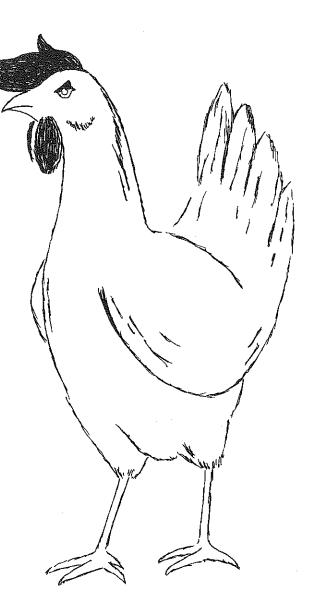
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1979 NEW YORK POULTRY FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY

Large nonfarm businesses usually prepare and publish an annual report in which they review and analyze the business for the year. This provides a basis for evaluating past operations and for making plans for the future. A similar summary and analysis is useful in managing a farm business. The Cooperative Extension business management projects provide farm operators an annual business report which can be used much the same as nonfarm business annual reports.

Poultry farm business management records have been summarized by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell for a number of years. For the 1979 record year, 25 poultrymen submitted records for summary and analysis. Extension field staff working with poultrymen collected the figures for each farm and the College staff summarized them. The summary results are presented in this workbook.

Poultry farm businesses vary in organizational makeup. The farms included in this report were divided into two groups; poultry (egg production) only, and poultry and others which include those with other major enterprises such as crops, dairy or hogs.

The economic climate for poultrymen in 1979 was better than 1978. Egg prices averaged 6.3¢ per dozen higher in 1979 than 1978. Layer feed prices for 1979 averaged higher than 1978. However, the egg to feed ratio was about the same as 1978 and poultrymen averaged \$4,598 more for labor income in 1979.

This workbook is designed to provide a systematic summarization and analysis of a poultry business. The group averages can be used in making comparisons. Working through this report step by step provides a good checkup for a poultry operation. In addition to the persons whose records are in the summary, this report should be useful to other poultrymen in the State, to teachers of agriculture, college farm management instructors, agency representatives, and to agribusiness persons.

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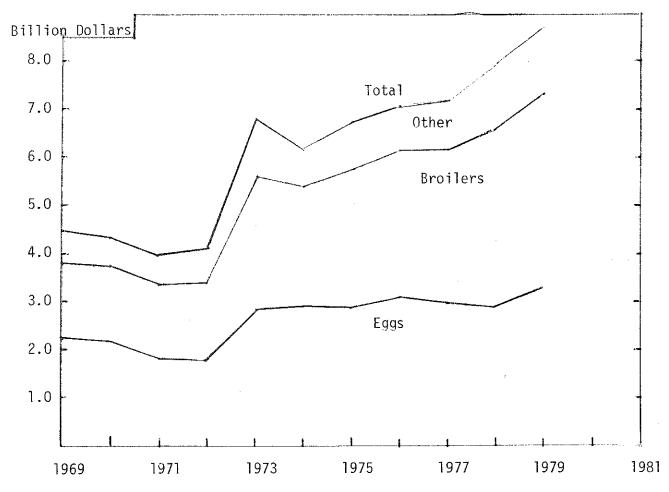
- 1. Have you developed a systematic approach to management problems?
- 2. Do you have the facts on your business?
- 3. Are you improving your managerial skills?

Steps in making a management decision:

- 1. Locate the trouble spot (problem)
- 2. What is your objective? (goal)
- 3. Size up what you have to work with (resources)
- 4. Look for various ways to solve the the problem (alternatives)
- 5. Consider probable results of each way (consequences)
- 6. Compare the expected results (evaluate)
- 7. Select way best suited to your situation (decision)
- 8. Put the decision into operation (action)

This workbook can help you!

GROSS FARM INCOME FROM POULTRY AND EGGS United States, 1969-1979



SOURCE: USDA Poultry & Egg Situation

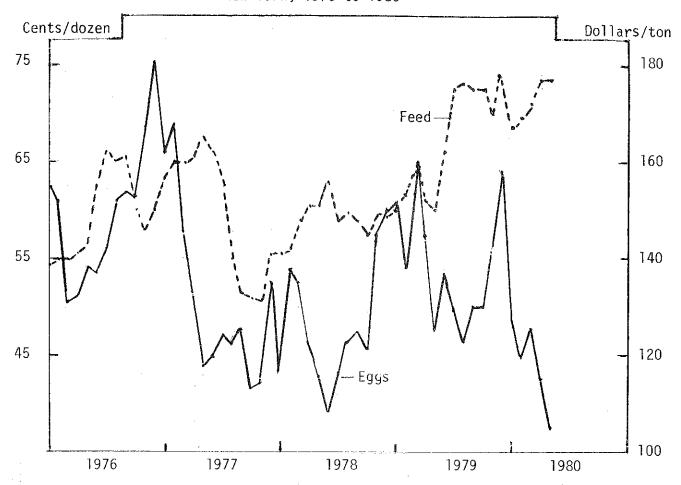
Gross farm income from poultry and eggs in the United States reached a new high in 1979 with a total value of 8.7 billion dollars. This is almost double the value in 1969. Eggs accounted for 38 percent of the total gross income, broilers 46 percent, and turkeys 14 percent. In 1979 income from broilers was 700 million dollars larger than the total income from egg sales.

Table 1. GROSS FARM INCOME FROM POULTRY AND EGGS, U.S. 1967-1979

		Sa	iles		Home Cor	nsumption	Gross
Year	Eggs	Broilers	Turkeys	Poultry	Eggs	Other	Income
			- million	dollars -			
1969	2,212	1,531	454	185	38	8	4,428
1970	2,190	1,475	498	102	30	6	4,302
1971	1,801	1,487	500	. 99	20	5	3,906
1972	1,764	1,623	537	101	17	5	4,046
1973	2,859	2,690	936	169	27	8	6,689
1974	2,884	2,436	683	116	25	5	6,151
1975	2,797	2,915	793	104	22	5	6,637
1976	3,110	2,953	825	135	24	6	7,053
1977	2,973	3,067	910	130	21	6	7,107
1978	2,900	3,682	1,157	129	19	5	7,892
1979	3,335	4,020	1,215	164	21	6	8,760

SOURCE: USDA Poultry & Egg Situation

FARM PRICE OF EGGS AND LAYING FEED PRICES New York, 1976 to 1980

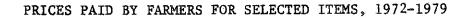


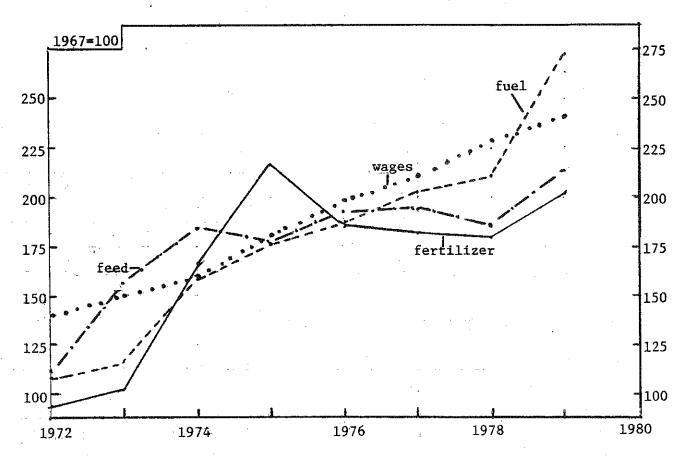
The relationship of feed and egg prices is a major factor affecting poultry incomes. Egg prices in 1979 averaged 6.3ϕ more than 1978. Egg prices tend to fluctuate more than feed prices. The egg-feed ratio as expressed in pounds of feed a dozen eggs will buy was 6.6 for 1979 compared with 6.5 for 1978 and 7.0 for 1977.

Table 2. FARM PRICE OF EGGS AND LAYING FEED PRICES

		Egg Pi	rices		Lä	aying Fe	eed Pri	ces	
Month	1977	1978	1979	1980	1977	1978	1979	1980	
January	66.2¢	43.3¢	60.9¢	4 8.5¢	\$157	\$141	\$150	\$167	
February	68.9	54.1	54.1	45.1	160	142	153	169	
March	57.9	52.6	65.0	47. 8	160	148	159	172	
April	51.6	46.3	57.2	42.5	161	151	152	177	
May	43.9	43.0	47.6	37.6	165	151	150	177	
June	45.1	39.4	53.3		162	156	162		
July	47.0	43.2	49.9		150	148	175		
August	46.2	46.5	46.6		140	149	176		
September	48.0	47.4	50.3		133	148	175		
October	41.8	45.8	50.1		132	145	175		
November	42.3	57.5	55.8		132	149	170		
December	52.6	60.2	64.1		141	149	178		
Annual Avg.	51.0	48.3	54.6		149	148	165	12 Table 12	
Egg-feed rai	tio			.'					
(lbs./doz.		6.5	6.6						

SOURCE: USDA Agricultural Prices





Prices of major farm inputs have all increased since 1972 but only wages paid by farmers have increased at a fairly constant rate. Feed prices rose 15 percent in 1979 following a four year period of stable prices. Fertilizer prices increased 12 percent in 1979 after declining for three consecutive years. Fuel prices jumped 29 percent last year following four years of single digit increases.

Table 3. PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SELECTED ITEMS, 1973-1979

		Inde	x 1967=100		
Year	Feed	Fertilizer	Fuel	Wages	Taxes
1973	157	102	116	150	146
1974	185	167	159	160	154
1975	177	217	177	180	166
1976	192	185	187	199	176
1977	194	182	203	212	195
1978	186	180	212	229	210
1979	213	202	273	241	221
Percent increase:					
1972 to 1978 (ave./year)	13%	16%	22%	10%	8%
1978 to 1979	15%	12%	29%	5%	5%

SOURCE: U.S.DAA. - Agricultural Prices

General Summary of All Farms

Twenty-four poultry farm reocrds for 1979 were used for this summary. The organization of these farms varied widely. There were nine poultry with other major enterprises, and fifteen straight layer operations. In this general section, all businesses are included. For the more detailed analysis in the sections that follow, the 15 layer operations and the nine layer with other operations are included.

Table 4. FARM BUSINESS FINANCIAL SUMMARY 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	Average 24 Farms
Average Capital Investment	\$454,200
Total Farm Receipts Total Farm Expenses Farm Income Interest 0 9% on Equity Capital	549,879 501,097 \$ 48,782 31,711
Labor and Management Income Per farm Number of Operators	\$ 17,071 1.29
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME PER OPERATOR	\$ 13,233

Labor and management income is a measure of the return to the operator for his labor and management. It is the most commonly used measure for comparing the overall results of farm operations. For these 24 poultry farms, the average labor and management income per operator was \$13,233. In addition to the labor and management income, the operator usually has certain privileges such as a house to live in, eggs and poultry to use, and other miscellaneous items.

Labor and management income per operator varied widely. There were 7 farms with minus labor incomes, and 6 with incomes per operator of over \$25,000. Only three of the farms with minus incomes were in the layer group, while 5 of the 6 with incomes over \$25,000 were in the layer group.

The average capital investment on these 24 farms was \$454,200. The receipts averaged \$550,000, and the expenses \$501,000. On these farms, the receipts were considerably more than the capital investment giving a "capital turnover" (as measured by the number of years for the receipts to equal the capital) of about 0.8. This is in contrast to dairy businesses where commonly it takes two to three years for receipts to equal capital.

The average labor and management income per operator for 610 New York dairy farm businesses in 1979 was \$21,962.

Table 5.

GENERAL FARM BUSINESS FACTORS 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Business Factor	Average 24 Farms
Man equivalent	4.6
Months unpaid labor Months hired labor Total months of labor Percent of labor hired Average labor cost/month hired	2.5 37.9 55.2 69% \$878
Average number hens for year Average number crop acres (9 poultry 7 other farms) Total work units	36,350 368 1,928
Eggs sold per hen Pounds feed per dozen eggs Average price per cwt. layer feed	240 4.0 \$7.74
Average price per dozen eggs	55.6

Poultry farm operations differ a great deal in their organization. Poultry only versus poultry combined with other enterprises is another, while contract versus independent operations is still another. The range in the capital investment is a reflection of these. The low capital investment was \$45,000, while the high was \$2,500,000. Similarly, the low expense reported was \$64,300, while the high was \$2,250,000. The wide range indicates that one should recognize limitations in the "averages" when they are used.

The labor force on these farms ranged from 1.1 to 12.6 man equivalent with an average of 4.6. For all 24 farms, 69% of the labor was hired and the rest was furnished by the operator and his family. The average labor expense per month of hired labor was \$878. Unpaid family labor was valued at \$450 per month.

Number of hens is a common measure of size for a laying operation. The numbers varied from 6,000 to 258,000. These reflect the average number of layers for the year. The number of eggs sold per hen averaged 240 but with a range from 186 to 297.

Marketing arrangements differ with some selling all eggs wholesale, while other sell all retail. The average price received per dozen sold by the 24 farms during 1979 was 55.6 cents. A number of poultrymen in the summary had premium markets.

Feed is the major cost item on poultry farms. Efficiency of feed conversion is an important factor affecting incomes. It is not easy to arrive at this figure on many farms but efforts were made to calculate this factor. The average for the 24 farms was 4.0 pounds per dozen eggs. Layer feed costs per hundredweight averaged \$7.74.

SUMMARY OF THE EGG PRODUCING BUSINESSES

The first step in examining any business operation is a systematic summary of the business. In this section we will examine the physical resources, business practices, captial investment, receipts, expenses, and the financial summary for the year.

Physical Resources and Business Practices

Below is a summary of the physical resources and business practices used by the 15 farms with poultry only and the 9 farms with poultry and other for the year 1979.

Table 6. LABOR FORCE, LIVESTOCK, CROPS GROWN, AND BUSINESS PRACTICES 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

		Avon Don Farm 9	Numbana Dan	Austria a
Item	My	Aver. Per Farm & 15 Farms with	9 Farms	
	Farm	Poultry Only	Poultry	
Labor Months of: Operators		(15 farms) 13.3	(9 farms)	17.3*
Familyunpaid Hired Total		(8 farms) 2.7 (14 farms) 38.8 54.8	(3 farms) (9 farms)	2.3 36.4 56.0
Man equivalent (no. men) Number of operators Percent of labor hired	%	4.6 1.1 71%		4.7 1.4 94%
<u>Livestock</u> (number) Laying hens Pullets raised		44,460 (5 farms) 52,740**	(2 farms)	23,000 58,500
Crops (acres grown) Hay Corn for grain Oats Wheat Total acres of crops			(5 farms) (8 farms) (5 farms) (6 farms)	32** 316** 26** 51* 360
Business Practices Percent of eggs markete Wholesale	%	36%		71%
Premium outlet Retail Percent of replacement pullets:	<u>%</u> %	44% 20%		22% 7 %
Raised Bought Percent of layer feed:	0/ //2 0/ //0	42% 48%	4 1	57% 43%
Purchased Mixed on farm	<u>%</u>	98% 2%		65% 35%

^{*}Four farms were partnerships.

^{**}Average of number reporting.

Capital Investment

The capital used to operate a poultry business is invested in machinery and equipment, poultry, feed and supplies, and land and buildings. Some of the capital used is owned by the operator and some is borrowed. The end-of-year farm inventory is used as a measure of the capital investment in the business. It is suggested that the inventory reflect "market value".

Table 7. FARM INVENTORY VALUES, JANUARY 1, 1980 24 New York Poultry Farms

		Amount Per Farm				
Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other			
Machinery & equipme	nt \$	\$117,444	\$ 96,169			
Poultry		66,930	29,128			
Other livestock		1,640	28,856			
Feed & supplies		22,673	86,378			
Land & buildings		267,358	235,778			
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$	\$476,045	\$476,309			

Total investment on these farms ranged from \$45,000 to \$2,465,000. Eight of the poultry and other farms, and eight of the poultry only farms had investments of more than \$250,000. The inventories of land and buildings, machinery, and feed and supplies were larger on the farms with other enterprises, which is logical.

How the capital is used is more important than the amount. Below are some measures used in analyzing the efficiency of the use of capital. Farms having other enterprises have larger investments because of the added land and machinery used.

Table 8.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Total investment/man	\$	\$103,490	\$101,340
Total investment/hen	\$	\$10.70	\$20.70
Machinery investment/ hen	\$	\$2.64	\$4.18
Land & buildings/hen	\$	\$6.00	\$10.25
%Land & buildings are of total investment	0/ /o	56%	50%
Capital turnover (year	s)	.76].]

Receipts

The source and amount of receipts tells us about the nature and size of the business. The size of many nonfarm businesses often is measured in terms of gross sales. However, in poultry businesses, egg price fluctuations from year to year cause total receipts also to fluctuate.

Table 9. FARM RECEIPTS 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Egg_sales	\$	_ \$551,955	\$332,156
Poultry sales		9,088	13,608
Other livestock sales		321	34,076
Crop sales		618	16,079
Work off farm		- 71	2,986
Government payments & refunds		48	701
Miscellaneous		6,223	2,268
Total Cash Farm Receipts	\$	\$568,324	\$401,874
Increase in Inventory		58,875	19,143
TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS	\$	\$627,199	\$421,017

Total cash receipts averaged \$568,324 for the farms with poultry only, and \$401,874 for the farms with poultry and other. Egg sales accounted for 97 percent and 83 percent respectively of the cash receipts on the two groups of farms. Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the cash receipts on the farms with other enterprizes, and the poultry sales accounted for 3 percent of the cash receipts.

Increases in inventory are usually due to expansion or improvements in the business. Inventory increases are considered as farm receipts. The increases could have been sold and converted to cash, therefore, they are considered as receipts in summarizing the year's business. Costs associated with the increases are reported as farm expenses.

Table 10. INCOME ANALYSIS

Item	My	15 Farms With	9 Farms With
	Farm	Poultry Only	Poultry & Other
Av. price/doz. of eggs sold	\$¢	56.5¢	53.2¢
Total cash receipts/man		\$123,550	\$85,490
Total cash receipts per \$1,000 investment	\$	\$ 1,194	\$ 884

Expenses

Knowing where the money went is important in any business analysis. The first step in controlling costs on poultry farms is to know what the expenses are and how they compare with those of other businesses. Below is a summary of the average farm expenses for these two groups of poultry farms.

Table 11. FARM EXPENSES
24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm		Farms With oultry Only		rms With try & Other
Chicks purchased	\$	_(5 farms)	\$ 11,025	(4 farms)	\$ 5,826
Pullets purchased		_ (13 farms)	53,404	(6 farms)	21,886
Layer feed bought		-	253,391		110,413
Other feed		_	25,157		12,330
Hired Tabor		-	31,817		35,693
Machine hire			4,032		766
Machinery expense		·.	5,636		9,798
Gas and oil			4,594		13,459
Poultry supplies, etc.		<u> </u>	26,546		18,254
Crop expense			2,370		27,109
Building expense		_	2,634		812
Taxes			3,098		4,680
Insurance			4,982		3,516
Utilities			7,708		5,688
Eggs bought for resale		(11 farms)	49,200	(2 farms)	80,604
Interest paid			8,005		9,633
Miscellaneous*			9,786		12,250
TOTAL CASH OPERATING EXPENSE	\$		\$503,385		\$372,717
New machinery			37,892		10,290
Real estate	***************************************		25,395		6,139
Unpaid labor			997		1,000
Decrease in inventory			0		0
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$		\$567,669		\$390,146

^{*}Advertising expense included \$902 with 5 farms reporting.

Interest paid was included as a cash expense in the 1976 summary for the first time. Prior summaries only had an interest charge calculated on the average capital for the year.

Financial Summary

The financial success of a poultry business can be measured in various ways. There is no one best measure so in this summary several are used.

Farm income measures the return from the business to the operator for his labor and management and equity capital. Farm income is the difference between total receipts (including increase in inventory) and total expenses (including decrease in inventory and interest paid on debts).

Table 12. FARM INCOME, AND LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Total farm receipts	\$	\$627,199	\$421,017
Total farm expenses		567,669	390,146
FARM INCOME	\$	\$ 59,530	\$ 30,871
Interest on Equity Capital @ 9%		29,872	34,776
Labor income per farm	\$	\$ 29,658	\$- 3,906
Number of operators LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME		(18) 1.2	(13) 1.44
PER OPERATOR	\$	\$ 24,715	\$- 2,712

Labor and management income is the return to the farm operator for his time and efforts. This is the measure most commonly used when studying farm businesses. To get labor and management income, a 9% interest charge on the operator's equity capital is subtracted from the farm income. The charge on equity capital represents an "opportunity cost" or what could have been earned had this capital been invested in something such as a certificate of deposit.

The average labor income per operator for the 15 farms was \$24,715 and for the 9 farms \$-2,712. Farms with poultry and other enterprises had lower farm receipts for egg sales and higher figures for interest on equity capital resulting in a negative value for average labor income per operator.

The labor and management incomes varied widely as shown below. Twenty-nine percent of the farms had a minus income, while 35 percent had incomes of \$20,000 or more.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR INCOMES FOR 24 POULTRY OPERATIONS

Labor and Management	Farms	
Income Per Operator	Number	Percent
Minus	7	29
0 - \$ 9,999	5	25
\$10,000 - \$19,999	3	13
\$20,000 - or more	8	33

Table 13.

RATE OR RETURN ON INVESTMENT 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Farm Income Plus interest paid	\$	\$ 59,530 <u>8,005</u> \$ 67,535	\$ 30,871 <u>9,633</u> \$ 40,504
Minus value of operator's labor and management*		12,000	14,000
Return on investment Average capital investment RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT	\$ \$	\$ 55,535 \$466,608 % 12%	\$ 26,504 \$466,738 6%

^{*\$10,000} per operator - some farms had more than one operator.

Rate of return on investment is calculated by adding to the "farm income" the interest paid and then deducting a charge for the operator's labor and management, and then dividing by the average investment for the year. In the above calculation, \$10,000 has been used as the value of the operator's labor and management. This is a modest charge for the operator's labor and management.

Net farm cash flow reflects the cash available from the year's operation of the farm business for family living, interest and debt payments, and new capital purchases or investments. A family may have had additional cash available if some member of the family had a nonfarm income or if money was inherited or borrowed.

Debt repayment ability is a measure of the amount of cash available for debt payments. It is calculated by deducting family living expenses from the farm cash operating income. Since actual living expenses were not available, they were estimated at \$10,000 per operator. It is assumed here that new machinery and real estate are purchased with borrowed capital. This measure is useful in planning debt repayment schedules.

Table 14. NET FARM CASH FLOW AND DEBT REPAYMENT ABILITY 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My	15 Farms With	9 Farms With
	Farm	Poultry Only	Poultry & Other
Total cash receipts Total cash operating expense NET FARM CASH FLOW Plus Interest Paid Total Available Family cash living expense* DEBT REPAYMENT ABILITY	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$	\$568,324 503,385 \$ 64,939 8,005 \$ 72,944 12,000 \$ 60,944	\$401,874 372,717 \$ 29,157 8,615 \$ 37,772 14,000 \$ 23,772

^{*}Estimated at \$10,000 per operator per year.

ANALYSIS OF THE EGG PRODUCTION BUSINESSES

The "summary" of a business provides an overall look at the operation. It shows what you did. The "analysis" which follows includes a more detailed examination of the different parts of the business. The analysis helps to show WHY you did what you did and to find ways to improve the operation. Measures have been developed to aid in analyzing farm business strengths and weaknesses.

In this section, several business factors are examined. Among these are: size of business, rates of production, labor efficiency, and cost control. Since many of the measures are interrelated, all of the factors should be examined before arriving at major conclusions. A complete analysis of the factors should point up the major strong and weak points of a business.

Size of Business

Size is usually the first factor examined when analyzing a business. Size affects other factors such as labor efficiency and cost control. Prices received and paid by poultrymen are often affected by volume which is a function of the size factor.

Farm management research has shown that in general large farm businesses make larger incomes. There are two basic reasons for this. Larger businesses make possible more efficient use of inputs such as equipment, the regular labor foce, and other fixed cost items. Secondly, there are more units of production (hens) on which to make a profit. However, when a business is unprofitable, these same factors operate and large farms have larger losses.

Table 15. MEASURES OF SIZE OF BUSINESS 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Measure	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Number of hens		44,465	22,825
Dozens of eggs sold*		977,553	623,893
Dozens of eggs produced		886,235	465,412
Man equivalent		4.6	4.7
Total work units		2,067	1,698
Total farm receipts	\$	\$627,199	\$421,017
Total investment (end year)	\$	\$476,045	\$476,309

^{*}Includes eggs bought for resale.

Rates of Production

Rates of production for both poultry and crops are factors contributing to the success of poultry businesses. It is a challenge to find the levels of inputs, such as feed and fertilizer, which will give rates of production that yield the highest net income. This means a consideration of both the physical and economic returns from production.

Table 16. MEASURES OF RATES OF PRODUCTION 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Measure	 My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Eggs sold/hen		239	245
Bushels corn/acre			NA
Bushels oats/acre			NA
Bushels wheat/acre			NA
			2.34

Eggs produced and sold per hen is used in measuring the rate of production on poultry farms. Production per hen is calculated by dividing total eggs produced and sold by the average number of hens for the year. Some farmers bought eggs for resale. For eggs per hen, the eggs bought have been deducted from the dozens sold to get the eggs produced and sold.

The eggs sold per hen averaged 239 and 245 for the two groups. The range for the 24 farms was from 186 to 297 eggs sold per hen. This is a range of more than 100 eggs per hen from the lowest to the highest.

The relationship of eggs sold per hen and labor and management income is illustrated below. The farms with higher production were larger and more profitable.

Table 17. EGGS SOLD PER HEN AND LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Eggs Sold Per Hen	Number of Farms	Average Number of Hens	Labor & Mgt. Income/Operator
Less than 220	7	17,522	\$-5,026
220 - 240	3	65,293	\$918
More than 240	14	39,561	\$33,636

Labor Efficiency

Labor efficiency is sometimes claimed to be the most important single business factor affecting incomes on farms today. This is brought about by the fact that the operator's labor and management income is a function of the labor output. Rising farm wage rates over time have meant that generally more output is required to pay those wages. If a poultryman wants top efficiency from his hired worker's time as well as his own, he must keep a close watch on the factors which affect labor efficiency.

Table 18. MEASURES OF LABOR EFFICIENCY 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Measure	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry & Other
Dozens eggs sold/man*		212,500	132,700
Dozen eggs produced/man		192,660	99,000
Number hens/man		9,700	4,900
Work units per man		449	361

^{*}Includes eggs bought for resale.

The farms with poultry only as measured above had higher labor efficiency than the farms with poultry and other. In part, the higher dozen eggs sold per man reflects that practice of the poultry only group of buying eggs for resale. Also, on the poultry and other farms, a considerable amount of work is on the crops. This means more total time per hen or per dozen of eggs than on a poultry only operation.

When analyzing your labor efficiency consider:

- 1. Size of operation it tends to reduce the overhead time per unit.
- 2. Extent of work performed i.e., wholesale vs. retail marketing.
- Arrangement of buildings and work areas.
- Work methods the easy way vs. the hard way.
- 5. The human factor or how fast persons work.
- 6. Clarity of directions given to workers.
- 7. Kind of hired workers employed.

Cost Control

Some poultry farms spend as much as \$1,000 per day. With expenses of this amount, cost control is important. As more "input" items are purchased, cost control has a greater effect on incomes. Cost control is difficult to measure but an analysis of good records can provide some useful checks and point to possible areas of cutting costs.

Feed, <u>labor</u>, and <u>machinery</u> are big cost items on poultry farms, but it is important to watch the other costs too. Small leaks can build up into sizable losses. The next three pages are provided to help study your costs.

Table 19. COST CONTROL MEASURES 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

		15 Farms	9 Farms
Item	My Farm	With Poultry Only	With Poultry and Other
Layer feed bought per hen	\$	_ \$ 5.70	\$ 4.84
Feed bought/doz. eggs produced		_¢ 29¢	2 4 ¢
Lbs. feed/doz. eggs produced		3.9	4.5
Total labor cost per hen*	\$	93¢	\$ 2.10
Total labor cost per dozen eggs produced*		_¢ 4.7¢	10.3¢
Building repairs per hen		_¢ 5.9¢	3.6¢
Utilities per hen		¢ 17.3¢	24.9¢
Taxes per hen		_¢ 7.0¢	20.5¢
Insurance per hen		_¢ 11.2¢	15.4¢
Total farm production expenses/ hen (total less inventory			**
increase and eggs bought)	\$	\$10.34	\$12.72
Total expenses per \$100 receipts	\$	\$91	\$93

^{*}Includes operator's labor.

For the above measures, it must be kept in mind that the "poultry and other" farms had other enterprises which affect several cost control measures. The feed bought per hen is an example. Much of the crop expense on the poultry and other farms is an indirect feed cost on these operations. Also, the labor cost per dozen eggs on the poultry and other farms includes labor for the production of feed which on poultry only farms would have been purchased.

Labor and machinery costs are sizable on a poultry farm. It is important to keep these under control. Since labor and machinery work as a team, it is well to study them together.

Table 20.

POWER AND MACHINERY COSTS 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item !	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry and Other
Beginning inventory \$New machinery bought		\$ 94,060 37,892	\$ 95,702 10,290
Total (1)	\$ <u></u>	\$131,9	52 \$105 , 992
End Inventory \$Machinery Sold	· ·	117,444 0	96,169 333
Total (2)	\$	\$117,4	\$ 96,502
Depreciation (1 minus 2) \$		\$ 14,508	\$ 9,490
Int. 0 9% av. inventory		9,518	8,634
Gas and oil		4,594	13,459
Machinery repairs and auto expense		5,636	9,798
Machine hire	· .	4,032	766
Electricity (farm share)	-st- 	6,668	5,312
Total Power and Machinery Cost Less: Gas tax refund \$ Income from	\$	\$ 44,9 \$24	56 \$ 47,4 59 \$78
machine work		0	24 0 -78
NET POWER AND MACHINERY COST		\$ 44,9	32 \$47,381
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Net power and machinery costs:	·	·.	A
per hen		\$1.	
per man		\$9,7	
per dozen eggs produced*		5	.1¢ 10.2¢

^{*}Does not include eggs bought and resold.

Depreciation is the largest item in the power and machinery cost group. This is an indirect item and along with interest is often overlooked. Usually half or more of the cost is represented by these two "overhead" items.

With the jump in fuel prices in recent years, the gas and electricity items have taken on added importance. Look for ways to save on energy use.

Farmers sometimes justify high machinery costs on the basis that the machinery saves on high cost labor. It is well to examine this justification. The combined machinery and labor cost measure gives a good check.

Table 21. LABOR AND POW

LABOR AND POWER AND MACHINERY COSTS 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry and Other
Value of labor of operator* Hired labor Unpaid family labor	\$	\$ 8,645 31,817 997	\$11,245 35,693 1,000
TOTAL LABOR COSTS	\$	\$41,459	\$47,938
New power & machinery cost		44,932	47,381
TOTAL LABOR & MACHINERY COSTS	\$ <u></u> _	\$86,391	\$95,319
Labor cost per hen Labor cost/dozen eggs produced	\$¢	93¢ 4.7¢	\$2.10 10.3¢
Labor and machinery cost: per hen per dozen eggs sold	\$¢	\$1.94 8.8¢	\$4.18 15.3¢

^{*}Valued at \$7,800 per operator.

For the 15 poultry only farms, the labor cost was less than the power and machinery cost. For the poultry and other the machinery and power was less. It is important to watch the combined labor and machinery costs. It is easy to spend for additional machinery but neglect to reduce the labor used. Below are some measures for use in examining labor costs.

Table 22.

LABOR USE ANALYSIS

Item	My Farm	15 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry and Other
Months of hired labor		38.8	36.4
Hired labor expense	\$	\$31,817	\$35,693
Labor expense/month hired	.\$	\$820	\$981
Total labor cost/month	\$	\$757	\$856
Percent of total labor by: Operator		<u>24</u> %	31%
Unpaid family		<u>%</u> 5%	4%
Hired			65%

Capital Efficiency

The capital investment in a poultry farm business is high. For poultry only, the farm inventory value was \$10.71 per hen. If the facilities were to be replaced with all new items, the per bird figure would be much higher. In any case, the efficient use of this capital investment is important.

For 1979, additional information was obtained on the types of housing in use and the percent of capacity that the layer houses were used.

Table 23. PERCENT OF LAYER CAPACITY USED AND PERCENT MORTALITY 23 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm	14 Farms With Poultry Only	9 Farms With Poultry and Other	
Percent Layer Capacity Used Number of farms reporting		14	9	
Capacity of laying house	·	51,935	24,592	
Average number layers		47,104	22,824	
% of capacity used		% 91%	93%	
Percent Layer Mortality				
Number of farms reporting		11	4	
Layer mortality, 1979	:	3,299	2,044	
Average number layers		47,105	22,824	
% layer mortality		7%	9%	

The percent that the average number of layers was of the reported capacity was 91% and 93% for the two groups of farms. With the high capital investment per bird capacity, it is important it be used efficiently. An "empty" cage never helped pay off the debt on layer facilities!

<u>Mortality</u>

Mortality is another factor affecting the returns from poultry operations. Only half of the records showed mortality for the year. The average mortality for the poultry only was 7% and for the poultry and other it was 9%. What was the mortality rate on your farm?

Housing Systems Used

Types of brooding and layer housing systems vary considerably. Twenty-three of the 24 cooperators with layers indicated the type of facilities they were using. The results reported below will provide a basis for comparison.

Table 24.

LAYER HOUSING SYSTEMS AND BROODING FUELS USED 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

	Number 1		My
Item	Number Reporting	Percent Reporting	Farm
Layer Cage Type Stair-step Flat deck Triple deck	8 3 8	35% 13 35	
Other	4	17	
Size of Layer Cage 12 x 16 12 x 18 12 x 20 14 x 24 15 x 18 16 x 36 18 x 24 20 x 12 20 x 15 20 x 20 20 x 24 36 x 16 24 x 14 24 x 18	2 4 4 2 1 2 2 1 1 1	8 17 17 8 4 8 8 4 4 4 4 4	
Birds Per Cage 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	2 6 4 2 2 2 2 2 3	9 26 18 9 4 9 9	
Square Inches Per Bird 48 54 60 Over 60	5 11 5 3	21 52 21 13	
Brooding Fuel Used Natural gas Oil Propane	1 3 4	12 38 50	

Array of Selected Farm Business Factors

Key poultry management factors were calculated for each farm. The array of those computed are given below. You can see how your factors compare with the others reporting.

Average Number of Layers	Eggs Sold Per Layer	Av. Price Paid Per Cwt. Feed	Av. Price Received For Eggs	Lbs. Feed Per Doz. Eggs	Hens Per Man
258,333 111,305 67,174 56,500 46,500 34,000 31,300 29,795 27,692 23,000 20,045 20,000	297 279 267 266 263 260 258 256 253 251 247	\$ 6.83 6.84 7.00 7.15 7.20 7.25 7.48 7.50 7.56 7.78 7.81 7.84	68.2¢ 67.8 67.2 65.8 65.0 64.3 64.1 62.9 62.5 61.2 60.9	3.2 3.3 3.6 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 3.9 3.9 3.9	22,357 20,503 18,461 11,531 10,333 10,000 8,192 8,124 7,143 6,818 5,622 5,613
18,750 17,400 15,026 13,745 13,500 13,500 12,200 11,700 10,063 7,500 7,356 6,007	245 242 237 233 228 217 217 213 201 195 194 186	8.04 8.42 8.49 8.73 8.76 9.54 9.83 9.92 10.17 11.00 11.01	60.2 54.8 52.1 52.0 51.6 51.4 50.5 50.0 46.1 45.4 45.0 45.0	4.0 4.0 4.1 4.2 4.2 4.5 4.5 4.8 4.9 4.9 5.8 6.8	5,591 5,087 5,011 4,696 4,355 3,864 3,750 3,750 3,211 2,730 2,229 1,718

Comparison of Recent Summaries

Businessmen must keep abreast of changes that are taking place. The poultry industry has changed more than many types of farm businesses. Below is a comparison of selected factors from the last five New York poultry summaries.

In comparing these factors, keep in mind that the farms included from year to year vary as indicated by the number of farms and there is also some change in individuals each year.

Table 25.

NEW YORK POULTRY FARM SUMMARIES, 1975-1979

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Factor	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	
Number of farms	26*	26*	28*	25*	24*	
Man equivalent Number of hens	3.7 21,900	4.4 27,300	4.4 30,500	4.2 23,115	4.6 36,350	
Investment Land & buildings Machinery Livestock & poultry Feed & other Total	\$107,492 64,933 35,444 31,935 \$239,804	\$134,513 67,217 40,752 28,695 \$271,177	\$158,592 96,113 52,155 36,501 \$343,361	\$175,731 93,667 42,189 36,654 \$348,241	\$255,515 109,466 64,601 46,562 \$476,144	
Receipts Egg sales Livestock sales Other Total	\$271,905 7,829 33,356 \$313,090	\$327,593 10,960 63,086 \$401,639	\$379,509 18,094 21,080 \$418,683	\$342,575 18,724 51,068 \$412,367	\$469,531 23,762 56,586 \$549,879	
Expenses Feed bought Hired labor Chicks & pullets Electricity & phone Other Total	\$117,336 17,985 26,518 3,723 119,865 \$285,427	\$140,142 22,516 36,625 4,682 164,040 \$368,005	\$170,457 24,841 34,249 5,354 156,738 \$391,639	\$125,147 24,026 29,713 4,822 200,894 \$384,602	\$220,121 33,270 50,660 6,951 190,095 \$501,097	
Business Factors Av. price/doz. eggs Eggs per hen Hens per man Lbs. feed/doz. eggs	5,900 5,900	59.6¢ 221 6,200 4.6	53.8¢ 233 7,500 4.5	58.8¢ 228 5,500 4.6	55.6¢ 240 7,900 4.0	
Labor income/operator	\$ 8,482	\$17,405	\$ 7,779	\$ 8,635	\$13,216	

^{*}Includes only layer operations, omits the contract pullet operations.

Cost of Producing Eggs

Table 26. AVERAGE FARM COST OF PRODUCING EGGS 15 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Item	My Farm		15 Farms With Poultry Only	
Farm expenses	\$		\$567,669	
Interest on equity capital @ 9%	:		29,872	
Operator's labor and Management*			11,000	
Total Cost		\$		\$608,541
Total receipts	\$		\$627,199	
Less egg sales			551,955	•
Other Income				75,244
Cost of Producing Eggs (Total Cost Less Other Income)		\$		\$533,297
Dozen eggs sold				977,553
Cost per dozen eggs sold	•	¢		54.6¢
Average price received		¢		56.5¢

^{*}Figured at \$10,000 per operator.

By adding to the total farm expenses an estimate of the value of the operator's labor and management, and an interest charge on the equity capital used, the farm cost of producing eggs can be calculated. The value of the operator's labor and management was estimated at \$10,000 per year. This was based on estimates made by dairymen. Receipts for items other than eggs are credited against the total cost on the assumption that these items were produced at cost.

Farm expenses include costs for eggs purchased for resale. This tends to impose some egg market values in the calculation of production costs.

This "farm unit" method of calculating the cost of producing eggs has limitations but it does give a general indication of the overall costs. This method was applied to the farms with poultry only.

Table 27.

COST ITEMS IN PRODUCING A DOZEN EGGS 15 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Cost Pe Amount	r Dozen Percent
28.6¢	52.4%
	3.4% 5.1
10.1¢ 18	3.5%
$\frac{1.0}{9.1^{\frac{1}{6}}}$	<u>.8</u> 16.7%
4.7 4.0	8.6 7.3
3.4	6.2
3.0 1.0	5.5 1.8
.8 54.6¢	$\frac{1.5}{100.0}$
	.8 54.6¢

Another approach to the cost of producing eggs is to examine individual cost items. This has been done above for the 15 poultry only farms. Some items have been calculated in earlier sections and the total cost per dozen was calculated by the "farm unit" method on page 24.

The feed cost of 28.6 is the total layer feed expense divided by the dozen of eggs produced. Feed accounted for a little more than half of the total cost.

Replacement costs include the expenses for chicks and pullets bought and grower feed. Fuel and other direct costs involved in rearing are not included here but are in other items listed. Hence, this replacement cost is on the low side. Receipts from birds sold are substracted to get a "net" replacement cost. Replacements accounted for about one-eighth of the total cost.

The labor item includes a value for the operator's work but not his management. The interest charge in power and machinery costs shown on page 18 was taken out since it is included in interest on capital. Building repairs and depreciation would be an item in the "all other".

Table 28. COMPARISON OF COSTS OF PRODUCING EGGS IN RECENT YEARS

	Av. Price	Farm Unit	Poultry	Feed C	osts/Doz.	Labor Cost
Year	Received	Cost Per Doz.*	Ration	Cents	% Total_	Per Doz.
1972	32.6¢	34.4¢	(cwt ₀) \$4.50	17.3¢	50%	4.6¢
1973	54.8	52.5	6.75	30.3	58	5.1
1974	52.4	54.2	7.09	32.0	59	3.9
1975	57.1	57.9	7.02	32.2	56	4.6
1976	59.3	57.6	6.89	31.4	55	5.5
1977	53.7	51.1	6.56	28.5	56	4.7
1978	52.8	53.1	5.67	25.8	49	5.5
1979	56.5	54.6	7.56	28.6	52	4.7

*For "Poultry Only" farms in business summaries.

FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY 15 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT	1/1/00	RECEIPTS	
Machinery & equip. $\frac{1/1/79}{$94,060}$	1/1/80 \$117,444	Egg sales	¢551 055
Livestock 60,084	68,570		\$551,955
Feed & supplies 17,962	22,673	Livestock sold	9,409
Land & buildings 245,064		Crop sales	618
		Miscellaneous	6,342
TOTAL INVESTMENT \$417,170	\$476,045	Total Cash Receipts Increase in Inventory	\$568,324 58,875
		TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS	\$627,199
EXPENSES			· •
		FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
Replacements		Total Comm Description	¢607 100
Chicks bought	\$ 11,025	Total Farm Receipts	\$627,199
Pullets bought	53,404	Total Farm Expenses	567,669
Feed	-	Farm Income	\$ 59,530
Layer feed bought	253,391		Ψ 05,000
Other feed	25,157	Interest on equity	
<u>Labor</u>	-	capital @ 9%	29,872
Hired	31,817	Farm Labor Income	\$ 29,658
Unpaid	997		-
Power and Machinery	•	Number of operators	1.2
Machine hire	4,032	LABOR INCOME/OPERATOR	\$ 24,715
Machinery repair	5,636	·	Ψ = 1,,
Gas and oil	4,594	BUSINESS FACTORS	
Electricity	6,668	Man equivalent	4.6
Poultry		Number of hens	44,465
Eggs bought for resale	49,200	Number of pullets raised	. 1, 100
Livestock expense	2,443	(5 farms)	52,740
Supplies	23,253	Dozen of eggs (produced)	886,200
Fuel	850		
Crop		Eggs produced per hen	239
Crop expense	2,370	Dozen of eggs produced/man	192,700
Real Estate	-	Hens per man	9,700
Land, bldg., & fence repai	r 2,634	·	-
Taxes	3,098	Lbs. feed/doz. eggs produced	3.9
Insurance	4,982	Av. price/ctw. feed bought	\$7.56
Capital Items		Av. price/doz. eggs (all)	56.5¢
New machinery	37,892	-33- (33139
New real estate	25,395		
<u>Other</u>			
Telephone	1,040		
Interest paid	8,005		
Advertising & promotion	902		
Miscellaneous	8,884		
Decrease in inventory	0	·	
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$567,669		

FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY - AVERAGES PER HEN 15 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

Machinery & equip. 1/1/80 1/1/80 Egg sales 12.41			
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Feed & supplies	Machinery & equip. \$2.12	\$2.64	Livestock sold .21
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Replacements		\$10.71	
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Hired		5/	
Unpaid		72	
Power and Machinery			capital @ 9%
Machine hire .10 LABOR INCOME/OPERATORS/HEN \$.55 Machinery repair .13 Gas and oil .10 Electricity .15 Poultry Eggs bought for resale 1.10 Livestock expense .05 Supplies .52 Fuel .02 Crop Crop expense .05 Real Estate Land, bldg., & fence repair .06 Taxes .07 Insurance .11 Capital Items New machinery .85 New real estate .57 Other Telephone .02 Interest paid .18 Advertising & promotion .02 Miscellaneous .20 Decrease in inventory .0	Unpaid Powon and Machinery	•02	Farm Labor Income \$.66
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TOTAL FARM EXPENSES \$12.77	Decrease in inventory		
	TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$12.77	

FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY 24 New York Poultry Farms, 1979

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT	7.47.400	RECEIPTS	
Machinery & equip. \$ 94,676 Poultry 46,454 Other livestock 9,674 Feed & supplies 39,172 Land & buildings 239,193	1/1/80 \$109,466 52,755 11,846 46,562 255,515	Egg sales Poultry sold Other livestock Crop sales Miscellaneous	\$469,531 10,783 12,979 6,416 6,196
TOTAL INVESTMENT \$432,169 EXPENSES	\$476,144	Total Cash Receipts Increase in Inventory	\$505,905 43,974
THE TOTAL OF THE T		TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS	\$549,879
Replacements Chicks bought	\$ 9,075	FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
Pullets bought Other livestock Feed	41,585 1,645	Total Farm Receipts Total Farm Expenses	\$549,879 _501,097
Layer feed bought	199,775	Farm Income	\$ 48,782
Other feed Labor	20,346	Interest on equity capital @ 9%	
Hired	33,270	•	31,711
Unpaid Power and Machinery	998	Farm Labor Income	\$ 17,071
Machine hire	2,807	Number of operators (31)	1.29
Machinery repair Gas and oil	7,196 7,918	LABOR INCOME/OPERATOR	\$ 13,216
Electricity Poultry	6,160	BUSINESS FACTORS	
Eggs bought for resale	60,977	Man aguivalant	1 6
Livestock expense Supplies	1,598 19,142	Man equivalent Number of hens	4.6 36,350
Fuel Crop	1,052	Number of pullets raised (7 farms)	54,390
Crop expense	11,647	Doz. of eggs (produced)	728,400
Real Estate	1,951	Eggs produced/hen	240
Land, bldg., & fence repair Taxes Insurance	3,691 4,433	Doz. of eggs produced/man Hens per man	158,400 7,900
Capital Items New machinery	27,541	Lbs. feed/doz. eggs produced Av. price/cwt. feed bought	4.0 \$7.74
New real estate Other	18,174	Av. price/doz. eggs (all)	55.6¢
Telephone	791	Av. price/doz. eggs (dil)	3 3.0¢
Interest paid	8,615		
Advertising & promotion	573		
Miscellaneous	10,137	+	
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$501,097		

Progress of the Farm Business

There are two kinds of comparisons used in analyzing a farm business. One is that of comparing your business with that of other poultrymen. The other is comparing your current year's business with that of previous years to see the progress you are making. In looking ahead, it is suggested that you set targets for 1970 which are in line with the progress you have been making.

Your business analysis on the preceding pages provide the factors for 1979. You will need to refer to earlier summaries for the 1977 and 1978 factors.

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	1977	1978	1979	1980
Size of Business Average number of layers Value of egg sales Man equivalent	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rate of Production Eggs produced per hen				
Labor Efficiency Hens per man Dozen eggs sold per man				
Capital Efficiency Total inventory value Total investment/hen Farm receipts per \$100 investment	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	
Cost Control Layer feed bought per hen Lbs. feed per dozen eggs Labor cost per hen Machinery cost per hen Total expense per \$100 receipts	\$\$ \$\$ \$		\$\$ \$\$ \$	
Prices Average price per dozen	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Summary Total Farm Receipts Total Farm Expenses Labor & management income per operator	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
Total debt outstanding Debt per hen	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$\$ \$	\$ \$
Net Worth	\$	\$	\$	\$