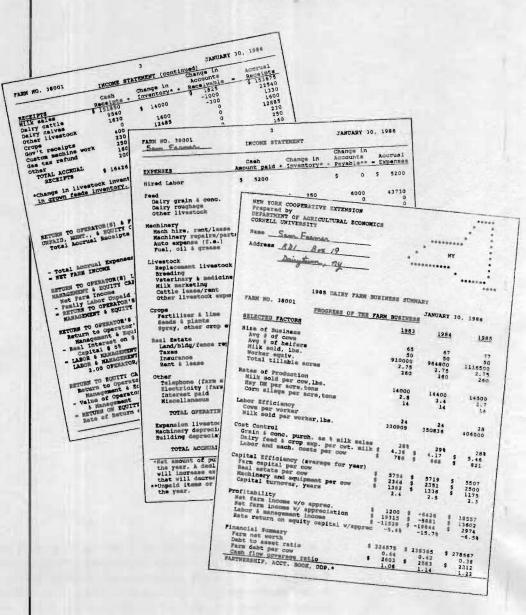
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## 1985 DAIRY FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY Eastern Plateau Region\*

#### Introduction

Dairy farmers throughout the State have been participating in New York Cooperative Extension's farm business summary and analysis program since the early 1950's. Each participating farmer receives a complete summary and analysis of his or her farm business in addition to this publication. The information in this report is compiled by averaging data submitted from the region described at the bottom of this page.

#### Program Objective

The primary objective of the dairy farm business summary, DFBS, is to provide farm managers information concerning profitability, financial condition, productivity, and efficiency to be used to assist them in delineating the strengths/weaknesses of the farm business and to improve decision-making. In short, DFBS identifies the records farmers need and provides information to be used in making business and financial management decisions.

#### Program Improvements

The 1985 DFBS report features improved accrual accounting procedures, a new measure of farm profitability, a more indepth balance sheet, an annual cash flow statement, and several major improvements in the business analysis format and the analysis measures used. These and other changes are identified in the body of this report.

The revised format provides one full page for the analysis of the farm cropping program and another for complete analysis of the dairy program. Corn and hay crop related expenses are evaluated separately for cooperating farmers. The cost of producing milk per cow and per hundredweight of milk sold has been compiled. An annual cash flow worksheet has been added to the farmer's individual report. The popular <u>Progress of The Farm Business</u> report has been moved to page one of the farmer's report and added to this publication.

Micro DFBS, which allows Cooperative Extension agents and specialists to calculate and print individual farm business reports in their offices, is now being used by more than 50 percent of our dairy farm management field staff. This innovative program provides faster processing of farm record data and increased use of DFBS in farm management programs.

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Extension Agents Carl Crispell, Joe Dell, Tom Donnelly, Bill Gengenbach, and
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Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties.

#### SUMMARY OF THE FARM BUSINESS

#### Business Characteristics

Finding the right management strategies is an important part of farming. Various combinations of farm resources, enterprises, business arrangements, and management techniques are used by the dairy farmers in this region. The following table shows important farm business characteristics and the number of farmers reporting these characteristics.

BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Type of Farm	Number	Type of Business	Number
Dairy	58	Single proprietorship	44
Part-time dairy	2	Partnership	16
Dairy cash-crop	0	Corporation	0
Part-time cash-crop dairy	0	Other	0
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Type of Ownership	Number	Type of Barn	Number
Owner	52	Stanchion	45
Renter	8	Freestall	14
		Other	1
Milking System	Number	Business Record System	Number
Bucket & carry	1	CAMIS	4
Dumping station	6	Account Book	28
Pipeline	39	Agrifax (mail-in only)	6
Herringbone parlor	13	On-Farm Computer	2
Other parlor	1	Other	20
Dairy Records Service	Number		Number
DHIC	42	Other	4
0.8.	8	None	· ·
0.3.	O	none	6
Milk Diversion Program Participants Number: 6			

The averages used in this report were compiled using data from all the participating dairy farms in this region unless noted otherwise. There may be regular dairy farms, part-time farms, dairy cash-crop farms, farm renters, partnerships, and corporations included in the average. These specific classifications are used to separate farms in the State Business Summary.

 $\underline{\text{A part-time farm}}$  has less than 12 months of labor from all operators.

A dairy cash-crop farm has income from crop sales that exceed 10 percent of milk sales.

A farm renter owns no farm real estate at the end of the year or owns no tillable land.

Milk Diversion Program Participants are the farmers that were in the 1984-85 federal milk diversion program. These farms have also been included in the regional summary averages.

#### Income Statement

The revised accrual income statement begins with an accounting of all farm business expenses.

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM EXPENSES
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Cash		Change in	Change in	Accrual
Expense Item	Paid	+		Accounts Payable	= Expenses
Hired Labor \$	11,334			<b>\$ -</b> 5	\$ 11,329
Feed	11,554			* 3	¥ ==, ==>
Dairy grain & conc.	37,823		<b>\$-258</b>	-196	37,369
Dairy roughage	1,134		0	0	1,134
Other livestock	1,644		18	19	1,681
Machinery	<b>-,</b> -, ·				-,
Mach. hire, rent/lease	1,568			-66	1,502
Machinery repairs/parts	6,632		-21	29	6,640
Auto expense (f.s.)	551			0	551
Fuel, oil & grease	5,310		-5	44	5,349
Livestock	-,			•	•
Replacement livestock	1,387			6	1,393
Breeding	2,281		116	7	2,404
Vet & medicine	2,518		-18	31	2,531
Milk marketing	9,427			-52	9,375
Cattle lease/rent	<sup>′</sup> 56			0	. 56
Other livestock expense	5,711		225	12	5,948
Crops	•				•
Fertilizer & lime	6,945		-26	100	7,019
Seeds & plants	2,106		-61	33	2,078
Spray, other crop exp.	2,029		126	-41	2,114
Real Estate	·				•
Land/bldg./fence repair	1,814			15	1,829
Taxes	3,686			311	3,997
Insurance	2,323			7	2,330
Rent & lease	2,760			-67	2,693
<u>Other</u>					
Telephone (f.s.)	611			10	621
Electricity (f.s.)	3,732			57	3,789
Interest paid	14,138			-20	14,118
Miscellaneous _	1,878		<u>3</u>	<u>-96</u>	1,785
Total Operating \$	3129,3 <mark>98</mark>		\$ 99	\$ 138	\$129,635
Expansion livestock \$	652			\$ O	\$ 652
Machinery depreciation					12,324
Building depreciation					5,629
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TOTAL ACCRUAL EXPENSES					\$148,240

<u>Cash paid</u> is the actual amount of money paid out during the year and does not necessarily represent the cost of goods and services actually used.

Accrual expenses are the costs of inputs actually used in this year's production. The value of feed and supplies used out of inventory are included as are the costs of inputs purchased but not paid for (net increases in accounts payable). Items paid for and not used (net additions to inventory) are excluded from accrual expenses as are payments made on inputs used in a prior year (net decreases in accounts payable).

Worksheets are provided to enable any dairy farmer to compute his or her accrual farm income and compare it with the averages on the opposite page.

#### CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM EXPENSES WORKSHEET

		Cash		Change in	Change in	Accrual
Expense Item		Paid	+	Inventory	 Accounts Payabl	e = Expenses
<u> Hired Labor</u>	\$_			\$	\$	\$
<u>Feed</u>				•		
Dairy grain & conc.	_		_		<u>-</u>	
Dairy roughage	_		_			
Other livestock			_		<del></del>	
Machinery						
Mach. hire, rent/lease			_			
Machinery repairs/parts			_			
Auto expense (f.s.)			_		<u> </u>	
Fuel, oil & grease			_		<del></del>	
<u>Livestock</u>						
Replacement livestock	_		_			
Breeding			_			
Vet & medicine	_		_			
Milk marketing			_			
Cattle lease/rent						· <u></u>
Other livestock expense					<u> </u>	
Crops						•
Fertilizer & lime						
Seeds & plants						
Spray, other crop exp.					<del>-</del>	
Real Estate	-				<del></del>	·
Land/bldg./fence repair			_		_ •	
Taxes			_		<del></del>	<u> </u>
Insurance					<del> </del>	
Rent & lease	. –		_			
<u>Other</u>					<del></del>	
Telephone (f.s.)						
Electricity (f.s.)			_		<del></del>	
Interest paid			<del></del>			
Miscellaneous			_			
Total Operating	\$_		_	\$	\$	\$
Expansion livestock	. –			•	'	T
Machinery depreciation						
Building depreciation	_		_			
TOTAL ACCRUAL EXPENSES	\$_			\$	\$	\$

<u>Cash paid</u> is the actual amount of money paid out during the year and does not necessarily represent the cost of goods and services actually used.

Accrual expenses are the costs of inputs actually used in this year's production. Purchased feed and supplies used out of inventory must be included. Beginning of year less end of year purchased feed and supply inventory equals the change in inventory to include in accrual expenses. Feed, supplies, and services used but not paid for must be included by adding the net increase in operating accounts payable. Increases in operating accounts payable are determined by subtracting the balance at the beginning of the year from the end of year balance.

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM RECEIPTS 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Receipt Item	Cash Receipts	+	Change in Inventory	_	Change in Accounts Receivable	+	Accrual Receipts
Receipt Item	Vecethra		Thvehicory		Receivable		RECEIPES
Milk sales	\$142,702				\$-327		\$142,375
Dairy cattle	9,654		\$2,458		13		12,125
Dairy calves	1,768				0		1,768
Other livestock	362		-22		0		340
Crops	970		1,744		5		2,719
Government receipts	1,994				-453		1,541
Custom machine work	346				49		395
Gas tax refund	146				0		146
Other	2,851		Windows		87		2,938
Total Accrual Receipts	\$160,793		\$4,180		\$-626		\$164,347

<u>Cash receipts</u> includes the gross value of milk checks received during the year plus all other payments received for the sale of farm products, services, and government programs.

Accrual receipts represent the value of all farm commodities produced and services actually provided by the farmer during the year. Increases in live-stock inventory caused by herd growth and/or quality, are included as accrual receipts. Decreases in inventory caused by herd reduction are deducted. Changes in inventories of crops grown are accounted for in accrual receipts. Changes in accounts receivable include the January milk check for this December's marketings compared with the previous January's check, and other delayed payments.

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM RECEIPT WORKSHEET

Receipt Item	Cash Receipts	Change in + Inventory	Change in Accounts + Receivable	Accrual + Receipts
Milk sales Dairy cattle Dairy calves Other livestock Crops Government receipts Custom machine work Gas tax refund Other	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Accrual Receipts	\$	\$	\$	\$

To calculate the change in inventory to be included in the above worksheet, subtract the beginning of year values from the end of year values excluding appreciation. The changes in inventories caused by declining prices must be excluded from the calculation of accrual receipts. Changes in accounts receivable are also determined by subtracting beginning of year balances from end of year balances.

#### Profitability Analysis

Farm owners/operators contribute labor, management, and capital to their businesses and the best combination of these resources produces optimum profits. Farm profits can be measured as the return to all family resources or as the return to one or more individual resources such as labor and management.

Net farm income is the total combined return to the farm operator(s) and other unpaid family members for their labor, management, and equity capital. It is the farm family's net annual return from working, managing, financing, and owning the farm business. This is not a measure of cash available from the year's business operation. Cash flow is evaluated later in this report.

Net farm income is computed with and without appreciation. Appreciation represents the change in livestock, machinery, and real estate inventory values caused by changes in prices during the year. Appreciation is a major factor contributing to changes in farm net worth and must be included in the profitability analysis.

NET FARM INCOME 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Total accrual receipts	\$164,347	\$
Appreciation: Livestock	-8,378	-
Machinery	3,699	
Real Estate	<u>5,501</u>	
Total Including Appreciation	\$165,169	\$
Total accrual expenses	148,240	
Net Farm Income (with appreciation)	\$ 16,929	\$
Net Farm Income (without appreciation)	\$ 16,107	\$

Return to operator(s') labor, management, and equity capital measures the total business profits for the farm operators. It is calculated by deducting a charge for unpaid family labor from net farm income. Operator(s') labor is not included in unpaid family labor. Return to operator(s') labor, management, and equity capital has been compiled with and without appreciation. Appreciation is considered an important part of the return to ownership of farm assets.

RETURN TO OPERATOR(S') LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AND EQUITY 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Aver	age	My Farm		
Item	Without Apprec,	With Apprec.	Without Apprec,	With Apprec.	
Net farm income	\$16,107	\$16,929	\$	\$	
Family labor unpaid @ \$550 per month	2,200	2,200	_	_	
Return to operator(s') labor, management, & equity	\$13,907	\$14,729	\$	\$	

Labor and management income is the share of net farm income without appreciation returned to the operator(s') labor and management. Appreciation is not included as part of the return to labor and management. Labor and management income is determined by deducting the cost of using equity capital at a real interest rate of five percent, from the return to operator(s') labor, management, and equity capital excluding appreciation. The interest charge reflects the long-term average rate of return that a farmer might expect to earn in comparable risk investments in a low inflation economy.

Labor and management income per operator measures the return to each operator's labor and management.

## LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Return to operator(s') labor, management, & equity without appreciation	\$13,907	\$
Real interest @ 5% on \$245,567 equity capital	12,278	-
Labor & Management Income (1.33 operators)	\$1,629	\$
Labor & Management Income per Operator	\$1,221	\$

Return on equity capital measures the net return remaining for the farmer's equity or owned capital after a charge has been made for the owner-operator's labor and management. The earnings or amount of net farm income allocated to labor and management is the opportunity cost or value of operator(s') labor and management estimated by the cooperators. Return on equity capital is calculated with and without appreciation. The rate of return on equity capital is determined by dividing the amount returned by the end of year farm net worth or equity capital.

RETURN ON EQUITY CAPITAL 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Return to operator(s') labor, management, & equity capital with appreciation	\$14,729	\$
Value of operator(s') labor & management	20,387	**
Return on equity capital with appreciation	\$-5,658	\$
Rate of return on equity capital with appreciation	-2.3%	
Return on equity capital without appreciation	\$-6,480	\$
Rate of return without appreciation	-2.6%	

#### Farm and Family Financial Status

Evaluating the financial status of the farm business and the farm family is an important part of business analysis. The first step is to recognize all the assets and liabilities that make up the balance sheet. The second step is to analyze your filled out balance sheet by evaluating changes made during the year.

1985 FARM BUSINESS & NONFARM BALANCE SHEET 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	_		Farm Liabilities		
Farm Assets	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	& Net Worth	Jan, 1	<u>Dec. 31</u>
Current			Current		
Farm cash, checking	ıg		Accounts payable	\$ 5,901	\$ 6,064
& savings	\$ 3,601	\$ 3,447	Operating debt	3,040	3,916
Accounts rec.	13,284	12,651	Short-term	1,319	1,660
Feed & supplies	28,500	30,193			
Total	\$ 45,385	\$ 46,291	Total	\$ 10,260	\$ 11,640
<u>Intermediate</u>			<u>Intermediate</u>		
Dairy cows:				55,931	55,775
owned	65,955	63,132			
leased	0	0			
Heifers	27,004	23,885			
Bulls/other lvstk.	618	618			
Mach./eq. owned	76,447	78,144			
Mach./eq. leased	650	511	Financial lease	\$	
Coop stock & cert.	1,810	1,818	(cattle/mach.)	650	511
<b>Total</b>	\$172,484	\$168,108	Total	\$ 56,581	\$ 56,286
Long-Term			Long-Term		
Land/buildings:				84,987	88,099
owned	183,052	187,194			
leased	1,626	1.563			
Total	\$184,678	\$188,757	Financial lease		
			(structures)	1.626	1,563
			Total	\$ 86,613	\$ 89,662
Total Farm Assets	\$402,547	\$403,156	Total Farm Liab.	\$153,454	\$157,588
			FARM NET WORTH	\$249,093	245,568
			Nonfarm Liabilitie	s	
Nonfarm Assets	<u> Jan. 1</u>	Dec. 31	& Net Worth	Jan, 1	<u>Dec. 31</u>
Personal cash, chk	g.		Nonfarm Liab.	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,435
& savings	\$ 1,956	\$ 2,424	NONFARM NET WORTH	19,036	19,673
Cash value life in	s. 2,881	3,141	FARM & NONFARM	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Nonfarm real estat	e 3,740	3,810	Total Assets	\$422,930	\$424,264
Auto (personal sh.	) 2,205	2,273	Total Liabilities	154.801	159,022
Stocks & bonds	1,609	1,702	ļ		
Household furn.	6,300	6,526			
All other	1.692	1,232	TOTAL FARM & NON-		
Total Nonfarm	\$ 20,383	\$ 21,108	FARM NET WORTH	\$268,128	\$265,242

Financial lease obligations are included in the balance sheet. The present values of all future payments are listed as liabilities since the farmer (lessee) is committed to make the payments. The present values are also listed as assets, representing the future value the item has to the business.

#### 1985 FARM BUSINESS & NONFARM BALANCE SHEET

Farm Assets	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Farm Liabilities & Net Worth	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
<u>Current</u> Farm cash, checking	;		Current	Accounts	payable
& savings			Operating debt		
Accounts rec. Feed & supplies			Short-term:		
Total			Total		V
Intermediate Dairy cows:   owned   leased Heifers			<u>Intermediate</u>		
Bulls/other lvstk. Mach./eq. owned					
Mach./eq. leased Coop stock & cert. Total			Financial lease (cattle/mach.) Total		
Long-Term Land/buildings:			Long-Term		
leased					
Total		V-2000000000000000000000000000000000000	Financial lease (structures)		
Total Farm Assets			Total Total Farm Liab. FARM NET WORTH		
	1		Nonfarm Liabilitie	S	
Nonfarm Assets	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	& Net Worth	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Personal cash, chkg	<b>5.</b>		Nonfarm Liab.:		
& savings Cash value life ins.					
Nonfarm real est. Auto (pers. share) Stocks & bonds Household furn.			Total Nonfarm Liabilities		
All other Total Nonfarm			Nonfarm Net Worth		
TOTAL FARM & NONFAR	М		Jan. 1	De	c. 31
Total Farm & Nonfar Less Total Farm & N Farm & Nonfarm Net	lonfarm Li	abilities		- <u>-</u>	

Balance sheet analysis continues by examining financial and debt ratios and factors measuring levels of debt. Percent equity is calculated by dividing net worth by assets. The debt to asset ratio is compiled by dividing liabilities by assets. Low debt to asset ratios reflect strength in solvency and the potential capacity to borrow. The debt analysis ratios show how well the debt is structured and managed.

BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item		Avera	ige	My Farm
Change in Farm Net Worth:				
From Balance Sheet		-\$3,52	?5	\$
Excluding Appreciation		-\$4,34	<b>.</b> 7	\$
Financial Ratios - Farm:				
Percent equity		61	<b>8</b>	*
Debt/asset ratio: total		0.39	)	
long-term		0.48	3	
intermediate	/current	0.32	2	
Financial Ratios - Farm & Nonfa	arm:			
Percent equity		63	38	8
Total debt/asset ratio		0.37		
Farm Debt Analysis:				
Accounts payable as % of total	debt	4	8	
Long-term liabilities as a % of	f total deb	t 57	<sup>7</sup> %	8
Current & inter. liab. as a % of	of total de	ebt 43%		
		Per Tillable		Per Tillable
Farm Debt Levels:	Per Cow	Acre Owned	Per Cow	Acre Owned
Total farm debt	\$2,074	\$1,271	\$	\$
Long-term debt	1,180	723		-
Intermediate & current debt	894	548		

Balance sheet analysis concludes with a summary of the inventory balancing procedure for farm real estate and machinery and equipment. It is important to account for the value of these assets used on the balance sheet and the changes that occur from the beginning to end of year. Changes in the livestock inventory are included in the dairy analysis.

FARM INVENTORY BALANCE 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Avg, o	Avg, of Regional Farms						
	R.E.	<u>Mach</u>	/Eq.		R.E.		Mach.	/Eq.
Value beg. of year	\$183,0	52	\$76,447		\$		\$	
Purchases	\$5,043*	\$10,658		\$		\$	Summer	
Lost capital	640	0		-		-		
Sales	133	335		-		_		
Depreciation	5,629	12,324		-		***		
Net investment	-1,359	-2,001			<del>-+</del>		=+	
Appreciation	5,5	501	3,699		+		+	
Value end of year	\$187,	194	\$78,144		\$		\$	

<sup>\*\$1,582</sup> land and \$3,462 buildings and/or depreciable improvements.

#### Cash Flow Summary and Analysis

Completing an annual cash flow summary and analysis is important to determine how well the cash generated by the business, plus that brought in from outside, met the annual cash needs of the business and the farm family. Understanding last year's cash flow is the first step toward planning and managing cash flow for the current and future years.

The <u>Annual Cash Flow Statement</u> in the following table is structured to compare all the cash inflows with all the cash outflows for the year. Cash inflows include all the cash farm receipts, receipts from the sale of farm assets, additional funds borrowed, as well as the amount of cash available at the beginning of the year. Cash outflows include all the cash farm expenses, capital purchases, principal payments, money taken out of the business, and the cash balance left at year's end. When all the cash inflows and outflows are correct, the statement will balance. If the imbalance (error) amount is positive, recorded cash inflows exceed outflows by this amount. If it is negative, cash outflows are too high in relation to inflows.

ANNUAL CASH FLOW STATEMENT 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Cash Inflows		
Beginning farm cash, checking & savings	\$ 3,601	\$
Cash farm receipts	160,793	····
Sale of assets: Machinery	335	
Real estate	183	
Money borrowed (intermediate & long-term)	19,128	
Money borrowed (short-term)	1,337	
Increase in operating debt	876	
Nonfarm income	2,303	
Money borrowed - nonfarm	425	
Total	\$188,981	\$
Cash Outflows		
Cash farm expenses	\$129,398	\$
Capital purchases: Expansion livestock	652	
Machinery	10,658	
Real estate	5,043	
Principal payments (intermediate & long-term)	16,172	
Principal payments (short-term)	996	,
Decrease in operating debt	0	
Nonfarm debt payments	623	
Personal withdrawals & family exp.	11,492	
Ending farm cash, checking & savings	3,447	
Total	\$178,477	\$
Imbalance (error)	\$ 10,504	\$

#### Repayment Analysis

The second step of cash flow planning is to compare and evaluate debt payments planned and made last year, and estimate the payments required in the current year. It is helpful to compare and evaluate by using debt payments per unit of production and receipt/debt payment ratios.

FARM DEBT PAYMENTS PLANNED
Same 49 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985 and 1986

		Average			My Farm	
	1985 Pa	yments	Planned	1985 Pa	yments	Planned
Debt Payments	Planned	Made	1986	Planned	<u>Made</u>	1986
Long-term	\$12,274	\$13,667	\$12,205	\$	\$	\$
Intermediate-term	18,069	18,723	18,338	*		
Short-term	4,436	1,348	1,396	***************************************		***
Operating (net	•	·	•			
reduction	0	0	295			
Accounts payable						
(net reduction)	2.379	1.099	<u>871</u>	***		
Total	\$37,158	\$34,837	\$33,106	\$	\$	\$
Per cow	\$492	\$461		\$	\$	
Per cwt. 1985 milk	\$3.27	\$3.06		\$	\$	<b></b>
Percent of total	•	•				_
1985 receipts	22%	21%				
Percent of 1985						_
milk receipts	26%	24%				

The <u>Cash Flow Coverage Ratio</u> measures the ability of the farm business to meet its planned debt payment schedule. The ratio shows the percentage of planned payments that could have been made with last year's available cash flow. Farmers that did not participate in DFBS last year will find in their report a cash flow coverage ratio based on this year's planned debt payments.

CASH FLOW COVERAGE RATIO
Same 49 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Cash farm receipts	\$164,749	\$
- Cash farm expenses	132,582	
+ Interest paid	15,603	
- Net personal withdrawals from farm*	9.837	*
(A) = Amount Available for Debt Service	\$ 37,933	\$
(B) - Debt Payments Planned for 1985	\$ 37,158	\$
(A + B) - Cash Flow Coverage Ratio for 1985	1.02	

<sup>\*</sup>Personal withdrawals and family expenditures less nonfarm income. If family withdrawals are excluded the cash flow coverage ratio will be incorrect.

#### ANALYSIS OF THE FARM BUSINESS

The farm business has been divided into three parts to allow a more indepth analysis of the cropping program, the dairy program, and the factors affecting capital and labor efficiency.

#### Cropping Program Analysis

The cropping program is an important part of the dairy farm business and sometimes it is overlooked and neglected. A complete evaluation of available land resources, how they are being used, how well crops are producing and what it costs to produce them, is required to evaluate alternative cropping and feed purchasing choices.

LAND RESOURCES AND CROP PRODUCTION
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average			My Farm			
Land	<u>Owr</u>	ned F	lented	<u>Total</u>	<u>Owned</u>	Rented	<u>Total</u>
Tillable	12	24	95	219			
Nontillable	8	30	31	112			
Other nontillable	9	<u>97</u>	<u> 19</u>	<u>116</u>			
Total	30	)1	145	447			
Crop Yields	<u>Farms</u>	Acres	Prod	/Acre	Acre	s Prod	/Acre
Hay crop	60	134	2.3	tn DM			_ tn DM
Corn silage	54	54	13.9	tn			tn
			4.6	tn DM			tn DM
Other forage	7	7	2.3	tn DM			tn DM
Total forage	60	184	2.9	tn DM			tn DM
Corn grain	15	84	96	bu			bu
Oats	8	23	65	bu	<del></del>		bu bu
Wheat	1	21	69	bu	***************************************		bu bu
Other crops	6	19					<del></del>
Tillable pasture	11	29			***************************************	<del></del>	
Idle	12	16					
Total Tillable Acres		219				*****	

Average crop acres and yields compiled for the region are for the number of farms reporting each crop. Yields of forage crops have been converted to tons of dry matter using dry matter coefficients reported by the farmers. Grain production has been converted to bushels of dry grain equivalent based on dry matter information provided.

The following measures of crop management measure how efficiently the land resource is being used and how well total forage requirements are being met.

CROP MANAGEMENT FACTORS
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Total tillable acres per cow	2.96	
Total forage acres per cow	2.49	
Harvested forage dry matter, tons per cow	7.26	

#### Cropping Program Analysis (continued)

A substantial number of cooperators have allocated crop expenses to hay crop, corn, and other crop production. This additional data has been compiled to show the traditional crop expenses per acre and per production unit for these crops. Corn production has been converted to corn silage equivalent using 5.88 bushels of dry shell equivalent to equal one ton of corn silage as fed.

CROP RELATED ACCRUAL EXPENSES
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Total				Per		
	Per	Per Hay Crop*		Corn*	Ton Corn	Other	
	Till.	Per	Per	Per	Silage	Crops*	
Expense	Acre	Acre	Ton DM	Acre	Equiv. **	Per Acre	
Fertilizer & lime	\$32.09	\$20.60	\$5.02	\$ 65.04	\$2.55	\$ 49.91	
Seeds & plants Spray & other crop	9.50	3.54	0.86	17.86	0.70	47.37	
expense	9.67	<u>1,66</u>	0.41	29,32	1.15	<u>25,31</u>	
Total	\$51.25	\$25.80	\$6.28	\$112.22	\$4.40	\$122.59	
My Farm:							
Fertilizer & lime	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Seeds & plants Spray & other crop							
expense Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	

<sup>\*</sup>Hay: 31 farms reporting, 146 average acres; corn: 27 farms reporting, 90 average acres; other crops: 12 farms reporting, 10 average acres.

\*\*Corn grain converted to silage equivalent using 5.88 bushels - one ton silage as fed.

Most machinery costs are associated with crop production and should be analyzed with the crop enterprise. Total machinery expenses include the major fixed costs (interest and depreciation), as well as the accrual operating costs. Although machinery costs have not been allocated to individual crops, they are shown per total tillable acre.

ACCRUAL MACHINERY EXPENSES
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Aver	age	My Farm		
Machinery Expense Item	Total Expenses	Per Til. Acre	Total Expenses	Per Til. Acre	
Fuel, oil & grease	\$ 5,348	\$ 24.45	\$	\$	
Machinery repairs & parts Machine hire, rent & lease	6,640 1,502	30.36 6.87			
Auto expense (farm share) Interest (5%)	<b>5</b> 51 3 <b>,86</b> 5	2.52 17.67		***************************************	
Depreciation Total	$\frac{12.324}{$30.230}$	56.35 \$138.21	Ś	s	

#### Dairy Program Analysis

Analysis of the dairy enterprise can tell a great deal about the strengths and weaknesses of the dairy farm business. Changes in dairy herd size and market values that occur during the year are identified in the table below. The change in inventory value without appreciation is attributed to physical changes in herd size and quality. This real increase in inventory has been included as an accrual farm receipt on page 5.

DAIRY HERD INVENTORY
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Dair	cy Cows	He	ifers
Item	Number	Value	Number	Value
Beginning of year (owned)	73	\$65,955	57	\$27,004
+ Change without appreciation		3,126		-668
+ Appreciation		<u>-5.949</u>		-2,451
End of year (owned)	76	\$63,132	57	\$23,885
End including leased	76			
Average number	74		56	
My Farm:				
Beginning of year (owned)		\$		\$
+ Change without appreciation				
+ Appreciation				
End of year (owned)				
End including leased				
Average number		\$		\$

Total milk sold and milk sold per cow are extremely valuable measures of productivity on the dairy farm. These measures of milk output are based on pounds of milk marketed during the year.

MILK PRODUCTION
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Average	My Farm
Total milk sold, lbs.	1,112,055	
Milk sold per cow, lbs.	15,051	
Average milk plant test, percent butterfat	3.61%	

The cost of producing mill has been compiled using the whole farm method, and is featured in the following table. Accrual receipts from milk sales can be compared with the accrual costs of producing milk per cow and per hundredweight of milk. Using the whole farm method, operating costs of producing milk are estimated by deducting nonmilk accrual receipts from total accrual operating expenses. Total costs of producing milk include the operating costs plus expansion livestock purchased, depreciation on machinery and buildings, the value of operator(s') labor and management, and the interest charge for using equity capital. Note that the cost of labor, management, and equity capital has been excluded in the intermediate compilation.

ACCRUAL RECEIPTS FROM DAIRY AND COST OF PRODUCING MILK 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

		Average			My Farm	
Item	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt,	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
Accrual Receipts						
Milk	\$142,376	\$1,927	\$12.80	\$	\$	\$
Dairy cattle	12,125	164	1.09			
Dairy calves	1,768	24	0.16			
Total	\$156,269	\$2,115	\$14.05	\$	\$	\$
Accrual Costs of Producing Milk						
Operating costs Total costs with-	\$107,613	\$1,457	\$ 9.68	\$	\$	\$
out op(s') labor	•	61 720	611 55	ć	ć	٨
mgmt. & capital Total Costs	\$128,469 \$161,134	\$1,739 \$2,181	\$11.55 \$14.49	\$ \$	Ş	રે
TOTAL GUSTS	9101,134	94,101	914.49	٩	٩	٩

The accrual operating expenses most commonly associated with the dairy enterprise are listed in the table below. Evaluating these costs per unit of production enables the comparison of different size dairy farms.

DAIRY RELATED ACCRUAL EXPENSES 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

	Average				My Farm		
<u>Item</u>	Per Cow		Per C	wt.	Per Cow	Per Cwt.	
Purchased dairy grain							
& concentrates	\$506		\$3.3	6	\$	\$	
Purchased dairy roughage	15		0.1	<u>.0</u>			
Total Purchased							
Dairy Feed	\$520		\$3.4	6	\$	\$	
Purchased grain & conc.							
as % of milk receipts		26%				&	
Purchased feed & crop exp.	\$672		\$4.4	7	\$	 \$	
Purchased feed & crop exp.							
as % of milk receipts		35%				8	
Breeding	\$33		\$0.2	2	\$	\$	
Veterinary & medicine	34		0.2	23			
Milk marketing	127		0.8	4			
Cattle lease	1		0.0	)1			
Other livestock expense	80		0.5	i3			

#### Capital and Labor Efficiency Analysis

Capital efficiency factors measure how intensively the capital is being used in the farm business. Measures of labor efficiency are key indicators of management's success.

CAPITAL EFFICIENCY
60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Item	Per Worker	Per Cow	Per Tillable Acre	Per Tillable Acre Owned
Farm capital Real estate Machinery & equipment Capital turnover, years	\$151,069 29,203	\$5,453 2,527 1,054	\$1,842 356	\$3,249 1,506
My Farm: Farm capital Real estate Machinery & equipment Capital turnover, years	\$	\$	\$	\$

## LABOR FORCE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS 60 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985

Labor Force	Months	Age	Years of of Educ.	Value of Labor & Mgmt
Operator number 1	12	42	14	\$15,740
Operator number 2	3	33	14	3,818
Operator number 3	1	52	13	829
Family paid	4			
Family unpaid	4			
Hired	_8			
Total	32	+ 12 = 2.	67 Worker Equi	valent
		1.	33 Operator/Ma	nager Equiv.

My Farm: To	tal	+	12	-	 Worker Equivalen	t
Op	erator's	+	12		 Operator/Manager	Equiv.

Labor	Ave	erage	My Farm	
Efficiency	Total	Per Worker	Total	Per Worker
Cows, average number	74	28		
Milk sold, pounds	1,112,055	417,021		
Tillable acres	219	82		
Work units	769	288		

	Average			My Farm		
		Per	Per		Per	Per
Labor Costs	<u>Total</u>	Cow	Til. Acre	Total	Cow	<u>Til. Acre</u>
Value of operator(s)						
labor (\$800/month)	\$12,800	\$173	\$ 58.52	\$	\$	\$
Family unpd. (\$550/mo.)	2,200	30	10.06		-	
Hired	11,329	<u> 153</u>	51.80			
Total Labor	\$26,329	\$356	\$120.38	\$	\$	\$
Machinery Cost	\$30,230	\$409	\$138.21	\$	\$	\$
Total Labor & Mach.	\$56,559	\$766	\$258.59	\$	\$	\$

#### ANNUAL CASH FLOW WORKSHEEET

	Regional	<u>My</u>	Farm	Expected	1986
ltem	Average	Total	Per Cow	Change	Projection
	(per cow)				
Average number of cows	74				
Accrual Oper, Receipts					
Milk	\$1,927.04	}	\$		\$
Dairy cattle	164.11		1		
Dairy calves	23.93	-		<del></del>	
Other livestock	4.60				
Grops	36.79				
•					
Misc. receipts	67.94		\$		\$
Total	\$2,224.41	}	٩		٧
1 1 . O					
Accrual Oper, Expenses	A 150 0/ /		•		^
Hired labor		}	\$	***************************************	\$
Dairy grain & cone.	505.80				
Dairy roughage	14.70				
Other lvstk. feed	22.72				
Mach. hire/rent/lease	20,30				
Mach. rpr./parts & auto	97.18				
Fuel, oil & grease	72.27				
Replacement lvstk.	18.82				
Breeding	32.54				
Vet & medicine	34.26				
Milk marketing	126.89				
Cattle lease	0.76				
Other lvstk. exp.	80.49				
Fertilizer & lime	94.85				
Seeds & plants	28.07				
Spray/other crop exp.	28.57			*****	
Land, bldg., fence repair	24.73				
Taxes	54.01	-			
Insurance	31.49				
Real est, rent/lease	36.39				
Utilities	59.57				
Miscellaneous	24.12				
Total Less Int. Paid	\$1,561.04				\$
Net Accrual Operating Inc			(total)		
(without interest paid)		,830 \$			\$
- Change in lvstk./crop i	nv. 4	,180			
- Change in accts. rec.		-626			
+ Change in feed/supply i	nv.	<b>9</b> 9			
+ Change in accts. payabl	e	138			
NET CASH FLOW		,466 \$			\$
- Personal withdrawals &	•	•			
family expenditures	11	492			
Available for Debt Paymen					
Investments & Savings		,974 \$			Ś
- Farm Debt Payments		, 974			Υ
Available for Investment		.000			
	A A	1/1 ^			٨
& Savings		,141 \$			<b>\$</b>
- Capital Purchases: catt					
machinery & improvement	s \$16	, 353			
Additional Capita: Needed		\$			<b>~</b>

#### PROGRESS OF THE FARM BUSINESS

Comparing your business with average data from regional DFBS cooperators that participated in both of the last two years is one part of a business checkup. It is equally important for you to determine the progress your business has made over the past two or three years and to set targets or goals for the future.

PROGRESS OF THE FARM BUSINESS
Same 49 Eastern Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1984 and 1985

	Ave	rage	My Farm_		
Selected Factors	1984	1985	1984	1985	Goal
Ci					
Size of Business	70				
Average number of cows	72	75		***************************************	
Average number of heifers	58	59	***************************************		***************************************
Milk sold, lbs.	1,073,686		***************************************		
Worker equivalent	2.53	2.75			
Total tillable acres	218	224			
Rates of Production					
Milk sold per cow, lbs.	14,895	15,071			
Hay DM per acre, tons	2.4	2.3			***************************************
Corn silage per acre, tons		14			
Labor Efficiency					
Cows per worker	28	27			
Milk sold per worker, lbs.		413,699			
min sold per worker, 155.	425,710	415,077			***************************************
Cost Control					
Grain & conc. purchased					
as % of milk sales	28%	27%	&	&	
Dairy feed & crop exp.					
per cwt. milk	\$4.98	\$4.51	\$	\$ \$	\$
Labor & mach. costs/cow	\$760	\$756	\$	\$	\$
Capital Efficiency*				ţ	
Farm capital per cow	\$5,642	\$5,508	\$	\$	\$
Real estate per cow	\$2,551		\$	Ś	s
Mach. & equip. per cow	\$1,112		Ś	\$	Ś
Capital turnover, years	2.4	2.5	T	τ	T
Tagarat Surnovar, Jours	<b></b> , ₹	2.,3			
Profitability	***		•		
Net farm inc. w/o apprec.	\$17,461	\$15,233	\$	\$	\$
Net farm inc. w/apprec.	\$25,330	\$16,469	\$	\$	\$
Labor & mgmt. income	\$2,916	\$1,001	\$	\$	\$
Rate of return on eq.					
capital w/apprec.	1.3%	-2.6%	*		
Financial Summary					
Farm net worth	\$247,634	\$240,635	Ś	Ś	ŝ
Debt to asset ratio	0.40		Š	Š	Š
Farm debt per cow	\$2,209		č	¥	ζ
Tarm dent ber com	92,209	42,213	٧	٧	٧

<sup>\*</sup>Average for the year.

#### Farm Business Chart

The Farm Business Chart is a tool which can be used in analyzing a business by drawing a line through the figure in each column which represents the current level of management performance. The figure at the top of each column is the average of the top 10 percent of the 458 farms for that factor. The other figures in each column are the average for the second 10 percent, third 10 percent, etc. Each column of the chart is independent of the others. The farms which are in the top 10 percent for one factor would not necessarily be the same farms which make up the top 10 percent for any other factor.

FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

Siz	e of Bu	siness	Rates	Rates of Production			Efficiency
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			Tons	Tons		
Worker	No.	Pounds	Pounds	Hay	Corn	Cows	Pounds
Equiv-	of	Milk	Milk Sold	Crop	Silage	Per	Milk Sold
alent	Cows	Sold_	Per Cow_	DM/Acre	Per Acre	Worker	Per Worker
6.8	255	4,211,900	18,800	4.7	20	45	697,300
4.3	138	2,118,100	17,300	3.7	18	36	560,900
3.6	100	1,551,500	16,500	3.3	16	33	503,900
3.1	83	1,287,200	15,900	2.9	15	30	456,100
2.8	72	1,090,400	15,300	2.7	14	28	423,300
2.5	63	950,300	14,800	2.5	13	26	392,200
2.2	56	818,600	14,200	2.3	12	25	361,400
2.0	49	691,500	13,400	2.0	12	23	328,000
1.7	43	577,800	12,200	1.7	10	20	275,500
1.4	33	395,200	10,000	1.3	8	16	191,300

Feed Bought	% Feed is of Milk	Machinery Costs	Labor & Machinery	Feed & Crop Expenses Per
Per Cow	Receipts	Per Cow	Costs Per Cow	Cwt. Milk
\$214	11%	\$205	\$ 511	\$2.75
306	16	286	610	3.47
369	19	337	662	3.87
432	22	379	713	4.21
474	25	408	771	4.45
523	27	445	818	4.68
574	28	481	873	4.97
624	31	519	928	5.31
685	33	580	1,004	5.72
809	40	765	1,201	6.73

The cost control factors are ranked from low to high, but the <u>lowest</u> cost is not necessarily the most profitable. In some cases, the "best" management position is somewhere near the middle or average. Many things affect the level of costs, and must be taken into account when analyzing the factors.

#### Financial Analysis Chart

The farm financial analysis chart is designed just like the  $\underline{\text{Farm}}$   $\underline{\text{Business Chart}}$  and may be used to measure the financial health of the farm business. Most of the financial measures used in the chart are presented on pages 7, 10, 12, and 17 of this publication.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS CHART 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

	Liquidi	ty (Repayment)		
Debt Payments Per Cow	Available for Debt Service Per Cow	Cash Flow Coverage Ratio	Debt Payments as Percent of Milk Sales	Debt Per Cow
\$ 36	\$909	7.67	2	\$ 104
176	640	2.16	9	638
277	537	1.41	14	1,142
362	469	1.10	19	1,625
438	411	. 91	22	1,930
500	357	.75	26	2,377
571	279	.58	30	2,688
656	216	.46	35	3,161
752	126	.28	40	3,770
971	-95	56	52	5,072

	Sol	vency		Efficiency & Profitability			
		Debt	t/Asset Ratio	Capital	Rate o	f Return on	
Leverage Ratio <sup>1</sup>	Percent Equity	Long Term	Intermediate & Current	Turnover (years)	Equity	Investment <sup>2</sup>	
.02	<b>9</b> 9	.00	. 00	1.60	18%	13%	
.12	90	.02	.04	1.90	8	9	
. 24	81	.14	.11	2.06	5	7	
.37	73	.30	.16	2.20	3	6	
.51	67	.41	. 23	2.34	1	4	
. 70	60	.51	.29	2.51	-1	3	
. 94	53	. 62	. 37	2.66	-3	1	
1.22	46	.73	.45	2.95	-6	0	
1.72	38	.85	. 55	3.25	-11	- 3	
5.04	20	1.27	.80	4.54	-37	-8	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Dollars of debt per dollar of equity, computed by dividing total liabilities by total equity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Return on all farm capital (no deduction for interest paid) divided by total farm assets.

# FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

	Less than	40 to	55 to	70 to
Item Farms with:	40 Cows	54 Cows	69 Cows	84 Cows
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<u>Capital Investment</u> (end of year)	)	A 50 001	A 01 100	A100 100
Livestock	\$ 39,803	\$ 58,991	\$ 81,180	\$100,136
Feed & supplies	11,239	17,653	26,056	34,432
Machinery & equipment	40,402	53,984	76,669	97,951
Land & buildings	120,967	142,160	<u> 193,710</u>	<u>225,287</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$212,411	\$272,788	\$377,615	\$457,806
Receipts			****	
Milk sales	\$ 58,562	\$ 89,405	\$123,086	\$155,027
Dairy cattle sold	4,531	5,287	8,630	10,295
Other livestock sales	1,004	1,626	2,110	1,890
Crop sales	425	738	1,411	2,271
Miscellaneous receipts	3,791	<u>3,991</u>	<u>5.448</u>	5,640
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 68,313	\$101,047	<b>\$140,68</b> 5	\$175,123
Increase in livestock	- 589	687	889	3,018
Increase in feed & supplies	501	10	2,085	<b>43</b> 5
Appreciation	<u> </u>	<u>3,371</u>	<u>6,243</u>	<u>5,188</u>
TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS	\$ 69,834	\$105,115	\$149,902	\$183,764
TOTAL FARM REC. EXCL. APPREC.	\$ 68,225	\$101,744	\$143,659	\$178,576
Expenses				
Hired labor	\$ 2,503	\$ 5,326	\$8,539	\$ 13,584
Dairy grain & concentrate	16,993	23,274	30,095	36,692
Other feed	1,632	1,422	2,227	1,486
Machine hire	764	949	1,494	1,501
Machinery repair	3,072	4,013	<b>5,92</b> 9	7,527
Auto expense (farm share)	446	415	502	485
Gas & oil	2,072	3,157	4,494	6,131
Replacement animals	549	766	1,692	1,116
Breeding fees	875	1,238	2,062	2,548
Veterinary & medicine	1,072	1,617	2,641	3,098
Milk marketing	4,893	7,345	9,676	12,223
Cattle lease	. 0	55	<sup>*</sup> 87	125
Other livestock expense	2,362	3,650	5,511	6,278
Fertilizer & lime	2,355	3,446	6,291	8,000
Seeds & plants	697	1,081	1,933	2,602
Spray & other crop expense	693	813	1,438	1,988
Land, bldg., fence repair	936	1,190	1,971	2,339
Taxes & insurance	3,292	4,120	5,922	7,203
Elec. & phone (farm share)	2,018	2,879	3,875	4,700
Interest paid	5,789	9,300	12,660	14,845
Misc. expenses (incl. rent)	1,441	3,088	4,125	5,609
Total Cash Expenses	\$ 54,454	\$ 79,144	\$113,164	\$140,080
Expansion livestock	60	238	702	1,062
Machinery depreciation	6,475	7,623	11,531	15,287
Building depreciation	2,001	3,166	5,605	5,742
Unpaid family labor	1,844	1,750	1,821	1,805
Interest on equity @ 5%	7,433	9,162	12,678	<u> 15,771</u>
1			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$ 72,267	\$101,083	\$145,501	\$179,747
Financial Summary				
NET CASH FARM INCOME	\$13,859	\$21,903	\$27 521	625 042
Labor & Management Income	\$-4,042	\$661	\$27,521 \$-1, <b>8</b> 42	\$35,043
Number of Operators	1.07	1.18		\$-1,171
LABOR & MGT. INCOME/OPER.	\$-3,778	\$560	1.32	1.34
LABOR, MGT. & OWNSHP. INC./OPER		\$11,181	\$-1,395 \$12,939	\$-874 \$14, 767
	. 47,0/3	ATT, TOT	Y12,737	\$14,767

# FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

		-			
,	85 to	100 to	150 to	200 to	250 or
Item Farms with:	99 Cows	149 Cows	199 Cows	249 Cows	More Cows
Capital Investment (end of y	ear)				
Livestock	\$124,747	\$166,776	\$223,343	\$ 317,993	\$ 470,722
Feed & supplies	41,199	60,934	81,393	113,736	189,321
Machinery & equipment	111,838	134,403	183,205	190,946	259,528
Land & buildings	242.050	348.070	415,970	581,058	<u>879,980</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$519,834	\$710,183	\$903,911	\$1,203,733	\$1,799,551
Pagaints					
Receipts Milk sales	\$189 618	\$256,245	\$343.599	\$505,975	\$ 838,467
Dairy cattle sold	12,783	16,560	24,102	37,420	48,329
Other livestock sales	2,448		5,448	8,275	9,101
Crop sales	1,066		5,851	4,013	14,125
Miscellaneous receipts	4,509	9,564	18,177	19,824	11,764
Total Cash Receipts		\$288,752		\$575,507	
Increase in livestock	5,264	2,971	7,534	4,471	51,943
Increase in feed & supplies	281	7,022	6,856	4,218	14,687
Appreciation	2,746			24,903	12,861
TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS TOTAL FARM REC. EXCL. APPR		\$309,311 \$298,745		\$609,099 \$584,196	\$1,001,277 \$988,416
Expenses					
Hired labor	\$ 16,688	\$ 27,852	\$ 46,503	\$ 77,411	\$117,236
Dairy grain & concentrate	49,523	61,297	78,388	115,416	201,481
Other feed	1,616	3,305	3,705	4,065	10,626
Machine hire	1,049	1,539	2,704	3,679	4,676
Machinery repair	10,347	14,395	20,231	27,963	38,467
Auto expense (farm share)	608	307	534		
Gas & oil	7,220	10,651	13,739	19,720	24,792
Replacement animals	1,045	1,673	4,834	1,189	
Breeding fees	2,715	3,811	5,028	8,061	12,013
Veterinary & medicine	3,776		6,729		
Milk marketing	15,285	19,404	26,629		52,277
Cattle lease	150		0		732
Other livestock expense	8,091		15,299	17,745	32,245
Fertilizer & lime	9,363				
Seeds & plants	3,122				
Spray & other crop expense	2,126		7,328		15,530
Land, bldg., fence repair	2,697	3,860	3,746	6,384	9,185
Taxes & insurance	7,346	10,300	13,188	16,264	18,689
Elec. & phone (farm share)	5,464	6,851	8,877		
Interest paid	19,120				
Misc. expenses (incl. rent)	5,312				
Total Cash Expenses		\$238,212			
Expansion livestock	1,040			7,173	
Machinery depreciation	16,720		29,514		
Building depreciation	7,497	10,826	11,453		
Unpaid family labor	1,698	1,348	760		
Interest on equity @ 5%	16,884				
TOTAL FARM EXPENSES	\$216,502	\$295,320	\$410,181	\$577,482	\$894,371
Financial Summary					
NET CASH FARM INCOME	\$37,761	\$50,540	\$61,888	\$99,443	\$189,734
Labor & Management Income	\$-533				
Number of Operators	1.37				
LABOR & MGT INCOME/OPER	5-189	3/ 4/4			
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# SELECTED BUSINESS FACTORS BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

,	Less Than	40 to	55 to	70 to
Item Farms with:	40 Cows	54 Cows	69 Cows	84 Cows
Number of farms	45	100	94	64
Size of Business				
Number of cows	33	47	61	77
Number of heifers	27	38	52	67
Pounds of milk sold	443,000	664,700	919,900	1,159,400
Worker equivalent	1.75	2.08	2.50	2.92
Total work units	366	526	694	870
Total tillable acres	112	164	213	271
(Tillable acres rented)*	(26)	(50)	(71)	(80)
Rates of Production				
Milk sold per cow	13,424	14,143	15,080	15,057
Tons hay crop dry matter per acre	•	2.3	2.4	2.7
Tons corn silage per acre	12.9	13.0	12.8	12.9
Bushels of oats per acre	39.8	51.7	56.8	49.5
Labor Efficiency				
Cows per worker	19	23	24	26
Pounds milk sold per worker	253,143	319,567	367,960	397,055
Work units per worker	209	253	278	298
Feed Costs				
Feed purchased per cow	\$515	\$495	\$493	\$477
Crop expense per cow	\$113	\$114	\$158	\$164
Feed cost per cwt. milk	\$3.84	\$3.50	\$3.27	\$3.16
Feed & crop exp. per cwt. milk	\$5.05	\$4.52	\$4.56	\$4.38
% feed is of milk receipts	29%	26%	248	·
Tons forage dry matter per cow	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.0
Tillable acres per cow	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
Fertilizer & lime per crop acre	\$21	\$21	\$30	\$30
Machinery & Labor Costs				
Total machinery costs	\$14,820	\$18,829	\$27,749	\$35,813
Machinery cost per cow	\$449	\$401	\$455	\$465
Machinery cost per cwt. milk	\$3.35	\$2.83		
Labor cost per cow	\$425	\$2.03 \$376	\$3.02 \$364	\$3.09 \$358
Labor cost per cwt. milk	\$3.17	\$2.66	\$2.42	\$336 \$2.38
Conital Efficiency				
<u>Capital Efficiency</u> Investment per worker	\$121,378	¢131 1/0	\$151,046	6156 700
		\$131,148	•	\$156,783
Investment per cow	\$6,247	\$5,683	\$6,190	\$5,795
Investment per cwt. milk	\$48 \$3.550	\$41	\$41	\$39
Land & buildings per cow	\$3,558	\$2,962	\$3,176	\$2,852
Machinery investment per cow Capital turnover	\$1,188 3.0	\$1,125 2.6	\$1,257 2.5	\$1,240 2.5
<u>Other</u>				
Price per cwt. milk sold	\$13.22	\$13.45	\$13.38	\$13.37
Acres hay crops*	77	104	125	140
Acres corn silage*	17	28	41	53
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<sup>\*</sup>Average of all farms.

## SELECTED BUSINESS FACTORS BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, 1984

Thom Bosons set the	85 to	100 to	150 to	200 to	250 or
Item Farms with:	99 Cows	149 Cows			
Number of farms	43	56	25	16	15
Size of Business					0.50
Number of cows	91	124	170	229	359
Number of heifers	83	111	134	200	285
	1,399,400				
Worker equivalent		3.92	4.67		8.58
Total work units	1,030		•		
Total tillable acres	290	383		622	790
(Tillable acres rented)*	(101)	(136)	(220)	(222)	(260)
Rates of Production					
Milk sold per cow	15,378	15,149	15,018		
Tons hay crop dry matter/a	cre 2.7	2.9	3.0	3,3	4.0
Tons corn silage per acre	13.4	13.8	14.4	15.4	16.3
Bushels of oats per acre	53.0	45.8	50.1	57.1	80.0
Labor Efficiency					
Cows per worker	30	32	36	37	42
Pounds milk sold/worker	454,351	479,209	546,681	598,476	728,159
Work units per worker	334	357	408	412	443
Feed Costs					
Feed purchased per cow	\$544	\$494	\$461	\$504	\$561
Crop expense per cow	\$161	\$179		\$185	
Feed cost per cwt. milk	\$3.54	\$3.26		•	•
Feed & crop exp./cwt. milk	\$4.70			\$4.38	\$4.36
% feed is of milk receipts	26%	24%	23%	23%	24%
Tons forage dry matter/cow	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.0
Tillable acres per cow	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.2
Fertilizer & lime/crop acr	e \$32	\$35	\$39	\$42	\$41
Machinery & Labor Costs					
Total machinery costs	\$41,499	\$54,991	\$75,651	\$94,090	\$129,309
Machinery cost per cow	\$456	\$443	\$445	\$411	\$360
Machinery cost per cwt. mi	.1k \$2.97	\$2.93	\$2.96	\$2.55	\$2.07
Labor cost per cow	\$337	\$338	•	\$399	\$375
Labor cost per cwt. milk	\$2.19	\$2.23	\$2.39	\$2.47	\$2.15
Capital Efficiency					
Investment per worker	\$168,777	\$181,169	\$193,557	\$195,094	\$209,738
Investment per cow	\$5,590	\$5,636	\$5,165		
Investment per cwt. milk	\$37	\$38	\$35	\$33	\$29
Land & buildings per cow	\$2,603	\$2,762	\$2,377	\$2,483	\$2,298
Machinery investment per o	ow \$1,203	\$1,067	\$1,047	\$816	\$678
Capital turnover	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8
<u>Other</u>					
Price per cwt. milk sold	\$13.55	\$13.64	\$13.46	\$13.70	\$13.42
Acres hay crops*	154	176	258	237	245
Acres corn silage*	71	102	144	235	326
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<sup>\*</sup>Average of all farms.

# FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, January 1, 1985

	Less Than	40 to	55 to	70 to	<b>8</b> 5 to
Item Farms with:		54 Cows	69 Cows	84 Cows	99 Cows
Number of farms	45	100	94	64	43
•					
<u>Assets</u> Livestock (includes	\$ 39,803	\$ 59,013	\$ 81,180	\$100,161	\$12/ 7/7
discounted lease payments)	(0)	(22)	(0)	(25)	(0)
Feed & supplies	11,239	17,653	26,056	34,432	41,199
Machinery & equip (includes	40,617	55,212	77,650	98,722	112,637
discounted lease payments)	(215)	(1,228)	(981)	(771)	(799)
Land & buildings (includes	121,757	144,453	194,790	227,936	246,366
discounted lease payments)	(608)	(2,293)	(1,080)	(2,649)	(4,316)
Co-op investment	950	2,842	3,971	4,747	7,902
Accounts receivable	5,903	8,170	11,281	14,229	17,314
Cash & checking accounts	1.084	1,664	2.028	3,492	2,463
Total Farm Assets	\$221,171	\$289,007	\$396,956	\$483,719	\$552,628
Savings accounts	2,892	3,025	2,751	4,773	3,694
Cash value life insurance	2,071	2,119	3,115	2,670	1,908
Stocks & bonds	990	2,082	2,195	3,755	2,155
Nonfarm real estate	3,853	2,905	8,897	5,656	3,616
Auto (personal share)	1,464	1,903	2,005	1,806	1,979
All other	<u>7,871</u>	9,212	6,298	6,887	5,231
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Total Nonfarm Assets TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 19,141 \$240,312	\$ 21,246 \$310,253	\$ 25,261 \$422,217		\$ 18,583
TOTAL ASSETS	\$240,312	\$310,233	3422,217	\$309,200	\$571,211
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Long-term	\$ 48,126	\$ 61,437	\$ 80,274	\$ 97.144	\$130,575
Intermediate	20,644	35,075	54,202	59,859	
Financial lease	823	3,543	2,061	3,445	5,115
Short-term	500	2,191	2,547	2,059	5,511
Other farm accounts	2.414	3.526	4,311	5.789	5,209
Total Farm Liabilities	\$ 72,507	\$105,772	\$143,395	\$168,296	\$214,949
Total Nonfarm Liabilities	190	830	<u>856</u>	1,816	<u>570</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 72,697	\$106,602	\$144,251		\$215,519
Farm Net Worth (Eq. Cap.)	\$148,664	\$183,235	\$253,561	\$315,423	\$337,679
FAMILY NET WORTH	\$167,615	\$203,651	\$277,966	\$339,154	\$355,692
Financial Measures					
Percent equity	70%	66%	66%	679	62%
Farm debt per cow	\$2,133	\$2,204	\$2,351	\$2,130	\$2,311
Available for debt service	Ψ2,133	Q2,204	Ψ2,331	\$2,130	\$2,311
& living	\$22,264	\$33,907	\$43,287	\$50,678	\$57,557
Scheduled annual debt pymt.	\$13,695	\$21,704	\$29,930	\$35,772	\$45,664
Scheduled debt pymts./cow	\$398	\$447	\$486	\$450	\$43,664
Payment as % of milk check	23%	24%	*	•	•
Debt/Asset ratio - long-term		0.43	0.41	0.43	0.53
Debt/Asset ratio - intermedi		J. 43	V,	0.43	0.55
& short-term	0.22	0.28	0.29	0.26	0.26
Cash flow coverage ratio	0.57	0.78	0.78	0.81	0.75

# FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 458 New York Dairy Farms, January 1, 1985

Thomas Programme and the	100 to	150 to 199 Cows	200 to	250 or
Item Farms with:	149 Cows	199 Cows	249 Cows	More Cows
Number of farms	56	25	16	15
<u>Assets</u>				
Livestock (includes	\$166,776	\$ 223,343	\$ 317,993	\$ 470,722
discounted lease payments)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Feed & supplies	60,934	81,393	113,736	189,321
Machinery & equip (includes	135,106	184,455	196,961	260,222
discounted lease payments)	(703)	(1,250)	(6,015)	(694)
Land & buildings (includes	348,754	415,970	581,058	879,980
discounted lease payments)	(684)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Co-op investment	14,180	28,568	32,536	41,442
Accounts receivable	23,033	31,420	50,181	76,619
Cash & checking accounts	5,401	4,236	9.117	6,807
Total Farm Assets	\$754,184	\$ 969,385	\$1,301,582	\$1,925,113
Savings accounts	3,921	8,721	3,796	9,126
Cash value life insurance	3,560	6,789	3,796	9,126
Stocks & bonds	5,664	8,108	2,455	4,079
Nonfarm real estate	7,632	13,880	0	6,867
Auto (personal share)	1,817	3,173	1,063	667
All other	8,148	7,340	7,019	4,411
Total Nonfarm Assets	\$ 30,742	\$ 48,000	\$ 16,029	\$ 27,500
TOTAL ASSETS	\$784,926	\$1,017,385	\$1,317,611	\$1,9523,613
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Long-term	\$164,375	\$218,110	\$272,541	\$399,185
Intermediate	116,134	135,883	228,449	298,210
Financial lease	1,387	1,250	6,015	694
Short-term	7,550	10,275	5,801	13,752
Other farm accounts	10,893	12,494	15,708	22,605
Total Farm Liabilities	\$300,339	\$378,012	\$528,514	\$734,446
Total Nonfarm Liabilities	742	1,578	250	400
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$301,081	\$379,590	\$528,764	\$734,846
Farm Net Worth (Eq. Cap.)	\$453,845	\$591,373	\$773,068	\$1,190,667
FAMILY NET WORTH	\$483,845	\$637,795	\$788,847	\$1,217,767
Financial Measures				
Percent equity	62%	63%	609	62%
Farm debt per cow	\$2,384	\$2,160	\$2,259	\$1,918
Available for debt service & living	\$79,761	6103 100	¢150 124	6077 674
Scheduled annual debt pymt.	\$67,136	\$103,180 \$92,504	\$150,134	\$277,674
Scheduled debt pymts./cow	\$531	\$526	\$118,968	\$186,887
Payment as % of milk check	26%		\$508 348	\$488
Debt/Asset ratio - long-term	0.47	0.52	0.47	3 22% 0.45
Debt/Asset ratio - intermediate	0.47	0.52	0.4/	0.45
& short-term	0.31	0.27	0.33	0.30
Cash flow coverage ratio	0.78	0.27	0.33	1.18
	0.70	0.76	0.94	1.10

#### MEASURE YOUR PERFORMANCE

After you have entered your farm business data on the pages of this workbook, categorize your farm business performance into three groups. List the strong points, those which indicate average performance, and those areas which need improvement. Your business factors that exceed the regional average should be listed as <a href="strong-points">strong-points</a>, factors that are close to the regional average should be identified as <a href="average">average</a>, and factors that are below average should be listed under <a href="mailto:need-improvement">need-improvement</a>.

The Farm Business Chart on page 20 and the Financial Analysis Chart on page 21 can be used to identify strengths and weaknesses by comparing your business with a large number of New York dairy farms summarized for the previous year. It is recommended that you use more than one standard for comparison when analyzing the farm business.

STRONG POINTS:	AVERAGE:
NEED IMPROVEMENT:	

After identifying opportunities for improvement, consider alternative ways of solving each problem. List each alternative and analyze the consequences in detail. Cooperative Extension conducts many schools, meetings, and provides many printed materials that should be of assistance. Local agribusinesses often provide helpful information and assistance. Seek out information related to the problem under consideration.

Another way to measure your management performance is to compare your current business factors with those from previous years. Page 19 is provided for this purpose. Answering the following questions may also help evaluate your farm business progress.

- 1. Do livestock number, labor force, and crop acres make up a well balanced unit of resources?
- 2. Have rates of production shown a steady increase?
- 3. When will milk output per worker reach 700,000 pounds?
- 4. Have some costs of production declined over the last two years?
- 5. Is net farm income improving fast enough to meet your needs?
- 6. Is growth in net worth keeping up with increased capital investment?
- 7. Have you reached the business goals set for 1985 and have you set new goals for 1986?