | \$17124 | \$17124 | \$18443 |         |     |    |
| Cash on hand                   | 1533                | 6275    | 601     | 200     | --      | 710     | 500     | 3675    | 200     | 200     | 200     | 1300    |     |    |
| Stocks, bonds & life insurance | 481                 | 8721    | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | 26      |     |    |
| Household goods & clothing     | 1547                | 1360    | 1266    | 2500    | 1250    | 2400    | 2500    | 775     | 2000    | 2000    | 2000    | 1500    |     |    |
| Personal share of auto & truck | 207                 | 111     | 946     | --      | 180     | 225     | 430     | 142     | --      | --      | --      | 531     |     |    |
| Farm dwelling                  | 2718                | 5000    | 1919    | 6000    | 3350    | --      | 3000    | 2200    | --      | --      | --      | 1075    |     |    |
| Other non-farm assets          | 1422                | 6900    | 1159    | 350     | 1355    | 2172    | 2036    | 1651    | 925     | 925     | 925     | 1017    |     |    |
| Total non-farm assets          | 7908                | 28367   | 5891    | 9050    | 6135    | 5507    | 8466    | 8443    | 3125    | 3125    | 3125    | 5449    |     |    |
| Total assets                   | 35763               | 76370   | 29183   | 37100   | 27569   | 47637   | 38153   | 42739   | 20249   | 20249   | 20249   | 23892   |     |    |
| Real estate mortgages          | 3348                | --      | 7122    | --      | 3500    | 1500    | 4514    | 6000    | --      | --      | --      | 2032    |     |    |
| Chattel mortgages              | 3665                | --      | 6196    | 4400    | 2693    | 13076   | 5500    | --      | 1969    | 1969    | 1969    | 1306    |     |    |
| Notes payable                  | 910                 | --      | 100     | --      | 2000    | 350     | 300     | 1800    | --      | --      | --      | --      |     |    |
| Accounts payable               | 845                 | --      | 3014    | --      | --      | 506     | 800     | --      | --      | --      | --      | 680     |     |    |
| Total liabilities              | 8768                | --      | 16432   | 4400    | 8193    | 15432   | 11114   | 7800    | 1969    | 1969    | 1969    | 4018    |     |    |
| Net worth                      | 26995               | 76370   | 12751   | 32700   | 19376   | 32205   | 27039   | 34939   | 18280   | 18280   | 18280   | 19874   | 12  |    |
| Farm Capital                   | \$28942             | \$48308 | \$28016 | \$30382 | \$21687 | \$42257 | \$31654 | \$34679 | \$32498 | \$32498 | \$32498 | \$21273 |     |    |
| Cash on hand                   | 1512                | 6650    | 912     | 200     | --      | 710     | 500     | 1450    | 235     | 235     | 235     | 186     |     |    |
| Stocks, bonds & life insurance | 579                 | 10575   | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | 26      |     |    |
| Household goods & clothing     | 1666                | 1960    | 1250    | 2860    | 1250    | 2400    | 2500    | 775     | 2000    | 2000    | 2000    | 1500    |     |    |
| Personal share of auto         | 262                 | 587     | 1404    | --      | 120     | 207     | 255     | 106     | --      | --      | --      | 356     |     |    |
| Farm dwelling                  | 2815                | 5000    | 1836    | 6000    | 3260    | --      | 3000    | 2200    | 2800    | 2800    | 2800    | 1002    |     |    |
| Other non-farm assets          | 1688                | 8208    | 1068    | 350     | 1355    | 2172    | 1066    | 8216    | 975     | 975     | 975     | 950     |     |    |
| Total non-farm assets          | 8522                | 32980   | 6470    | 9410    | 5985    | 5489    | 7321    | 12747   | 6010    | 6010    | 6010    | 4020    |     |    |
| Total assets                   | 37464               | 81288   | 34486   | 39792   | 27672   | 47746   | 38975   | 47426   | 38508   | 38508   | 38508   | 25293   |     |    |
| Real estate mortgages          | 3949                | --      | 7263    | --      | 2500    | 1500    | 4436    | 10500   | 7000    | 7000    | 7000    | 2032    |     |    |
| Chattel mortgages              | 3227                | --      | 6872    | 4100    | 3039    | 12359   | 5878    | --      | --      | --      | --      | 564     |     |    |
| Notes payable                  | 1336                | --      | 3077    | --      | --      | --      | 1000    | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      |     |    |
| Accounts payable               | 1059                | --      | 2673    | --      | --      | 12      | 500     | 1680    | --      | 8600    | 8600    | --      |     |    |
| Total liabilities              | 9571                | --      | 19885   | 4100    | 5551    | 14359   | 12994   | 10500   | 15600   | 15600   | 15600   | 2596    |     |    |
| Net worth                      | 27893               | 81288   | 14601   | 35692   | 22121   | 33387   | 25981   | 36926   | 22908   | 22908   | 22908   | 22697   |     |    |
| Change in net worth            | +898                | +4918   | +1850   | +2992   | +2745   | +1182   | -1058   | +1987   | +4628   | +4628   | +4628   | +2823   |     |    |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of labor earnings

Table 5. Net Worth Statement for Those Farmers Who Kept a Record of All Assets and Liabilities (Operator's Share) 1961  
(continued)

| Items                           | Farm Number |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
|                                 | 26          | 2       | 1       | 18      | 5       | 24      | 16      | 8       | 23      | 390     | 235 |
| Total acres - owned             | 400         | 120     | 280     | 240     | 320     | 360     | 280     | 240     | --      | 160     | 80  |
| - rented                        | --          | 120     | 81      | 307     | 37      | --      | 40      | --      | --      | 160     | 80  |
| Farm Capital                    |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |
| Cash on hand                    | \$36968     | \$18605 | \$32901 | \$25418 | \$14029 | \$28607 | \$21175 | \$19998 | \$33000 | \$36090 |     |
| Stocks, bonds & life insurance  | --          | --      | --      | 400     | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      |     |
| Household goods & clothing      | 3200        | 1100    | 1250    | 500     | 1150    | --      | 100     | 1600    | 2000    | 1950    |     |
| Personal share of auto & truck  | 218         | 152     | 337     | 192     | 70      | 1000    | 10      | --      | 200     | 84      |     |
| Farm dwelling                   | 3000        | 4705    | 4573    | 7468    | 1244    | 100     | 1700    | 360     | 3500    | 540     |     |
| Other non-farm assets           | 2975        | 63      | 2000    | --      | 577     | 2000    | --      | 2542    | 30      | 1267    |     |
| Total non-farm assets           | 9575        | 6020    | 8560    | 8660    | 3171    | 15954   | 2759    | 5267    | 5900    | 3951    |     |
| Total assets                    | 46543       | 24625   | 41461   | 34078   | 17200   | 44561   | 23934   | 25265   | 38900   | 40041   |     |
| Real estate mortgages           | 4500        | 6000    | 12900   | --      | 1101    | --      | 6500    | --      | 7138    | 800     |     |
| Chattel mortgages               | 5095        | 2850    | 3415    | 8069    | 629     | --      | 966     | 2100    | 3717    | 5063    |     |
| Notes payable                   | 2429        | --      | 2000    | 1155    | 4720    | --      | --      | 1000    | 1443    | 2600    |     |
| Accounts payable                | 1918        | 125     | 474     | --      | 95      | --      | --      | 757     | 519     | 7165    |     |
| Total Liabilities               | 13942       | 8975    | 18789   | 9224    | 6545    | --      | 7466    | 3857    | 12817   | 15628   |     |
| Net worth                       | 32601       | 15650   | 22672   | 24854   | 10655   | 44561   | 16468   | 21408   | 26083   | 24413   | 13  |
| Farm Capital                    |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |
| Cash on hand                    | \$40193     | \$17698 | \$35855 | \$24800 | \$14104 | \$27694 | \$20158 | \$18135 | \$30742 | \$29779 |     |
| Stocks, bonds, & life insurance | --          | --      | 30      | 100     | 349     | 15429   | 1010    | 609     | 196     | 169     |     |
| Household goods & clothing      | 3200        | 1100    | 1250    | 1800    | 1150    | --      | --      | --      | --      | --      |     |
| Personal share of auto & truck  | 128         | 101     | 600     | 144     | 750     | 1000    | 10      | --      | 100     | 63      |     |
| Farm dwelling                   | 3000        | 4490    | 4603    | 7202    | 1231    | 50      | 1600    | 360     | 3500    | 400     |     |
| Other non-farm assets           | 1125        | 80      | 2200    | --      | 567     | 2000    | --      | 2695    | --      | 1038    |     |
| Total non-farm assets           | 7453        | 5771    | 8683    | 9646    | 4047    | 18479   | 2720    | 5264    | 5796    | 3620    |     |
| Total assets                    | 47646       | 23469   | 44538   | 34446   | 18151   | 46173   | 22878   | 23399   | 36538   | 33399   |     |
| Real estate mortgages           | 4500        | 5500    | 12650   | --      | 873     | --      | 5500    | --      | 7020    | 3750    |     |
| Chattel mortgages               | 5450        | 2350    | 3950    | 5829    | 275     | --      | 1099    | 2100    | 2867    | 4586    |     |
| Notes payable                   | 2329        | --      | 2500    | 1625    | 5900    | --      | --      | --      | 363     | --      |     |
| Accounts payable                | 900         | 7850    | 404     | --      | 162     | --      | --      | 695     | 395     | 4850    |     |
| Total Liabilities               | T3179       | T5700   | T9504   | 7454    | 7210    | --      | 6599    | 2795    | T0645   | T3186   |     |
| Net worth                       | 34467       | 7769    | 25034   | 26992   | 10941   | 46173   | 16279   | 20604   | 25893   | 20213   |     |
| Change in net worth             | +1866       | -7881   | +2362   | +2138   | +286    | +1612   | -189    | -804    | -190    | -4200   |     |

Table 6. Household and Personal Expenses for Those Farmers Who Kept Accounts of These Expenses, 1961

| Items                                   | Ave. of<br>16 farms | 22     | 20     | 3      | 27     | 4      | Farm Number | 21     | 24     |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Number of persons--family               | 5.0                 | 4.0    | 7.0    | 9.0    | 7.0    | 6.0    | 7.0         | 7.0    | 3.0    |
| Adult equivalents--family*              | 3.7                 | 3.3    | 5.1    | 5.6    | 4.4    | 4.7    | 4.7         | 4.7    | 2.8    |
| other                                   | .1                  | .9     | .3     | --     | --     | --     | --          | --     | --     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |                     |        |        |        |        |        |             |        |        |
| Food and meals bought                   | \$848               | \$740  | \$1195 | \$1227 | \$590  | \$1000 | \$1036      | \$1165 | \$1165 |
| Operating and supplies                  | 168                 | 295    | 175    | 317    | 71     | 345    | 394         | 77     | 77     |
| Furnishings and equipment               | 183                 | 36     | 184    | 443    | 437    | 227    | 103         | 36     | 36     |
| Clothing & clothing materials           | 266                 | 326    | 576    | 444    | 272    | 487    | 317         | 220    | 220    |
| Personal care & spending                | 101                 | 77     | 142    | 68     | 32     | 75     | 97          | 283    | 283    |
| Education & recreation                  | 94                  | 75     | 271    | 136    | 5      | 201    | 47          | 6      | 6      |
| Gifts & special events                  | 82                  | 110    | 152    | 83     | 113    | 52     | 112         | 20     | 20     |
| Medical & hosp. insurance               | 253                 | 340    | 431    | 377    | 192    | 440    | 147         | 20     | 20     |
| Church & welfare                        | 90                  | 89     | 87     | 328    | 195    | 344    | 47          | 10     | 10     |
| Personal share of auto expense          | 150                 | 262    | 142    | 49     | 90     | 688    | 97          | 154    | 154    |
| Upkeep on dwelling                      | 54                  | 708    | 66     | --     | --     | --     | 14          | 4      | 4      |
| Personal share of tel. & elec. expense  | 139                 | 96     | 98     | 69     | 461    | 145    | 189         | 120    | 120    |
| Total cash living expense               | 2428                | 3154   | 3519   | 3541   | 2458   | 4004   | 2600        | 2115   | 14     |
| Personal share of new autos             | 183                 | --     | --     | --     | --     | 836    | --          | --     | --     |
| New dwelling                            | 74                  | --     | 150    | --     | --     | 1036   | --          | --     | --     |
| Taxes                                   | 51                  | 64     | 12     | --     | --     | --     | 98          | 201    | 201    |
| Life insurance                          | 115                 | 41     | 107    | 294    | 536    | 187    | 118         | --     | --     |
| Other savings & investments             | 460                 | --     | --     | 6500   | --     | 311    | 162         | --     | --     |
| Total household & personal cash expense | 3311                | 3259   | 3788   | 10335  | 2994   | 6374   | 2978        | 2316   | 2316   |
| Family living from the farm             | 301                 | 282    | 394    | 316    | 612    | 494    | 168         | 299    | 299    |
| Total cash expense and prerequisites    | 3612                | 3541   | 4182   | 10651  | 3606   | 6868   | 3146        | 2615   | 2615   |
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |                     |        |        |        |        |        |             |        |        |
| Return to capital and family labor      | \$3554              | \$4610 | \$6082 | \$6688 | \$6662 | \$6182 | \$5576      | \$4606 | \$4606 |
| Other personal income                   | 526                 | 3403   | 1074   | --     | --     | 235    | 64          | 232    | 232    |
| Total income                            | 4080                | 8013   | 7156   | 6688   | 6662   | 6417   | 5640        | 4838   | 4838   |

I. Arranged by descending order of return to capital and family labor plus personal income  
 \* Hired help or others boarded

Table 6. Household and Personal Expenses for Those Farmers Who Kept Accounts of These Expenses, 1961 (continued)

| Items                                  | Farm Number |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|  | 26          | 18     | 2      | 5      | 16     | 13     | 8     |
| Number of persons--family              | 7.0         | 2.0    | 6.0    | 4.0    | 3.0    | 7.0    | 2.0   |
| Adult equivalents--family              | 5.2         | 1.8    | 3.8    | 3.6    | 2.2    | 5.1    | 1.8   |
| other                                  | .2          | --     | --     | --     | .1     | --     | --    |
| <u>Expenses</u>                        |             |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Food and meals bought                  | \$723       | \$485  | \$972  | \$907  | \$395  | \$1064 | \$438 |
| Operating and supplies                 | 126         | 28     | 102    | 113    | 40     | 78     | 281   |
| Furnishings and equipment              | 428         | 258    | 433    | 57     | 1      | --     | 237   |
| Clothing & clothing materials          | 339         | 168    | 289    | 266    | 25     | 170    | 150   |
| Personal care & spending               | 40          | 199    | 133    | 34     | 26     | 3      | 147   |
| Education & recreation                 | 148         | 19     | 151    | 224    | --     | 10     | 119   |
| Gifts & special events                 | 61          | 308    | 118    | 18     | 15     | --     | 291   |
| Medical & hosp. insurance              | 413         | 83     | 233    | 51     | 617    | 146    | 97    |
| Church & welfare                       | 36          | --     | 225    | 67     | 1      | --     | 97    |
| Personal share of auto expense         | 178         | 109    | 81     | 94     | 31     | 20     | 47    |
| Upkeep on dwelling                     | --          | --     | --     | 72     | 2      | --     | 45    |
| Personal share of tel. & elec. expense | 127         | 108    | 135    | 163    | 108    | 133    | 109   |
| Total cash living expense              | 2619        | 1765   | 2872   | 2066   | 1261   | 1624   | 1476  |
| Personal share of new autos            | --          | --     | --     | 750    | --     | --     | 1338  |
| New dwelling                           | --          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --    |
| Taxes                                  | 35          | --     | 39     | --     | 30     | 204    | --    |
| Life insurance                         | 280         | 58     | 75     | --     | --     | 66     | 136   |
| Other savings & investments            | --          | --     | --     | 48     | --     | 200    | 42    |
| Total household & personal cash exp.   | 2934        | 1823   | 2986   | 2864   | 1291   | 2094   | 1565  |
| Family living from the farm            | 238         | 86     | 259    | 315    | 185    | 492    | 179   |
| Total cash expense and prerequisites   | 3172        | 1909   | 3245   | 3179   | 1476   | 2586   | 1744  |
| <u>Receipts</u>                        |             |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Return to capital and family labor     | \$3985      | \$3622 | \$3350 | \$2955 | \$2086 | \$-578 | \$158 |
| Other personal income                  | 141         | --     | 211    | --     | --     | 1741   | 1000  |
| Total income                           | 4126        | 3622   | 3561   | 2955   | 2086   | 1163   | 1158  |

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Table 7. Family Living From the Farm, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items           | No. of adult equivalents: | Ave. of 9 farms |       |       |       |       |       |       | Farm Number |       |       |     |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|--|
|                 |                           | 7               | 19    | 4     | 27    | 21    | 25    | 20    | 3           | 12    | 22    |     |  |
| Family          | 4.3                       | 11.2            | 6.8   | 4.7   | 4.4   | 4.7   | 5.3   | 5.1   | 5.6         | 3.0   | 3.3   |     |  |
| Other*          | .8                        | --              | --    | --    | --    | --    | .1    | .3    | --          | .2    | .9    |     |  |
| Whole milk qts. | 1445                      | 2336            | 2170  | 1543  | 2430  | --    | 2400  | 2190  | 1490        | 1130  | 816   |     |  |
| Cream pts.      | 43                        | --              | 54    | --    | 119   | --    | 72    | --    | --          | --    | --    |     |  |
| Cattle lbs.     | 661                       | 700             | 500   | 1900  | 900   | --    | --    | 1100  | --          | 1200  | 630   |     |  |
| Hogs lbs.       | 296                       | --              | --    | --    | 1400  | 1000  | --    | --    | 486         | 695   | 800   | 240 |  |
| Lamb lbs.       | --                        | --              | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --          | --    | --    |     |  |
| Poultry doz.    | 72                        | --              | --    | --    | 294   | --    | --    | --    | --          | 216   | 160   | 200 |  |
| Eggs doz.       | 33                        | --              | --    | --    | 102   | --    | --    | --    | --          | 230   | --    | --  |  |
| Total value     | \$301                     | \$328           | \$258 | \$494 | \$612 | \$168 | \$176 | \$394 | \$316       | \$436 | \$282 |     |  |

| Items                     | Ave. of 9 farms |       |       |      |       |       |       | Farm Number |       |       |       |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                           | 26              | 2     | 1     | 18   | 5     | 24    | 16    | 11          | 8     | 23    | 13    |  |
| No. of adult equivalents: |                 |       |       |      |       |       |       |             |       |       |       |  |
| Family                    | 5.2             | 3.8   | 3.8   | 1.8  | 3.6   | 2.8   | 2.2   | 1.1         | 1.8   | 4.6   | 5.1   |  |
| Other*                    | .2              | --    | .5    | --   | --    | .1    | --    | --          | --    | --    | --    |  |
| Whole milk qts.           | 2700            | 1040  | 2160  | 1305 | 800   | 2160  | 1200  | 288         | 600   | 1585  | --    |  |
| Cream pts.                | --              | 33    | --    | --   | 437   | --    | --    | 96          | --    | 98    | --    |  |
| Cattle lbs.               | 400             | 900   | 600   | --   | 1000  | 900   | 560   | --          | 640   | 1650  | 800   |  |
| Hogs lbs.                 | --              | 400   | 400   | --   | 300   | --    | --    | --          | --    | --    | --    |  |
| Poultry lbs.              | --              | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --          | --    | --    | 650   |  |
| Eggs doz.                 | --              | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --          | --    | --    | 360   |  |
| Total value               | \$238           | \$259 | \$309 | \$86 | \$315 | \$299 | \$185 | \$34        | \$178 | \$470 | \$492 |  |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of labor earnings

\* Hired help or others boarded.

### Some Management Factors That Affect Earnings

Some of the variation in earnings from year to year and from farm to farm are due to variations in prices, weather, and other factors over which the farmer has little, if any, control. However, there are many management factors which are largely within the control of a farm operator. Some of these management factors are shown in table 9.

Volume or size of business in terms of work units is probably the most important of these factors. Size of business varied from 737 work units to 115 per farm. Farms with a large business tend to have an advantage in labor efficiency and in control over expenses. A well-balanced crop and livestock program spreads the work load throughout the year and provides for fuller employment of workers.

Control of farm expenses is another important factor. One measure of this is the power, mach., equip., and bldg. expense per work unit shown in table 9. A second measure is that of power and machinery expenses per crop acre as shown in table 12. Another measure can be determined by calculating the proportion of farm sales needed to cover farm expenses. (Table 2: item 40 + item 12). An average of 70-75 percent of the farm sales are usually needed to pay farm expenses. This, however, varies considerably among farmers. High costs relative to gross income holds earnings down on some farms. However, although a farmer should attempt to keep the proportion of farm expenses relatively low, he cannot do this by decreasing those expenses necessary for maintaining an adequate volume of production. Instead, it is usually necessary to increase total expenses in order to increase the volume of sales. The purchase of commercial fertilizers, for example, increases farm expenses. This, in turn, will increase the feed supply under normal weather conditions and make possible the maintenance of a greater number of livestock.

#### 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 8.

Table 8. Number of Work Units for Each Class of Livestock and Each Acre of Crop

| Class of Livestock                | No. of<br>Work Units | Crop        | No. of<br>Work Units |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Dairy & dual-purpose cows         | 10.0 per cow         | Small grain | .7 per acre          |
| Other dairy & dual-purpose cattle | 3.5 per an. unit*    | Truck crops | 6.0 per acre         |
| Beef breeding herd                | 3.5 per an. unit*    | Potatoes    | 3.8 per acre         |
| Feeder cattle                     | .25 per 100 lbs.     | Corn-husked | 1.1 per acre         |
| Sheep - farm flock                | 1.2 per an. unit*    | Corn-silage | 1.7 per acre         |
| Sheep - feeder                    | .3 per 100 lbs.      | Oat silage  | .9 per acre          |
| Hogs                              | .2 per 100 lbs.      | Alfalfa hay | .9 per acre          |
| Turkeys                           | .5 per 100 lbs.      | Other hay   | .6 per acre          |
| Hens                              | 20.0 per 100 hens    | Legume seed | 1.0 per acre         |

\* An animal unit is based on the amount of T.D.N. consumed. One animal unit thus represents 1 dairy cow or bull, 2 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, 2-1/2 hogs, 5 pigs, 50 hens or 1.100 pounds of turkeys produced.

Table 9. Measures of Farm Organization and Management Efficiency, 1961<sup>1</sup>

|   | Ave. of<br>21 farms | 7      | 19     | 4      | 27     | 21      | 25     | 20     | 3      | 12     | 22     |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Items   | \$2734              | \$5894 | \$5410 | \$5248 | \$4910 | \$4892  | \$4879 | \$4805 | \$4686 | \$4039 | \$3852 |
| Labor earnings  | 100                 | 55     | 104    | 178    | 228    | 58      | 91     | 72     | 133    | 135    | 88     |
| Crop yields*  |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Index of return for \$100<br>feed to prod. livestock      | 100                 | 153    | 124    | 97     | 93     | 102     | 83     | 107    | 101    | 90     | 92     |
| Livestock units per<br>100 acres**                        | 24.2                | 28.8   | 24.8   | 19.2   | 58.6   | 30.2    | 16.6   | 19.5   | 40.8   | 28.4   | 17.0   |
| Size of business--  |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| work units  | 412                 | 576    | 526    | 434    | 443    | 230     | 698    | 472    | 373    | 333    | 323    |
| Work units per worker                                     | 293                 | 288    | 309    | 334    | 316    | 192     | 465    | 295    | 311    | 278    | 231    |
| Power, mach., equip., &<br>bldg. expense per<br>work unit | \$8.80              | \$4.67 | \$7.79 | \$5.56 | \$5.28 | \$11.22 | \$8.12 | \$8.83 | \$7.48 | \$7.32 | \$8.52 |
| Items related to above measures:                          |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Index of return for \$100 feed from:                      |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Dairy cattle  | 100                 | 153    | 133    | 97     | 86     | --      | 83     | 107    | 111    | 92     | 74     |
| Hogs  | 100                 | --     | 105    | --     | 115    | 92      | --     | --     | 78     | 80     | 123    |
| Sheep   | 100                 | --     | --     | --     | --     | 118     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Chickens  | 100                 | --     | --     | --     | 81     | --      | --     | --     | 120    | --     | --     |
| Number of<br>animal units                                 | 53.4                | 60.5   | 60.3   | 46.9   | 65.0   | 74.2    | 63.9   | 53.1   | 46.5   | 38.9   | 35.7   |
| Work units:   |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Crops   | 88                  | 103    | 115    | 81     | 46     | 79      | 175    | 83     | 72     | 62     | 95     |
| Productive livestock                                      | 312                 | 471    | 409    | 353    | 397    | 151     | 520    | 376    | 301    | 271    | 228    |
| Other   | 12                  | 2      | 2      | --     | --     | --      | 3      | 13     | --     | --     | --     |
| No. of workers:   |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Family  | 1.3                 | 2.0    | 1.0    | 1.3    | 1.4    | 1.2     | 1.3    | 1.3    | 1.2    | 1.2    | 1.0    |
| Hired   | .1                  | .1     | .7     | .7     | .7     | .7      | .2     | .3     | .2     | .2     | .4     |
| Total   | 1.4                 | 2.0    | 1.7    | 1.3    | 1.4    | 1.2     | 1.5    | 1.6    | 1.2    | 1.2    | 1.4    |
| Expense per work unit:                                    |                     |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Power   | \$4.99              | \$3.02 | \$3.31 | \$2.91 | \$2.27 | \$6.17  | \$4.58 | \$6.02 | \$4.64 | \$4.52 | \$5.24 |
| Crop mach.  | 2.07                | .66    | 2.80   | 1.76   | 1.87   | 2.85    | 1.96   | 1.62   | 1.18   | 2.33   | 1.67   |
| Livestock equip.  | .61                 | .51    | .50    | .37    | .50    | .83     | .66    | .77    | .34    | .45    | .49    |
| Bldgs. & fencing  | 1.13                | .48    | 1.18   | .52    | .64    | 1.37    | .92    | .42    | 1.32   | .02    | 1.12   |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged by descending order of labor earnings

\* Given as a percentage of the average

\*\* An index weighted by the animal units of livestock

\*\*\* Areas in timber not pastured, roads, waste, and farmstead were not included.

Table 9. Measures of Farm Organization and Management Efficiency, 1961 (continued)

| Items   | 26         | 2          | 1          | 18         | 5          | 24         | 16         | 11         | 8          | 23         | 13         |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Labor earnings                                      | \$2956     | \$2480     | \$2423     | \$2234     | \$2132     | \$1398     | \$1192.63  | \$-308     | \$-1060    | \$-1485    | \$-3157    |
| Crop yields*  | 111        | 102        | 122        | 96         | 93         | 78         | 52         | 140        | 44         | 66         | 56         |
| Index of ret. for \$100 feed to prod. livestock**   | 80         | 98         | 104        | 93         | 113        | 114        | 116        | 83         | 76         | 96         | 79         |
| Livestock units per 100 acres***                    | 25.6       | 22.0       | 20.3       | 13.4       | 9.9        | 22.4       | 19.2       | 21.8       | 30.8       | 10.0       | 29.2       |
| Size of business-- work units                       | 615        | 346        | 440        | 382        | 312        | 464        | 338        | 387        | 226        | 444        | 285        |
| Work units per worker                               | 512        | 288        | 220        | 347        | 240        | 232        | 307        | 387        | 188        | 261        | 158        |
| Power, mach., equip., & bldg. expense per work unit | \$10.50    | \$7.50     | \$11.93    | \$9.10     | \$7.00     | \$9.48     | \$7.63     | \$15.36    | \$6.98     | \$14.09    | \$10.52    |
|   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Items related to above measures:                    |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Index of return for \$100 feed from:                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Dairy cattle  | 80         | 85         | 98         | 93         | 113        | 114        | 98         | 83         | 100        | 96         | --         |
| Hogs  | --         | 130        | 116        | --         | 109        | --         | --         | 84         | --         | --         | 66         |
| Sheep   | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | 157        | --         | 67         | --         | 59         |
| Chickens  | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| No. of animal units                                 | 75.3       | 42.8       | 62.2       | 42.5       | 27.8       | 53.4       | 46.3       | 38.3       | 57.6       | 43.9       | 86.6       |
| Work units:   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Crops   | 109        | 73         | 102        | 55         | 53         | 89         | 74         | 84         | 47         | 95         | 165        |
| Productive livestock                                | 488        | 248        | 332        | 301        | 167        | 361        | 264        | 303        | 157        | 340        | 110        |
| Other   | 18         | 25         | 6          | 26         | 92         | 14         | --         | --         | 22         | 9          | 10         |
| No. of workers:                                     |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Family  | 1.0        | 1.2        | 1.5        | 1.1        | 1.3        | 2.0        | 1.0        | 1.0        | 1.2        | 1.7        | 1.8        |
| Hired   | .2         | --         | .5         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| Total   | <u>1.2</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>2.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>1.3</u> | <u>2.0</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>1.7</u> | <u>1.8</u> |
| Expense per work unit:                              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Power   | \$6.04     | \$4.59     | \$6.48     | \$5.52     | \$4.15     | \$4.57     | \$5.21     | \$11.31    | \$3.51     | \$5.39     | \$5.25     |
| Crop mach.  | 1.82       | 1.64       | 2.77       | 1.47       | 1.93       | 3.51       | .72        | 2.42       | 1.71       | 4.06       | 2.84       |
| Livestock equip.                                    | 1.32       | .41        | .81        | 1.15       | .46        | .38        | .47        | .44        | .29        | .58        | 1.09       |
| Bldgs. & fencing                                    | 1.32       | .86        | 1.87       | .96        | .46        | 1.02       | 1.23       | 1.19       | 1.47       | 4.06       | 1.34       |

Table 10. Distribution of Acres in Farm, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Crop   | Ave. of<br>21 farms | Farm Number |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |
|--|---------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  |                     | 7           | 19  | 4   | 27  | 21  | 25   | 20  | 3   | 12  | 22  |
| Oats for grain<br>and silage                           | 24.4                | --          | 47  | 36  | --  | 10  | 83.4 | 31  | 30  | 29  | --  |
| Other small grains                                     | 4.1                 | 3           | 15  | --  | --  | 5   | 95.4 | 31  | 30  | 29  | 21  |
| Total small grains                                     | 28.5                | 3           | 62  | 36  | --  | 15  | --   | --  | --  | --  | 21  |
| Corn grain   | 25.8                | --          | 55  | 20  | --  | 50  | 34   | --  | 23  | 36  | 53  |
| Corn silage  | 25.6                | 70          | 14  | 30  | --  | 10  | 60   | 28  | 17  | 9   | 21  |
| Total cultivated crops                                 | 51.4                | 70          | 69  | 50  | --  | 60  | 94   | 28  | 40  | 45  | 74  |
| Alfalfa & alfalfa mix hay                              | 37.6                | 74          | 53  | 27  | 77  | 45  | 81   | 15  | 40  | 23  | 44  |
| Red clover hay   | 4.4                 | --          | --  | --  | --  | --  | --   | --  | --  | --  | --  |
| Timothy or bromegrass hay                              | 10.9                | --          | --  | 9   | --  | --  | 12   | 76  | --  | --  | --  |
| Other hay & seed crops                                 | 8.7                 | 20          | --  | --  | --  | --  | --   | --  | --  | --  | --  |
| Total tillable land<br>in hay                          | 61.6                | 94          | 53  | 36  | 77  | 45  | 93   | 91  | 40  | 23  | 44  |
| Alfalfa & alfalfa mix<br>pasture                       | 14.3                | 25          | 39  | 20  | 17  | --  | 22   | 22  | --  | --  | --  |
| Other tillable pasture                                 | 16.1                | --          | --  | 18  | --  | 43  | 20   | --  | --  | --  | 57  |
| Total tillable land<br>in pasture                      | 30.4                | 25          | 39  | 38  | 17  | 43  | 42   | 22  | --  | --  | 57  |
| Soil bank  | 12.0                | --          | --  | 10  | --  | 40  | 60.6 | 25  | --  | --  | --  |
| Tillable land not cropped                              | 4.4                 | --          | --  | --  | --  | 30  | --   | 10  | --  | --  | --  |
| Total tillable land                                    | 188.3               | 192         | 223 | 170 | 94  | 233 | 385  | 207 | 110 | 97  | 196 |
| Wild hay   | 10.0                | --          | --  | 8   | --  | --  | --   | 30  | 4   | 14  | --  |
| Non-tillable pasture                                   | 46.5                | 18          | 20  | 66  | 17  | 13  | --   | 35  | --  | 26  | 14  |
| Timber not pastured,<br>roads, waste, and<br>farmstead | 89.9                | 410         | 37  | 50  | 49  | 119 | 40   | 108 | 61  | 23  | 30  |
| Total acres in farm                                    | 334.7               | 620         | 280 | 294 | 160 | 365 | 425  | 380 | 175 | 160 | 240 |
| Percent land tillable                                  | 56                  | 31          | 80  | 58  | 59  | 64  | 90   | 54  | 63  | 61  | 82  |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of labor earnings

Table 10. Distribution of Acres in Farm, 1961 (continued)

| Crop  | 26  | 2   | 1    | 18  | 5    | 24   | 16  | 11  | 8    | 23    | 13  | Farm Number |
|---|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|-----|-------------|
| Oats for grain and silage   | 18  | 37  | --   | --  | 16   | 47.5 | --  | 28  | --   | 47    | 53  |             |
| Other small grains  | --  | --  | --   | --  | --   | --   | --  | --  | --   | --    | 31  |             |
| Total small grains  | 18  | 37  | --   | --  | 16   | 47.5 | --  | 28  | --   | 47    | 84  |             |
| Corn grain  | 12  | 65  | --   | --  | --   | 26   | 49  | --  | --   | 56    | 64  |             |
| Corn silage   | 22  | 30  | 33   | --  | 39.5 | 29   | 16  | --  | 10   | 16    | 29  |             |
| Total cultivated crops  | 55  | 34  | 95   | 33  | --   | 39.5 | 55  | 65  | 10   | 72    | 93  |             |
| Alfalfa and alfalfa mix hay   | 10  | 40  | 3.5  | 8   | 23   | 43   | --  | 34  | 50   | 26.5  | 72  |             |
| Red clover hay  | 93  | --  | 20   | 18  | --   | --   | --  | --  | --   | --    | --  |             |
| Timothy or bromegrass   | --  | --  | 40   | 26  | 22   | --   | 40  | --  | 18   | --    | --  |             |
| Other hay & seed crops  | --  | --  | --   | --  | --   | --   | --  | --  | --   | --    | 17  |             |
| Total tillable land in hay  | 103 | 40  | 63.5 | 52  | 102  | 53   | 67  | 34  | 68   | 26.5  | 89  |             |
| Alfalfa & alfalfa mix pasture   | 1   | 3   | --   | 4   | 14   | 48   | --  | --  | 72.4 | 12    | 16  |             |
| Other tillable pasture  | --  | --  | --   | 64  | --   | --   | 97  | --  | --   | 8     | 14  |             |
| Total tillable land in pasture  | 1   | 3   | --   | 68  | 14   | 48   | 97  | --  | 72.4 | 20    | 30  |             |
| Soil bank   | 35  | 3   | 22.5 | 5   | --   | --   | --  | --  | 27.6 | 50    | --  |             |
| Tillable land not cropped   | --  | --  | --   | --  | --   | --   | --  | --  | 9    | 15    | --  |             |
| Total tillable land   | 212 | 117 | 181  | 158 | 132  | 188  | 219 | 127 | 187  | 230.5 | 296 |             |
| Wild hay  | --  | 11  | 125  | 100 | 120  | 50   | 20  | 14  | --   | 20    | --  |             |
| Non-tillable pasture, Timber not pastured, roads, waste and farmstead | 82  | 66  | --   | --  | --   | --   | 20  | 2   | 35   | --    | 187 | --          |
| Total acres in farm   | 400 | 240 | 361  | 547 | 357  | 360  | 320 | 240 | 240  | 550   | 315 |             |
| Percent land tillable   | 53  | 49  | 50   | 29  | 37   | 52   | 68  | 53  | 78   | 42    | 94  |             |

Table 11. Crop Yields per Acre, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Crop                                | Ave. of farms<br>raising each | Farm Number |      |      |     |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
|                                     |                               | 7           | 19   | 4    | 27  | 21   | 25   | 20  | 3    | 12   | 22   |
| Oats silage, tons                   | 5.0                           | --          | --   | --   | --  | 2.5  | 3.2  | --  | --   | --   | --   |
| Oats grain, bu.                     | 26.8                          | --          | 28.8 | 40.0 | --  | 10.0 | 25.1 | --  | 16.0 | 37.9 | --   |
| Corn grain, bu.                     | 41.2                          | --          | 50.7 | 65.0 | --  | 25.0 | 24.7 | --  | 60.0 | 55.5 | 40.0 |
| Corn silage, tons                   | 6.8                           | 6.0         | 6.8  | 6.2  | --  | 4.0  | 4.2  | 6.0 | 9.9  | 14.1 | 10.0 |
| Alfalfa & alfalfa mix.<br>hay, tons | 1.3                           | .3          | 1.1  | 3.2  | 2.9 | .8   | 1.3  | .5  | 2.2  | 1.1  | .5   |
| Timothy & brome hay,<br>tons        | 1.0                           | --          | --   | 3.8  | --  | --   | 1.6  | .7  | --   | --   | --   |
| Annual hay, tons                    | .8                            | .2          | --   | --   | --  | --   | --   | --  | --   | --   | --   |
| Wild hay, tons                      | .9                            | --          | --   | 0    | --  | --   | --   | .4  | 2.3  | 1.4  | --   |

| Crop                                | Farm Number |      |      |     |     |      |      |      |      |     | 1    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
|                                     | 26          | 2    | 1    | 18  | 5   | 24   | 16   | 11   | 8    | 23  |      |
| Oats silage, tons                   | 11.1        | 3.3  | --   | --  | --  | 30.0 | 24.0 | --   | 35.0 | --  | 10.2 |
| Oats grain, bu.                     | --          | 52.7 | --   | --  | --  | --   | 20.4 | 50.0 | --   | --  | 12.6 |
| Corn grain, bu.                     | --          | 40.0 | 53.8 | --  | --  | --   | 3.0  | 10.8 | 4.0  | 7.6 | 21.3 |
| Corn silage, tons                   | 5.5         | 7.0  | 8.3  | 4.9 | --  | 6.1  | --   | --   | --   | --  | 5.2  |
| Alfalfa & alfalfa mix.<br>hay, tons | 2.0         | .8   | .7   | 2.5 | 1.6 | .7   | --   | 2.0  | .1   | .9  | .5   |
| Timothy & brome<br>hay, tons        | --          | --   | .4   | .2  | .7  | .6   | --   | --   | --   | --  | --   |
| Annual hay, tons                    | --          | --   | 1.2  | 1.2 | .9  | --   | --   | .6   | 1.0  | --  | .3   |
| Wild hay, tons                      | --          | 1.2  | --   | 1.0 | 0   | --   | 1.4  | .4   | --   | .9  | --   |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged by descending order of labor earnings

Table 12. Power and Machinery Expenses per Crop Acre, 1961

| Items                                   | Ave. of<br>21 farms | 7      | 19     | 4      | 27     | 21     | 25     | 20     | 3      | 12     | 22     |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Crop acres per farm                     | 141                 | 167    | 184    | 122    | 77     | 120    | 268    | 150    | 110    | 97     | 139    |
| Tractor exp. per<br>crop acre           | \$5.63              | \$7.20 | \$3.66 | \$4.28 | \$5.54 | \$5.19 | \$5.40 | \$8.13 | \$5.78 | \$6.18 | \$2.53 |
| Crop & gen. mach. exp.<br>per crop acre | 6.24                | 2.29   | 8.00   | 6.24   | 10.74  | 5.47   | 5.12   | 5.10   | 4.02   | 8.01   | 3.89   |

| Items                                   | Ave. of<br>26 farms | 2      | 1      | 18     | 5      | 24     | 16     | 11     | 8      | 23     | 13     |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Crop acres per farm                     | 176                 | 111    | 158.5  | 85     | 118    | 140    | 122    | 127    | 78     | 145.5  | 266    |
| Tractor exp. per<br>crop acre           | \$5.86              | \$5.42 | \$7.73 | \$6.32 | \$5.04 | \$6.79 | \$6.76 | \$7.17 | \$3.16 | \$7.40 | \$2.65 |
| Crop & gen. mach. exp.<br>per crop acre | 6.36                | 5.12   | 7.69   | 6.59   | 5.11   | 11.63  | 2.01   | 7.37   | 4.96   | 12.38  | 3.05   |

Table 13. Average Price of Feeds, 1961

| Items                  | Value  | Items                             | Value   |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Ear corn, per bu.      | \$ .94 | Alfalfa hay, per ton              | \$19.50 |
| Oats, per bu.          | .60    | Red or alsike clover hay, per ton | 16.50   |
| Barley, per bu.        | .93    | Timothy, per ton                  | 11.30   |
| Wheat, per bu.         | 2.00   | Wild hay, per ton                 | 9.75    |
| Soybean meal, per cwt. | 4.35   | Corn silage, per ton              | 6.75    |
| Meat scraps, per cwt.  | 5.70   | Pasture per mo. per cow           | 2.50    |

Table 14. Factors of Cost and Returns from Dairy Cows, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                            | Ave. of<br>19 farms | Farm Number |          |           |          |           |          | 24       | 27        | 5<br>22 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
|                                  |                     | 1           | 20       | 11        | 3        | 24        | 18       |          |           |         |
| Pounds of butterfat per cow      | 344                 | 410         | 408      | 399       | 386      | 384       | 375      | 375      | 375       | 357     |
| Pounds of milk per cow           | 9624                | 11664       | 11281    | 12504     | 11260    | 11666     | 11412    | 11016    | 10991     | 10282   |
| Ave. test of milk (percent)      | 3.6                 | 3.5         | 3.6      | 3.2       | 3.4      | 3.3       | 3.3      | 3.4      | 3.4       | 3.5     |
| Price per lb. BF sold (cents)    | 94.6                | 100.8       | 99.8     | 92.8      | 93.0     | 91.2      | 101.0    | 90.5     | 91.4      | 100.2   |
| Price per cwt. milk sold         | \$ 3.43             | \$ 3.54     | \$ 3.61  | \$ 2.96   | \$ 3.19  | \$ 3.01   | \$ 3.33  | \$ 3.09  | \$ 3.06   | \$ 3.48 |
| Feed per cow, lbs.:              |                     |             |          |           |          |           |          |          |           |         |
| Corn                             | 1306                | 2183        | 1173     | 2462      | 1338     | 823       | 1465     | --       | 1350      | 2109    |
| Small grain                      | 818                 | 1485        | -        | 1332      | 274      | 2233      | 479      | 2287     | -         | 1330    |
| Commercial feeds                 | 896                 | 1384        | 1962     | 1154      | 566      | 312       | 2693     | 174      | 76        | 1317    |
| Legume hay                       | 4800                | 2574        | 2864     | 6918      | 5348     | 2910      | 4615     | 13032    | 7203      | 2857    |
| Other hay                        | 928                 | 2784        | 3102     | --        | --       | 970       | 428      | --       | --        | --      |
| Total concentrates               | 3020                | 5052        | 3135     | 4948      | 2178     | 3368      | 4637     | 2461     | 1426      | 4756    |
| Total hay                        | 5728                | 5358        | 5966     | 6918      | 5348     | 3880      | 5043     | 13032    | 7203      | 2857    |
| Silage                           | 12000               | 13250       | 14373    | 10842     | 12299    | 9478      | 12051    | --       | 5254      | 26494   |
| Feed cost per cow:               |                     |             |          |           |          |           |          |          |           |         |
| Concentrates                     | \$ 67.80            | \$ 112.00   | \$ 95.43 | \$ 108.62 | \$ 57.28 | \$ 105.20 | \$ 54.01 | \$ 29.36 | \$ 124.64 | -       |
| Roughages                        | 89.68               | 85.80       | 88.53    | 104.98    | 93.65    | 61.87     | 88.09    | 126.62   | 86.00     | 117.27  |
| Pasture                          | 11.09               | 12.24       | 12.20    | 10.44     | 9.49     | 8.86      | 10.36    | 14.15    | 13.34     | 10.88   |
| Total feed cost                  | 168.57              | 210.04      | 196.16   | 224.04    | 160.42   | 139.00    | 203.65   | 194.78   | 128.70    | 252.79  |
| Value of produce per cow:        |                     |             |          |           |          |           |          |          |           |         |
| Dairy product sales              | 316.70              | 406.00      | 400.34   | 369.49    | 343.70   | 342.97    | 368.42   | 317.00   | 325.24    | 353.85  |
| Used in home                     | 5.18                | 6.29        | 5.20     | 1.24      | 5.58     | 5.32      | 3.68     | 6.25     | 10.73     | 3.66    |
| Fed                              | 5.46                | --          | .89      | 4.91      | 9.63     | 2.73      | 7.30     | 14.94    | 5.22      | 1.99    |
| Net increase in value<br>of cows | -2.29               | -1.76       | -12.44   | -.56      | -8.40    | 4.60      | -3.40    | 1.89     | -.66      | 11.82   |
| Total value produced             | 325.05              | 410.35      | 393.99   | 375.08    | 350.51   | 355.62    | 376.00   | 340.08   | 340.53    | 371.32  |
| Return above feed cost per cow:  | 156.48              | 200.49      | 197.83   | 151.04    | 190.09   | 216.62    | 172.35   | 145.30   | 211.83    | 118.53  |
| Returns for \$100 of feed        | \$203               | \$195       | \$200    | \$167     | \$218    | \$256     | \$185    | \$175    | \$265     | \$147   |
| Feed cost per lb. BF (cents)     | 48.8                | 51.2        | 48.0     | 56.2      | 42.0     | 36.0      | 54.0     | 52.0     | 34.0      | 70.0    |
| Number of cows                   | 25.2                | 23.7        | 29.5     | 27.3      | 18.7     | 26.8      | 23.4     | 28.8     | 11.8      | 15.4    |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged in descending order of pounds of butterfat per cow.

Table 14. Factors of Cost and Returns from Dairy Cows, 1961 (continued)

| Items                           | Farm Number |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                 | 26          | 2       | 25      | 12      | 23      | 4       | 7       | 16      |
| Pounds of butterfat per cow     | 347         | 341     | 334     | 328     | 312     | 304     | 295     | 279     |
| Pounds of milk per cow          | 10026       | 9722    | 9504    | 9058    | 6421    | 8566    | 6292    | 8143    |
| Ave. test of milk (percent)     | 3.5         | 3.5     | 3.5     | 3.6     | 4.9     | 3.5     | 4.7     | 3.4     |
| Price per lb. BF sold (cents)   | 101.2       | 91.2    | 98.9    | 89.0    | 84.6    | 94.4    | 92.6    | 100.8   |
| Price per cwt. milk sold        | \$3.42      | \$3.19  | \$3.47  | \$3.23  | \$4.10  | \$3.26  | \$4.34  | \$3.45  |
| Feed per cow, lbs.:             |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Corn                            | 1318        | --      | 982     | 1452    | 1684    | 1742    | 19      | 3858    |
| Small grain                     | 742         | 167     | 1403    | 1102    | 910     | 926     | 638     | --      |
| Commercial feeds                | 2074        | 2437    | 954     | 448     | 136     | 354     | 180     | 417     |
| Legume hay                      | 2812        | 5208    | 8574    | 4245    | 2350    | 6872    | 2293    | 2580    |
| Other hay                       | 1652        | --      | --      | --      | 384     | --      | --      | 2797    |
| Total concentrates              | 4134        | 2604    | 3339    | 3002    | 2730    | 3022    | 837     | 4275    |
| Total hay                       | 4464        | 5208    | 8574    | 4245    | 2734    | 6872    | 2293    | 5377    |
| Silage                          | 24464       | 17605   | 12500   | 14717   | 11188   | 8523    | 9323    | 6231    |
| Feed cost per cow:              |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Concentrates                    | \$87.11     | \$58.57 | \$74.11 | \$68.13 | \$51.87 | \$59.19 | \$20.36 | \$77.62 |
| Roughages                       | 116.76      | 108.83  | 111.09  | 81.16   | 62.40   | 97.66   | 42.64   | 56.48   |
| Pasture                         | 11.31       | 12.23   | 7.35    | 10.73   | 9.26    | 12.45   | 11.60   | 10.05   |
| Total feed cost                 | 215.18      | 179.63  | 192.55  | 160.02  | 123.53  | 169.30  | 74.60   | 144.15  |
| Value of produce per cow:       |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Dairy product sales             | 343.32      | 305.46  | 326.16  | 288.84  | 251.21  | 276.09  | 261.38  | 276.70  |
| Used in home                    | 4.46        | 4.14    | 3.86    | 3.73    | 5.66    | 5.30    | 5.09    | 4.22    |
| Fed                             | 2.14        | 1.06    | 9.12    | --      | 7.20    | 7.23    | 6.09    | 14.28   |
| Net increase in value of cows   | -4.96       | 3.41    | -8.59   | 1.26    | -20.60  | 11.65   | -9.42   | -3.03   |
| Total value produced            | 344.96      | 314.07  | 330.55  | 293.83  | 243.47  | 300.27  | 263.14  | 292.17  |
| Return above feed cost per cow: | 129.78      | 134.44  | 138.00  | 133.81  | 119.94  | 130.97  | 188.54  | 148.02  |
| Returns for \$100 of feed       | \$160       | \$175   | \$172   | \$184   | \$197   | \$177   | \$352   | \$202   |
| Feed cost per lb. BF (cents)    | 62.0        | 53.0    | 57.6    | 49.0    | 40.0    | 56.0    | 25.0    | 52.0    |
| Number of cows                  | 34.5        | 19.2    | 45.6    | 21.2    | 28.6    | 29.1    | 39.9    | 19.9    |

|                                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 26                              | 2       | 25      | 12      | 23      | 4       | 7       | 16      | 19      | 8       |
| Pounds of butterfat per cow     | 347     | 341     | 334     | 328     | 312     | 304     | 295     | 279     | 267     |
| Pounds of milk per cow          | 10026   | 9722    | 9504    | 9058    | 6421    | 8566    | 6292    | 8143    | 7422    |
| Ave. test of milk (percent)     | 3.5     | 3.5     | 3.5     | 3.6     | 4.9     | 3.5     | 4.7     | 3.4     | 3.6     |
| Price per lb. BF sold (cents)   | 101.2   | 91.2    | 98.9    | 89.0    | 84.6    | 94.4    | 92.6    | 100.8   | 101.4   |
| Price per cwt. milk sold        | \$3.42  | \$3.19  | \$3.47  | \$3.23  | \$4.10  | \$3.26  | \$4.34  | \$3.45  | \$3.65  |
| Feed per cow, lbs.:             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Corn                            | 1318    | --      | 982     | 1452    | 1684    | 1742    | 19      | 3858    | 721     |
| Small grain                     | 742     | 167     | 1403    | 1102    | 910     | 926     | 638     | --      | 232     |
| Commercial feeds                | 2074    | 2437    | 954     | 448     | 136     | 354     | 180     | 417     | 171     |
| Legume hay                      | 2812    | 5208    | 8574    | 4245    | 2350    | 6872    | 2293    | 2580    | 4110    |
| Other hay                       | 1652    | --      | --      | --      | 384     | --      | --      | 2797    | --      |
| Total concentrates              | 4134    | 2604    | 3339    | 3002    | 2730    | 3022    | 837     | 4275    | 1124    |
| Total hay                       | 4464    | 5208    | 8574    | 4245    | 2734    | 6872    | 2293    | 5377    | 4110    |
| Silage                          | 24464   | 17605   | 12500   | 14717   | 11188   | 8523    | 9323    | 6231    | 6506    |
| Feed cost per cow:              |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Concentrates                    | \$87.11 | \$58.57 | \$74.11 | \$68.13 | \$51.87 | \$59.19 | \$20.36 | \$77.62 | \$24.97 |
| Roughages                       | 116.76  | 108.83  | 111.09  | 81.16   | 62.40   | 97.66   | 42.64   | 56.48   | 61.00   |
| Pasture                         | 11.31   | 12.23   | 7.35    | 10.73   | 9.26    | 12.45   | 11.60   | 10.05   | 13.70   |
| Total feed cost                 | 215.18  | 179.63  | 192.55  | 160.02  | 123.53  | 169.30  | 74.60   | 144.15  | 99.67   |
| Value of produce per cow:       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Dairy product sales             | 343.32  | 305.46  | 326.16  | 288.84  | 251.21  | 276.09  | 261.38  | 276.70  | 254.70  |
| Used in home                    | 4.46    | 4.14    | 3.86    | 3.73    | 5.66    | 5.30    | 5.09    | 4.22    | 5.77    |
| Fed                             | 2.14    | 1.06    | 9.12    | --      | 7.20    | 7.23    | 6.09    | 14.28   | 9.10    |
| Net increase in value of cows   | -4.96   | 3.41    | -8.59   | 1.26    | -20.60  | 11.65   | -9.42   | -3.03   | -12.39  |
| Total value produced            | 344.96  | 314.07  | 330.55  | 293.83  | 243.47  | 300.27  | 263.14  | 292.17  | 257.18  |
| Return above feed cost per cow: | 129.78  | 134.44  | 138.00  | 133.81  | 119.94  | 130.97  | 188.54  | 148.02  | 157.51  |
| Returns for \$100 of feed       | \$160   | \$175   | \$172   | \$184   | \$197   | \$177   | \$352   | \$202   | \$258   |
| Feed cost per lb. BF (cents)    | 62.0    | 53.0    | 57.6    | 49.0    | 40.0    | 56.0    | 25.0    | 52.0    | 37.0    |
| Number of cows                  | 34.5    | 19.2    | 45.6    | 21.2    | 28.6    | 29.1    | 39.9    | 19.9    | 29.2    |

Table 15. Feed Costs and Returns from Other Dairy Cattle, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                       | Ave. of<br>19 farms | Farm Number |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                             |                     | 1           | 20      | 11      | 3       | 24      | 18      | 27      | 5       | 22      |
| <b>Feed per head, lbs.:</b> |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Concentrates                | 248                 | 263         | 510     | 61      | 47      | 154     | 257     | 262     | 230     | 186     |
| Hay and fodder              | 2411                | 4700        | 4502    | 2968    | 1074    | 2083    | 3874    | 2537    | 3238    | 1447    |
| Silage                      | 2333                | 8814        | --      | --      | 5463    | 4218    | 1100    | --      | --      | 4605    |
| Whole milk                  | 159                 | --          | 17      | 277     | 274     | 45      | 147     | 431     | 83      | 63      |
| Total feed costs per head   | \$42.33             | \$88.62     | \$38.08 | \$42.62 | \$41.30 | \$42.09 | \$42.67 | \$45.25 | \$37.88 | \$39.73 |
| Net increase in value       | 79.58               | 179.29      | 101.33  | 70.08   | 88.90   | 76.49   | 81.10   | 68.58   | 61.69   | 66.12   |
| Return above feed cost      | 37.25               | 90.67       | 63.25   | 27.46   | 47.60   | 34.40   | 38.43   | 23.33   | 23.81   | 26.39   |
| Return for \$100 of feed    | \$194               | \$202       | \$336   | \$164   | \$215   | \$182   | \$190   | \$152   | \$163   | \$166   |
| Number of head of cattle    | 31.6                | 17.7        | 46.2    | 15.5    | 20.5    | 53.1    | 38.2    | 37.5    | 24.4    | 15.2    |
| <b>Feed per head, lbs.:</b> |                     |             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Concentrates                | 67                  | 596         | 530     | 744     | 275     | 314     | 15      | 53      | 148     | 2812    |
| Hay and fodder              | 3264                | 1583        | 4557    | 1414    | 557     | 1528    | 740     | 2028    | 908     | 4420    |
| Silage                      | 74                  | 3167        | 547     | 2727    | 1967    | --      | 4466    | 2756    | --      | --      |
| Whole milk                  | 29                  | 26          | 355     | --      | 164     | 190     | 146     | 359     | 415     | --      |
| Total feed costs per head   | \$34.80             | \$43.09     | \$63.96 | \$40.28 | \$28.21 | \$28.99 | \$30.57 | \$41.03 | \$34.64 | \$40.43 |
| Net increase in value       | 58.57               | 69.27       | 86.91   | 78.79   | 44.44   | 77.41   | 51.32   | 66.59   | 85.89   | 99.32   |
| Return above feed cost      | 23.77               | 26.18       | 22.95   | 38.51   | 16.23   | 48.42   | 20.75   | 25.56   | 51.25   | 58.89   |
| Return for \$100 of feed    | \$168               | \$160       | \$136   | \$196   | \$158   | \$267   | \$168   | \$162   | \$248   | \$246   |
| Number of head of cattle    | 81.5                | 24.0        | 36.6    | 19.8    | 30.5    | 35.6    | 41.2    | 25.4    | 19.6    | 18.1    |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged by descending order of pounds of butterfat per cow

Table 16. Feed Costs and Returns from All Dairy Cattle, 1961

| Items                             | Ave. of<br>19 farms | Farm Number |          |          |          |          |          | 22       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                   |                     | 1           | 20       | 11       | 3        | 24       | 18       |          |
| Feeds per animal unit, lb.:       |                     |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Concentrates                      | 2034                | 3005        | 2206     | 3821     | 1442     | 1844     | 2784     | 935      |
| Hay and fodder                    | 5300                | 5077        | 7300     | 6597     | 4221     | 4019     | 6259     | 6833     |
| Silage                            | 9132                | 11353       | 8061     | 8315     | 11834    | 8951     | 7623     | 2583     |
| Total feed cost per animal unit   | \$130.13            | \$158.12    | \$142.96 | \$186.59 | \$126.86 | \$110.24 | \$144.45 | \$99.23  |
| Value of prod. per animal unit    |                     |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Dairy products                    | 195.24              | 236.02      | 227.44   | 284.30   | 226.00   | 174.80   | 204.88   | 195.58   |
| Net increase in value of cattle   | 57.47               | 75.64       | 82.03    | 30.07    | 57.62    | 78.36    | 71.02    | 55.17    |
| Total value produced              | 252.71              | 311.66      | 309.47   | 314.37   | 283.62   | 253.16   | 275.90   | 250.75   |
| Return above feed per animal unit | 122.58              | 153.54      | 166.51   | 127.78   | 156.76   | 142.92   | 129.42   | 106.30   |
| Return per \$100 of feed          | \$202               | \$197       | \$216    | \$168    | \$224    | \$230    | \$188    | \$174    |
| Animal units of cattle            | 41.5                | 41.4        | 52.6     | 35.6     | 28.9     | 53.4     | 42.5     | 47.6     |
| Items                             |                     | Farm Number |          |          |          |          |          | 27       |
|                                   |                     | 26          | 2        | 25       | 12       | 23       | 4        |          |
| Feeds per animal unit, lb.:       |                     |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Concentrates                      | 1966                | 2060        | 2687     | 2521     | 1969     | 2114     | 559      | 2672     |
| Hay and fodder                    | 5578                | 4423        | 8729     | 3794     | 2168     | 5424     | 2016     | 4863     |
| Silage                            | 15227               | 13269       | 9233     | 11768    | 8656     | 5288     | 9190     | 5950     |
| Total feed cost per animal unit   | \$135.27            | \$143.03    | \$167.53 | \$134.72 | \$95.39  | \$122.57 | \$66.00  | \$111.24 |
| Value of prod. per animal unit    |                     |             |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Dairy products                    | 159.34              | 190.52      | 235.51   | 199.43   | 167.34   | 174.60   | 175.74   | 171.48   |
| Net increase in value of cattle   | 61.12               | 55.38       | 43.65    | 51.02    | 17.46    | 65.99    | 28.73    | 50.03    |
| Total value produced              | 220.46              | 245.90      | 279.16   | 250.45   | 184.80   | 240.59   | 204.47   | 221.51   |
| Return above feed per animal unit | 85.19               | 102.87      | 111.63   | 115.73   | 89.41    | 118.02   | 138.47   | 110.27   |
| Return per \$100 of feed          | \$162               | \$172       | \$167    | \$186    | \$194    | \$196    | \$310    | \$199    |
| Animal units of cattle            | 75.3                | 31.2        | 63.9     | 31.1     | 43.9     | 46.9     | 60.5     | 32.6     |

Table 17. Feed Costs and Returns from Market Hogs, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items   | Ave. of<br>4 farms | Farm Number |         |         | 12      |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |                    | 22          | 19      | 3       |         |
| Feed per cwt. hogs produced, lbs.:                |                    |             |         |         |         |
| Corn  | 191                | 35          | 280     | 184     | 264     |
| Small grain                                       | 53                 | --          | 36      | 60      | 116     |
| Commercial feeds                                  | 111                | 179         | 41      | 181     | 44      |
| Total concentrates                                | 355                | 214         | 357     | 425     | 424     |
| Feed cost per cwt. hogs produced                  | \$8.57             | \$5.99      | \$7.44  | \$11.08 | \$9.78  |
| Net increase in value per cwt. hogs produced      | 16.54              | 15.41       | 16.38   | 18.01   | 16.32   |
| RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER CWT.<br>HOGS PRODUCED | 7.97               | 9.42        | 8.94    | 6.93    | 6.54    |
| RETURNS FOR \$100 OF FEED                         | \$202              | \$258       | \$220   | \$162   | \$167   |
| Price received per cwt. hogs sold                 | \$17.00            | \$16.58     | \$16.29 | \$17.63 | \$17.48 |
| Average weight per hog sold                       | 237                | 254         | 245     | 224     | 226     |
| Total number of litters raised                    | 12                 | 11          | 18      | 12      | 8       |
| Number of pigs born per litter                    | 9.7                | 7.6         | 11.9    | 10.2    | 9.0     |
| Number of pigs weaned per litter                  | 8.4                | 6.9         | 9.6     | 9.3     | 7.8     |
| Pounds of hogs produced                           | 25586              | 23675       | 41175   | 25630   | 11865   |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged by descending order of return above feed cost per cwt. of hogs produced

Table 18. Feed Costs and Returns from Feeder Pigs, 1961<sup>1</sup>

| Items                                | Ave. of<br>7 farms | Farm Number |         |        |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                      |                    | 21          | 2       | 27     | 5       | II      | I       |
| Feed per litter, lbs.:               |                    |             |         |        |         |         |         |
| Corn                                 | 1434               | 3444        | 1224    | 39     | 210     | 3266    | 254     |
| Small grain                          | 369                | 211         | 389     | 193    | 1512    | --      | 1599    |
| Commercial feeds                     | 598                | 498         | 212     | 1180   | 160     | 17      | 278     |
| Total concentrates                   | 2401               | 4153        | 1825    | 1412   | 1882    | 3283    | 1404    |
|                                      |                    |             |         |        |         | 967     | 3281    |
| Feed cost per litter                 | \$53               | \$88        | \$38    | \$41   | \$38    | \$65    | \$31    |
| Net increase in value per litter     | 107                | 170         | 103     | 99     | 87      | 113     | 75      |
| RETURN ABOVE FEED COST PER LITTER    | 54                 | 82          | 65      | 58     | 49      | 48      | 44      |
| Return for \$100 of feed             | \$213              | \$193       | \$272   | \$240  | \$228   | \$175   | \$242   |
| Total number of litters              | 35                 | 59          | 21      | 32     | 8       | 6       | 44      |
| Number of pigs born per litter       | 10.0               | 9.9         | 10.6    | 8.3    | 9.8     | 13.3    | 9.1     |
| Number of pigs weaned per litter     | 7.6                | 8.0         | 9.4     | 7.5    | 7.0     | 7.5     | 6.9     |
| Number of feeder pigs sold           | 196                | 259         | 179     | 198    | 28      | 35      | 235     |
| Number of sows sold and butchered    | 8                  | 12          | 1       | 3      | 4       | 6       | 14      |
| Price received per pig sold          | \$11.02            | \$12.88     | \$11.13 | \$9.70 | \$10.09 | \$10.47 | \$11.61 |
| Number other hogs sold and butchered | 36                 | 187         | --      | 1      | 1       | 10      | 2       |
| Pounds of hogs and pigs produced     | 18762              | 56676       | 7055    | 11651  | 3121    | 4290    | 16330   |
|                                      |                    |             |         |        |         | 32212   |         |

<sup>1</sup> Arranged by descending order of return above feed cost per litter

Table 19. Feed Costs and Returns from a Farm Flock of Sheep, 1961

| Items                            | Ave. of<br>4 farms | Farm Number  |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  |                    | 16           | 21           | 8            |
| Feeds per head, * lbs.:          |                    |              |              |              |
| Concentrates                     | 250                | 224          | 393          | 385          |
| Legume hay                       | 622                | 410          | 484          | 1111         |
| Other hay                        | 90                 | 204          | 154          | --           |
| Silage                           | 210                | --           | 259          | --           |
| Feed cost per head:              |                    |              |              |              |
| Concentrates                     | \$4.66             | \$4.42       | \$7.17       | \$6.97       |
| Roughages                        | 6.85               | 4.38         | 5.52         | 10.83        |
| Pasture                          | 2.42               | 2.72         | 2.21         | 2.63         |
| <b>TOTAL FEED COSTS</b>          | <b>13.93</b>       | <b>7.17</b>  | <b>14.90</b> | <b>20.43</b> |
| Value of produce per head:       |                    |              |              |              |
| Wool                             | \$5.06             | \$5.80       | \$3.94       | \$5.19       |
| Net increase in value of sheep   | 9.60               | 7.73         | 8.01         | 9.24         |
| <b>TOTAL VALUE PRODUCED</b>      | <b>14.66</b>       | <b>13.53</b> | <b>11.95</b> | <b>14.43</b> |
| RETURNS ABOVE FEED COST PER HEAD |                    |              |              |              |
|                                  | .73                | 6.36         | 5.53         | -6.00        |
| RETURNS FOR \$100 OF FEED        |                    |              |              |              |
| Price per cwt. of lambs sold     | \$15.94            | \$14.09      | \$15.98      | \$17.02      |
| Price per lb. wool sold (cents)  | 62.4               | 78.9         | 68.8         | 45.9         |
| Pounds of wool per sheep sheared | 7.9                | 7.5          | 7.4          | 8.6          |
| Percent lamb crop**              | 95                 | 107          | 110          | 78           |
| Percent death loss**             | 8.3                | 13.5         | 6.8          | 5.0          |
| Number of ewes*                  | 113                | 70           | 124          | 232          |
|                                  |                    |              |              | 27           |

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

Table 20. Fertilizer Application, Crop Yields, and Return Over Cost of Fertilizer, 1961

| Farm Number        | Pounds of Nutrients applied per acre |                               |                  | Yields(1) |       | Difference in Yield | Return from difference in yield over fert. cost(2) | Returns per fert. dollar |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                    | N                                    | P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> O | Check     | Fert. |                     |  |                          |
| <b>Corn-Grain</b>  |                                      |                               |                  |           |       |                     |  |                          |
| 12                 | 10                                   | 35                            | 75               | 82.4      | 110.3 | 27.9                | \$20.55  | \$3.35                   |
| 12                 | 10                                   | 35                            | 75               | 55.6      | 67.2  | 11.6                | 3.48   | 1.39                     |
| 2                  | 14                                   | 28                            | 42               | 28.3      | 73.9  | 45.6                | 40.88  | 6.84                     |
| 10                 | 10                                   | 20                            | 30               | 30.0      | 43.0  | 13.0                | 8.65   | 2.73                     |
| 4                  | 10                                   | 20                            | 30               | 68.1      | 92.9  | 24.8                | 20.94  | 5.19                     |
| 11                 | 10                                   | 20                            | 90               | 53.7      | 71.2  | 17.5                | 10.38  | 2.80                     |
| 17                 | 10.5                                 | 3.5                           | 21               | 31.4      | 50.3  | 18.9                | 16.87  | 6.66                     |
| 9                  | 10                                   | 20                            | 30               | 62.1      | 77.6  | 15.5                | 11.28  | 3.26                     |
| 1                  | 16.5                                 | 5.5                           | 33               | 57.0      | 64.2  | 7.2                 | 2.88   | 1.62                     |
| 25                 | 10                                   | 20                            | 30               | 8.1       | 27.6  | 19.5                | 15.48  | 4.01                     |
| 21                 | 13                                   | 26                            | 39               | 36.1      | 45.0  | 8.9                 | 2.85   | 1.44                     |
| 3                  | 10                                   | 20                            | 30               | 61.9      | 69.9  | 8.0                 | 3.40   | 1.68                     |
| 19                 | 9                                    | 18                            | 29               | 46.4      | 48.3  | 1.9                 | -2.50  | .44                      |
| 19                 | 48.5                                 | 39.5                          | 42               | 62.6      | 90.2  | 27.6                | 15.65  | 2.17                     |
| <b>Corn Silage</b> |                                      |                               |                  |           |       |                     |  |                          |
| 7                  | 15                                   | 5                             | 30               | 3.0       | 3.7   | .7                  | \$.65  | \$1.02                   |
| <b>Wheat</b>       |                                      |                               |                  |           |       |                     |  |                          |
| 25                 | 15                                   | 5                             | 30               | 21.9      | 31.0  | 9.1                 | \$12.13  | \$3.85                   |
| <b>Oats (3)</b>    |                                      |                               |                  |           |       |                     |  |                          |
| 24                 | 15                                   | 5                             | 30               | 27.1      | 34.1  | 7.0                 | \$.2.16  | \$.49                    |
| 2                  | 15                                   | 5                             | 30               | 44.3      | 48.4  | 4.1                 | -1.99  | .53                      |
| 10                 | 22.5                                 | 7.5                           | 45               | 16.2      | 18.6  | 2.4                 | -5.06  | .21                      |
| 19                 | 20                                   | 40                            | 60               | 32.3      | 54.2  | 21.9                | 2.05   | 1.21                     |

(1) Hay and silage yields in tons per acre. Corn, barley, wheat, and oat grain in bushels per acre.

(2) Prices used in calculating return from difference in yield over cost of fertilizer:

|                |   |                   |                  |   |                 |
|----------------|---|-------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| Corn - grain   | - | \$1.05 per bushel | Hay (tame)       | - | \$15.00 per ton |
| Oats - grain   | - | .55 per bushel    | Actual nitrogen  | - | .15 per pound   |
| Wheat - grain  | - | 1.80 per bushel   | Actual phosphate | - | .10 per pound   |
| Barley - grain | - | .88 per bushel    | Actual potash    | - | .05 per pound   |
| Corn silage    | - | 7.00 per ton      |                  |   |                 |

(3) Yield response on alfalfa should also be considered the following year in analyzing the returns from fertilizer use in oats.