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1986 DAIRY FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY Western 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 business and financial summary and analysis of his or her farm business. The information in this report represents an average of all the data submitted from farms in the region described at the bottom of this page.

Program Objective

The primary objective of the dairy farm business summary, DFBS, is to help farmers improve their management skills through appropriate use of record data and application of modern farm business management decision-making techniques. In short, DFBS identifies the business and financial information farmers need and demonstrates how to use it in identifying and evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the farm business.

Format Features

This regional report follows the same general format as in the 1986 DFBS printout received by all participating dairy farmers. Worksheets have been included to give non-DFBS participants an opportunity to summarize their businesses. The analysis tables include an open column or section labeled $\underline{\text{My}}$ $\underline{\text{Farm}}$. It may be used by any dairy farmer who wants to compare his or her business with the average data of this region.

The summary section of this report features accrual accounting for farm business expenses and receipts, measures of profitability with and without appreciation, a complete balance sheet including analysis, and a cash flow summary and analysis. The farm resources are examined and evaluated in the analysis section which features crop production costs, cost of producing milk, and capital and labor efficiency.

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 70 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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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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Type of Farm	Number	Type of Business	Number
	69	Single proprietorship	55
Dairy Part-time dairy	3	Partnership	14
	0	Corporation	3
Dairy cash-crop Part-time cash-crop dai	-	Other	0
Type of Ownership	Number	Type of Barn	Number
Owner	67	Stanchion	42
Renter	5	Freestall	28
Kencer	_	Other	2
Milking System	Number	Business Record System	Number
Bucket & carry	2	ELFAC	7
Dumping station	9	Account Book	32
Pipeline	31	Agrifax (mail-in only)	17
Herringbone parlor	28	On-Farm Computer	1
Other parlor	. 2	Other	15
Production Records	Number		Number
DHIC	48	Other	4
0.S.	9	None	11

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.

A part-time farm has less than six months of labor from all operators and total labor is less than 12 months.

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.

<u>Dairy Termination Program participants</u> that sold their cows in 1986 are not included in the report.

Income Statement

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

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM EXPENSES
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

	Cash	Change in	Change in	Accrual
Expense Item	Paid +	Inventory* +	Accounts Payable	= Expenses
<u>Hired Labor</u> Feed	\$ 15,233		\$ 23	\$ 15,256
Dairy grain & conc.	35,562	\$ -372	352	35,542
Dairy roughage	1,714	214	-10	1,918
Other livestock	969	102	0	1,071
Machinery	, ,	2. V E	Ü	1,071
Mach. hire, rent/lease	1,516		-6	1,510
Machinery repairs/parts	9,113	-18	176	9,271
Auto exp. (farm share)	788		0	788
Fuel, oil & grease	4,743	37	-14	4,766
Livestock	•			
Replacement livestock	1,518		-41	1,477
Breeding	2,189	4	0	2,193
Vet & medicine	3,076	-1	61	3,136
Milk marketing	9,339		0	9,339
Cattle lease/rent	161		-3	158
Other livestock expense	6,240	-38	91	6,293
Crops				ŕ
Fertilizer & lime	5,955	-10	71	6,016
Seeds & plants	2,853	83	-47	2,889
Spray, other crop exp.	2,414	14	-25	2,403
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Land/bldg./fence repair	1,832	-33	.7	1,806
Taxes	4,052		154	4,206
Insurance	2,421		5	2,426
Rent & lease	3,645		84	3,729
<u>Other</u>			•	
Telephone (farm share)	592		0	592
Electricity (farm share)	•		10	4,343
Interest paid	12,076	_	84	12,160
Miscellaneous	2,056	-6	106	-2.156
	\$134,390	\$ -24	\$ 1,078	\$135,444
Expansion livestock	373		54	428
Machinery depreciation Building depreciation				12,079
				6,007
TOTAL ACCRUAL EXPENSES				\$153,958

^{*}An increase in inventory is a negative number since it represents purchased inputs not used and must be subtracted in arriving at 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. 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 expenses and compare it with the averages on the previous page.

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM EXPENSES WORKSHEET

Expense Item	Cash Paid +	Change in Inventory	+_	Change in Accounts Payable	Accrual = Expenses
Hired Labor	\$			\$	\$
Feed					
Dairy grain & conc.		\$			
Dairy roughage	<u> </u>	-			
Other livestock					
Machinery					
Mach. hire, rent/lease					
Machinery repairs/parts				,	
Auto exp. (farm share)					
Fuel, oil & grease					
Livestock				•	
Replacement livestock				. ·	
Breeding					
Vet & medicine					
Milk marketing				·	
Cattle lease/rent					<u> </u>
Other livestock expense					
Crops					
Fertilizer & lime					
Seeds & plants				<u> </u>	
Spray, other crop exp.					
Real Estate					
Land/bldg./fence repair					
Taxes				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Insurance					
Rent & lease					·
Other					* * *
Telephone (farm share)					
Electricity (farm share	.)			· .	·
Interest paid		•			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Miscellaneous					
Total Operating	\$	\$		\$	\$
Expansion livestock	*				
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.

Change in Inventory: An increase in inventory must be subtracted in computing accrual expenses because it represents purchased inputs not actually used during the year. A decrease in inventory is added to expenses because it represents the cost of inputs purchased in a prior year and used this year.

<u>Change in Accounts Payable</u>: An increase in payables is added and a decrease is subtracted when calculating accrual expenses.

Accrual Expenses are the costs of inputs actually used in this year's production.

CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM RECEIPTS 72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Receipt Item	Cash Receipts	+	Change in Inventory		Change in Accounts Receivable	+	Accrual Receipts
Milk sales	\$149,850			\$	363		\$150,213
Dairy cattle	9,599	:	\$ 1,530		-38		11,091
Dairy calves	2,278				0		2,278
Other livestock	531		-45		0		486
Crops	475		2,650		6		3,131
Government receipts	2,043		,		-160		1,882
Custom machine work	103				-1		102
Gas tax refund	1.57				0		157
Other	1,825				58		1,883
Less nonfarm noncash cap.	*		300	•			300
Total Accrual Receipts	\$166,860	;	\$ 3,835	\$	229		\$170,924

^{*}Gifts or inheritances of cattle or crops included in inventory or used in the business.

<u>Cash receipts</u> include the gross value of milk checks received during the year plus all other payments received from 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 livestock inventory caused by herd growth and/or quality, are added and decreases caused by herd reduction are subtracted. 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 Less gifts of cattle & c	\$		\$		\$		\$
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 changing 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 operators 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 values caused by changes in prices during the year of livestock, machinery, real estate inventory, and stocks and certificates (other than FLB and PCA). Appreciation is a major factor contributing to changes in farm net worth and must be included in the profitability analysis.

NET FARM INCOME
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Total accrual receipts Appreciation: Livestock Machinery Real Estate Other Stocks/Certificates Total Including Appreciation Total accrual expenses	\$170,924 3,428 4,488 4,786 -45 \$183,581 153,958 29,623	\$ \$
Net Farm Income (with appreciation) Net Farm Income (without appreciation)	16,966	\$

Return to operators' 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. Operators' labor is not included in unpaid family labor. Return to operators' 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 OPERATORS' LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AND EQUITY 72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

W-100	Average		My Farm		
Item	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.	
Net farm income	\$ 29,623	\$ 16,966	\$	\$	
Family labor unpaid @ \$600 per month	- 2,400	- 2,400	-	-	
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity	\$ 27,223	\$ 14,566	\$	\$	

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Labor and management income is the share of net farm income without appreciation returned to the operators' 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 operators' 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.

<u>Labor and management income per operator</u> measures the return to each operator's labor and management.

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity without appreciation	\$ 14,566	\$
Real interest @ 5% on \$294,476 average equity capital	- 14,724	
Labor & Management Income	\$ -158	\$
Labor & Management Income per 1.33 Operator/Managers	\$ -118	\$

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 operators' 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 average farm net worth or equity capital.

RETURN ON EQUITY CAPITAL
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity capital with appreciation	\$ 27,223	\$
Value of operators' labor & management	- 21,724	***
Return on equity capital with appreciation	\$ 5,499	\$
Rate of return on equity capital with appreciation	1.9%	8
Return on equity capital without appreciation	\$ -7,158	\$
Rate of return without appreciation	-2.4%	<u> </u>

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.

1986 FARM BUSINESS & NONFARM BALANCE SHEET
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, January 1, 1987

72 800 00227 22 0000		Farm Liabilities	, — , —	
Farm Assets Jan. 1	Dec. 31	& Net Worth	Jan, 1	Dec. 31
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<u>Current</u>		<u>Current</u>		
Farm cash, checking		Accounts payable	\$ 4,730	\$ 5,823
& savings \$ 2,675	\$ 3,952	Operating debt	1,760	1,799
Accounts rec. 12,997	13,225	Short-term	<u>1,917</u>	$_{2,122}$
Feed & supplies 31,281	<u>33,953</u>		•	
Total \$ 46,953	\$ 51,130	Total	\$ 8,408	\$ 9,743
<u>Intermediate</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>		
Dairy cows:			\$ 58,150	\$ 62,580
owned \$ 61,343	\$ 64,121			
leased 44	33			
Heifers 24,513	26,654			
Bulls/other lvstk. 1,161	1,155			
Mach./eq. owned 80,867	82,246	Financial lease		
Mach./eq. leased 768	852	(cattle/mach.)	813	886
FLB/PCA stock 3,370	3,078	FLB/PCA stock	3,370	<u>3,078</u>
Coop stock & cert. 3,535	4,140			
Total \$175,602	\$182,280	Total	\$ 62,333	\$ 66,544
<u>Long-Term</u>		Long-Term		
Land/buildings:			\$ 72,631	\$ 66,410
owned \$208,137	\$210,919	Financial lease		
1eased <u>1,410</u>	<u>829</u>	(structures)	-1,410	<u> </u>
Total \$209,547	\$211,748	Total	\$ 74,041	\$ 67,238
Total Farm Assets \$432,101	\$445,158	Total Farm Liab.	\$144,781	\$143,526
		FARM NET WORTH	\$287,320	\$301,632
(Average for 51 farms report	ing)	Nonfarm Liabilit	ies	
Nonfarm Assets Jan. 1		& Net Worth	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Personal cash, chkg.		Nonfarm Liab.	\$ 797	\$ 643
& savings \$ 8,608	\$ 8,856	NONFARM NET WORT	TH \$ 35,116	\$ 34,958
Cash value life ins. 3,164	3,114			
Nonfarm real estate 10,046		FARM & NONFARM*	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Auto (personal sh.) 2,170		Total Assets	\$468,014	\$480,759
Stocks & bonds 2,534		Total Liabilitie	s <u>145,578</u>	144,169
Household furn. 7,424				
All other 1,968		TOTAL FARM & NON	1-	
Total Nonfarm \$ 35,913		FARM NET WORTH	i \$322,436	\$336,590

^{*}Assumes that average nonfarm assets and liabilities for the nonreporting farms were the same as for those reporting.

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

Date	

1986 FARM BUSINESS & NONFARM BALANCE SHEET

Toran Annaha	T	D	Farm Liabilities	T 1	D
Farm Assets	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	& Net Worth	<u> Jan. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
Current			Current		
Farm cash, checking	-		Accounts payable		
& savings	>		Operating debt		
Accounts rec.			Short-term:		
			Short-term:		
Feed & supplies					
Total			Total	38046564886541866998698954449888	THE STREET STATE OF S
<u>Intermediate</u>			<u>Intermediate</u>		
Dairy cows:			TitreTimediace		
owned					
leased					
Heifers		***************************************	1		
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Bulls/other lvstk.			 		
Mach./eq. owned					
Mach./eq. leased			Financial lease		
FLB/PCA stock			(cattle/mach.)		
Coop stock & cert.	***************************************		FLB/PCA stock		
Total	v		Total	***************************************	
Long-Term			Long-Term		
Land/buildings:					
owned					
leased				·	
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			(structures)		
			Total		
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& savings					
Cash value				******	
life ins.			***************************************		
Nonfarm real est.					
Auto (pers. share)			Total Nonfarm		
Stocks & bonds			Liabilities		
Household furn.					
All other			Nonfarm		
Total Nonfarm			Net Worth		
TOTAL FARM & NONFA	RM		Jan, 1	Dec	. 31
Total Farm & Nonfar		C.1. 27 ***		- —	
Less Total Farm & I		Labilities			
Farm & Nonfarm Net	worth				

Balance sheet analysis requires an examination of financial and debt ratios and other factors measuring levels of debt. Percent equity is calculated by dividing net worth by assets. Equity increases as the value of assets increase more than liabilities. 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. Debt analysis ratios show how well debt is structured and managed. Debt levels per unit of production include some old standards that are still useful if used with measures of cash flow and repayment ability.

BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, January 1, 1987

Item			Aver	age	My Farm
Financial Ratios - Farm:					
Percent equity			6	8%	2 6:
Debt/asset ratio: total			0.3	2	
long-term			0.3	2	
intermediate/o	current		0.3	3	
Change in Net Worth:				_	
Without appreciation			\$ 1,65		\$
With appreciation			\$ 14,31	2	\$
Farm Debt Analysis:					
Accounts payable as % of total of	lebt			48	
Long-term liabilities as a % of	total de	bt	4	7%	8
Current & inter. liab. as a % of	E total d	ebt	5	3%	8
		Per Ti	illable		Per Tillable
Farm Debt Levels:	Per Cow	Acre	Owned	Per Cow	Acre Owned
Total farm debt \$	1,817	\$	865	\$	\$
Long-term debt	851	'	405	,	•
Intermediate & current debt	966		460		

The <u>Farm Inventory Balance</u> is an accounting of the value of 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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Avg. of	Regional	<u>Farms</u>	My Farm		
· .	R.E.	Mach.	/Eq.	R.E.	Mach./Eq.	
Value beg. of year	\$208,13	7 \$	80,867	\$	\$	
Purchases \$	5,544*	\$ 9,265	\$		\$	
<pre>Gift/inheritance +</pre>	278	+ 0	•	·	+	
Lost capital -	1,609		-			
Sales -	181	- 295	-			
Depreciation	<u>6,007</u>	- <u>12,079</u>	-		-	
Net investment	\$+ -1,97	5 \$+	-3,109	\$+	\$+	
Appreciation	+ <u>4,75</u>	8** +	4,488	+	+	
Value end of year	\$210,91	9 \$	82,246	\$	\$	

^{*} \$ 2,202 land and \$ 3,342 buildings and/or depreciable improvements. **Excludes \$28 of appreciation on assets sold during the year.

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> is structured to compare all the cash inflows with all the cash outflows for the year. A complete list of cash inflows and cash outflows are identified in the following table. 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 72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Cash Inflows		
Beginning farm cash, checking & savings	\$ 2,675	\$
Cash farm receipts	166,860	
Sale of assets: Machinery	295	
Real estate	1.94	
Other stock & certificate	607	
Money borrowed (intermediate & long-term)	19,730	
Money borrowed (short-term)	1,425	
Increase in operating debt	38	
Nonfarm income	6,270	
Cash from nonfarm capital used in the business	2,399	
Money borrowed - nonfarm	<u>115</u>	
Total	\$200,608	\$
Cash Outflows		
Cash farm expenses	\$134,388	\$
Capital purchases: Expansion livestock	373	
Machinery	9,265	
Real estate	5,544	
Other stock & certificate	1,257	<u></u>
Principal payments (intermediate & long-term)	21,522	
Principal payments (short-term)	1,220	
Decrease in operating debt	0	
Nonfarm debt payments	252	·
Personal withdrawals & family expenditures*	17,286	
Ending farm cash, checking & savings	3,952	
Total	\$195,060	\$
Imbalance (error)	\$ 5,548	\$

^{*}This item was estimated on many farms.

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 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985 and 1986

			Avera	ge			1	My Farm		
	198	6 Pay	ments	_	Planne	d _	1986 Par	yments	_ P	lanned
Debt Payments	Plan	ned	Mad	e	1987	P	lanned	Made		1987
Long-term	\$ 10,0	027	\$ 15,	374	\$ 9,18	3 \$		\$	\$	
Intermediate-term	17,	226	20,	216	19,02	6				
Short-term	1,	780	1,	208	2,01	2				
Operating (net	·				·	•		***************************************		
reduction)		127		408	45	3				
Accounts payable						•				
(net reduction)	1.	<u>751</u>		<u>580</u>	94	7				
Total	\$ 30,	911	\$ 37,	785	\$ 31,62	1 \$		\$	_ \$	
Per cow	\$	385	\$	471		\$		\$		
Per cwt. 1986 milk	\$ 2	.43	\$ 2	.97		\$		\$		
Percent of total						•				
1986 receipts		17%		21%						
Percent of 1986						•				
milk receipts		19%		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 planned debt payments for 1987.

CASH FLOW COVERAGE RATIO
Same 49 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985 and 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Cash farm receipts	\$177,520	\$
- Cash farm expenses	140,499	
+ Interest paid	11,729	
- Net personal withdrawals from farm*	11,985	· ·
(A) = Amount Available for Debt Service	\$ 36,765	\$
(B) = Debt Payments Planned for 1986	\$ 30,911	\$
(A ÷ B) = Cash Flow Coverage Ratio for 1986	1.19	

^{*}Personal withdrawals and family expenditures less nonfarm income and nonfarm money borrowed. 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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item		A	verage		My Farm			
Land	<u>Owr</u>		ented	<u>Total</u>	<u>Owned</u>	Rented	<u>Total</u>	
Tillable	16	6 .	107	272				
Nontillable	7	١9	20	68				
Other nontillable	13	3	22 _	<u> 155</u>				
Total	34	·7	149	496				
Crop Yields	Farms	Acres	Prod	/Acre	Acre	s Prod	/Acre	
Hay crop	71	143	2.	77 tn DM			_ tn DM	
Corn silage	64	62	12.	84 tn			_ tn	
			4.	52 tn DM			tn DM	
Other forage	14	17	3.	13 tn DM			tn DM	
Total forage	71	202	3.3	26 tn DM			tn DM	
Corn grain	46	47	87.	55 bu			bu	
Oats	34	35	60,4	48 bu			bu	
Wheat	0	0	0.	00 bu			bu	
Other crops	7	28						
Tillable pasture	23	34				_		
Idle	25	38						
Total Tillable Acres	71	272				_		

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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Total tillable acres per cow	3.54	
Total forage acres per cow	2.60	
Harvested forage dry matter, tons per cow	8.46	

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.

CROP RELATED ACCRUAL EXPENSES
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

	Total	•		<u>C</u>	orn	
	Per	Hay	Crop		Per Ton	Other
·	Till.	Per	Per	Per	Silage	Crops
Item	Acre	Acre	Ton DM	Acre	Equiv.*	Per Acre
Number of farms						
reporting	71		45		45	2.5
Average number			÷			
of acres	272	•	131		78	29
Fertilizer & lime \$	22.08	\$ 13.15	\$ 4.81	\$ 42.51	\$ 3.17	\$ 63.01
Seeds & plants	10.61	6.44	2.36	19.57		17.74
Spray & other crop						
expense	8.83	3.62	1.33	<u> 18.14</u>	1.35	<u>13.53</u>
Total \$	41.51	\$ 23.22	\$ 8.50	\$ 80.22	\$ 5.98	\$ 94.29
My Farm:						•
Fertilizer & lime Seeds & plants	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$.\$
Spray & other crop						
expense	···					
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

^{*}Corn grain converted to silage equivalent using 5.88 bushels of dry shell equivalent to equal one ton of corn 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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

	Ave	rage	My Farm		
Machinery	Total	Per Til.	Total	Per Til	
Expense Item	Expenses	Acre	Expenses	Acre	
Fuel, oil & grease	\$ 4,766	\$ 17.49	\$	\$	
Machinery repairs & parts	9,271	34.03			
Machine hire, rent & lease	1,510	5.54			
Auto expense (farm share)	788	2.89	<u> </u>		
Interest (5%)	4,078	14.97			
Depreciation	12,079	44.34			
Total	\$ 32,490	\$ 119.28	\$	\$	

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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

	Dair	y Cows	He	ifers
Item	Number	Value	Number	Value
Beginning of year (owned)	78	\$ 61,343	65	\$ 24,513
+ Change without appreciation		958		572
+ Appreciation		1,820		1,569
End of year (owned)	79	\$ 64,121	66	\$ 26,654
End including leased	79			
Average number	77		64	
My Farm:				
Beginning of year (owned)		\$		\$
+ Change without appreciation				
+ Appreciation				
End of year (owned)				
End including leased		### ** T		
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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Average	My Farm
Total milk sold, lbs.	1,204,242	
Milk sold per cow, lbs.	15,668	
Average milk plant test, percent butterfat	3.63	

The cost of producing milk 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 operators' 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 calculation.

ACCRUAL RECEIPTS FROM DAIRY AND COST OF PRODUCING MILK 72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

			Average					My Farm	
Item	Total	P	er Cow	P	er Cwt.		Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
Accrual Receipts								i.	
Milk	\$150,213	\$	1,954	\$	12.47	\$_		\$	\$
Dairy cattle	11,091		144		0.92	_			
Dairy calves	<u>2,278</u>		30	_	0.19				***************************************
Total	\$163,582	\$	2,128	\$	13.58	\$_		\$	\$
Accrual Costs of Producing Milk Operating costs Total costs w/o	\$114,733	\$	1,493	\$	9.53	\$_		\$	\$
opers' labor, mgmt. & capital Total Costs	\$135,647 \$172,095			\$ \$		\$_ \$_		\$ \$	\$ \$

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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

			Average			M	y Farn	1
Item	P€	r Cow		Per Cw	rt. Pe	er Cow		Per Cwt
Purchased dairy grain		,						
& concentrates	\$	462	\$	2.95	\$		\$,
Purchased dairy roughage Total Purchased	-	25	_	0.16	<u> </u>			
Dairy Feed Purchased grain & conc.	\$	487	\$	3.11	. \$		\$	
as % of milk receipts			24%				ક્ર	
Purchased feed & crop exp. Purchased feed & crop exp.	\$	635	\$	4.05	\$		\$	
as % of milk receipts			32%				8	
Breeding	\$	29	\$	0.18	\$	_	\$	
Veterinary & medicine	-	41	•	0.26			•	
Milk marketing		122		0.78				
Cattle lease		2		0.01				
Other livestock expense		82		0.52				

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
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Item	Per Worker	Per Cow	Per Tillable Acre	Per Tillable Acre Owned
Farm capital Real estate		\$ 5,707 2,741	\$ 1,610	\$ 2,642 1,269
Machinery & equipment Capital turnover, years	28,240 2	1,072 :.39	302	
My Farm: Farm capital Real estate Machinery & equipment Capital turnover, years	\$	\$	\$	\$

LABOR FORCE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS
72 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1986

Labor Force		<u>M</u>	onths	Age	Years of Edu		Value of Labor & Mgmt.
Operator number 1			12	46	13		\$ 17,136
Operator number 2			3	38	14		3,809
Operator number 3			1	59	11		779
Family paid			5				
Family unpaid			4				
Hired			10				
Total			35			ker Equi rator/Ma	valent nager Equiv.
My Farm: Total				÷ 12 =	Work	er Equiv	alent
Operator's		_	···	÷ 12 =			ager Equiv.
Labor			A ⁻	verage		М	y Farm
Efficiency		Ţ	otal	Per Work	er	Total	Per Worker
Cows, average number			77	26			
Milk sold, pounds		1 20	4,242	412,883	_		***************************************
Tillable acres		1,20	272	93	_		
Work units			830	285	_		
			Aver	age		My F	arm
			Per	Per		Per	Per
Labor Costs	To	tal	Cow	Til, Acre	<u>Total</u>	. Cow	Til, Acre
Value of operator(s)							
	\$ 13,	600	\$ 17	7 \$ 49.93	\$	_ \$	\$
Family unpd. (\$600/mo.)	•	400	3	-	l	_ '	
Hired		256	19				
Total Labor	\$ 31,		\$ 40		\$	_ \$ <u></u>	\$
						<u>;</u>	
Machinery Cost	\$32,	490	\$ 42	3 \$119.28	\$	\$	Ş

ANNUAL CASH FLOW WORKSHEET

fr.	Regional		<u>Farm</u>	Expected	
Item	Average	<u>Total</u>	Per Cow	Change	Projectio
	(per cow)			_	
Average number of cows	77		-		
Accrual Oper, Receipts					
Milk	\$ 1,954 \$	3	\$		\$
Dairy cattle	144		*		
Dairy calves	30				
Other livestock	6	***************************************			
Crops	41				-
Misc. receipts	52				
Total		3	\$		S
10041	Y 2,220	r	Υ		Τ
Accrual Oper. Expenses					
Hired labor	\$ 198 \$	}	\$		\$
Dairy grain & conc.	. 462	r	Υ		T
Dairy roughage	25				
Other lvstk. feed	14				,
	20				
Mach. hire/rent/lease	131				
Mach. rpr./parts & auto	62				
Fuel, oil & grease			الانو البينة بالمشيد بالمشيد بسيانية بالمسيد بالإنساس		-
Replacement lvstk.	19				
Breeding	29				
Vet & medicine	41	V		,	
Milk marketing	122				
Cattle lease	2				,
Other lvstk. exp.	82			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Fertilizer & lime	78				
Seeds & plants	38				
Spray/other crop exp.	31				
Land, bldg.,fence repair	23				
Taxes	55				
Insurance	32				
Real est. rent/lease	49				
Jtilities	64				
Miscellaneous	28				
Total Less Int. Paid	\$ 1,604			***************************************	s
			***************************************	i	. Y
<u> Net Accrual Operating Inco</u>					
(without interest paid)	\$ 47,	939 \$			\$
- Change in lvstk./crop in	v. 3,	835			
- Change in accts. rec.		228			
+ Change in feed/supply in	V.	-24			
+ Change in accts. payable		993			
NET CASH FLOW	\$ 44.	845 \$		-	\$
- Net personal withdrawals	, .	· - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			•
family expenditures	10,	901			
Available for Debt Payment					
	s, \$33,	944 ¢			¢
Investments & Savings			er-Sev-MV ander-presentationers		Υ
- Farm Debt Payments	35,	<u> </u>		-	
Available for Investment	A -	207 6			A
& Savings	\$ -1,	υ9/ Ş		•	Ş
- Capital Purchases: cattl					
machinery & improvements	\$ 16,	494			
Additional Capital Needed		\$			\$

^{*}Less change in account payable for interest.

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 Western Plateau Region Dairy Farms, 1985 & 1986

		Ave	era	ee			My Fari	 n
Selected Factors		1985				1985	1986	Goal
Size of Business								
Average number of cows		78		80				
Average number of heifers		68		69			<u></u>	
	1,2			273,998				-
Worker equivalent		2.81		2.83				
Total tillable acres		275		278				
Rates of Production								
Milk sold per cow, lbs.		15,425		15,880				
Hay DM per acre, tons		2.52		2.78	_		-	-
Corn silage per acre, tons		14		13	_		<u></u>	_
coin sirage per acre, cons		14		ТЭ			Mar. 1. 1. 1. 1	_
Labor Efficiency								
Cows per worker		28		28				
Milk sold/worker, lbs.	4	28,650	Ĺ	449,646				
Cost Control								
Grain & conc. purchased								
as % of milk sales		249	2	24%		Q.		Σ ο
Dairy feed & crop exp.		Z.***1	0	240				·
per cwt. milk	ć	4.21	^	4 06	۸.		^ '	^
	\$				્રે—		추	- 3
Labor & mach. costs/cow	\$	833	\$	824	۵		۶	_ \$
Capital Efficiency*				•				
Farm capital per cow	\$	5,634	\$	5,581	\$		\$	\$
Real estate per cow	\$	2,652	\$	2,583	\$		\$	\$
Mach. & equip. per cow	\$	1,102		1,065	\$		\$	\$
Capital turnover, years		2.42		2.30	_			
Profitability								
Net farm inc. w/o apprec.	S	19 587	¢	19,698	Ś		Ġ	¢
Net farm inc. w/apprec.		22,647		33,327	\$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	٧	- ç———
Labor & mgmt. income		2,990			્ર —		રૂ	
	Ą	4,990	Ģ	2,116	₽		্	_ २
Rate of return on eq.		0 10		0.04=		_		_
capital w/apprec.		0.109	8	3.34%	_	&		₹8
Financial Summary								
Farm net worth, end year	\$2	297,583	\$:	311,641	\$		\$	\$
Debt to asset ratio	•	0.32		0.31	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	··-	•	
Farm debt per cow	\$				\$		\$	- s
-	•	• •					•	_ •

^{*}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 404 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.

The cost control factors are ranked from low to high, but the <u>lowest cost</u> 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.

FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS
404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Size	of Bus	iness	Rates	of Produ	ction	<u>Labor</u>	Labor Efficiency	
Worker	No.	Pounds	Pounds	Tons	Tons Corn	Cows	Pounds	
Equiv-	of	Milk	Milk Sold	Hay Crop	Silage	Per	Milk Sold	
alent	Cows	Sold	Per Cow	DM/Acre	Per Acre	Worker	Per Worker	
6.8	252	4,319,504	18,980	4.6	21	48	747,314	
4.4	134	2,108,684	17,551	3.6	18	37	575,840	
3.5	101	1,596,188	16,655	3.1	16	33	516,053	
3.1	85	1,304,015	16,116	2.9	15	31	472,387	
2.8	73	1,128,297	15,543	2.6	15	29	432,993	
2.5	65	972,841	14,953	2.4	14	26	400,211	
2.3	58	824,836	14,399	2.2	13	24	367,373	
2.0	50	725,500	13,682	2.0	12	23	330,625	
1.8	44	628,376	12,849	1.7	10	20	290,454	
1.4	34	466,272	11,055	1.3	8	16	215,433	

•		Cos	t Control		
Grain	% Feed is	Machinery	Labor &	Feed & Crop	Feed & Crop
Bought	of Milk	Costs	Machinery	Expenses	Expenses Per
Per Cow	Receipts	Per Cow	Costs Per Cow	Per Cow	Cwt, Milk
\$185	10%	\$212	\$ 503	\$375	\$2.52
288	15	282	605	464	3.23
352	18	326	670	525	3.60
397	21	370	726	567	3.87
439	23	404	783	605	4.10
476	25	435	832	647	4.31
518	27	471	882	683	4.48
562	28	516	956	731	4.77
608	31	572	1,025	783	5.12
721	36	759	1,251	913	5.85

The next section of the Farm Business Chart provides for comparative analysis of the value of production as measured by milk receipts per cow and dairy receipts per hundredweight of milk sold and the costs of production. The final or profitability section shows the variation in farm income by decile and enables a dairy farmer to determine where he or she ranks by using several measures of farm profitability. Remember that each column is independently established and the farms making up the top decile in the first column will not necessarily be on the top of any other column. The dairy farmer who ranks at or near the top of most of these columns is in a very enviable position.

FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM
MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS
404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Milk	Dairy	Oper. Cost	Oper. Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost
Receipts	Receipts	Milk	Milk	Production	Production
Per Cow	Per Cwt.	Per Cow	Per Cwt.	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
\$2,735	\$16.52	\$ 901	\$ 6.10	\$1,667	\$11.26
2,508	15.15	1,112	7.70	1,895	12.55
2,399	14.68	1,231	8.39	2,007	13.29
2,290	14.40	1,334	8.93	2,088	13.94
2,197	14.13	1,399	9.39	2,196	14.47
2,097	13.91	1,498	9.82	2,281	15.02
1,999	13.67	1,584	10.32	2,360	15.82
1,898	13.42	1,672	10.94	2,480	16.55
1,760	13.08	1,800	11.82	2,609	17.45
1,507	12.11	2,074	13.81	3,032	20.80

Profitability

	Return to Oper	ator's Labor,	Lat	or &
Income	Management, &	Equity Capital	Manageme	nt Income
Without	With	Without	Per	Per
Appreciation	Appreciation	Appreciation	Farm	<u>Operator</u>
\$98,427	\$100,957	\$97,616	\$67,398	\$49,398
54,238	49,740	52,972	27,247	19,608
36,084	33,833	35,030	16,338	11,912
25,033	24,933	23,703	10,248	7,708
18,975	17,901	17,131	5,056	3,887
12.180	12,066	9,951	-342	-320
•	•	4,834	-5,172	-4,523
-56	374	-1,936	-10,015	-8,491
-9.810	-8,364	-11,125	-19,381	-16,205
-39,020	-30,637	-40,495	-46,928	-43,181
	Without Appreciation \$98,427 54,238 36,084 25,033 18,975	Without With Appreciation \$98,427 \$100,957 54,238 49,740 36,084 33,833 25,033 24,933 18,975 17,901 12,180 12,066 6,473 6,863 -56 374 -9,810 -8,364	Without Appreciation With Appreciation Without Appreciation \$98,427 \$100,957 \$97,616 54,238 49,740 52,972 36,084 33,833 35,030 25,033 24,933 23,703 18,975 17,901 17,131 12,180 12,066 9,951 6,473 6,863 4,834 -56 374 -1,936 -9,810 -8,364 -11,125	Without Appreciation With Appreciation Without Appreciation Per Farm \$98,427 \$100,957 \$97,616 \$67,398 54,238 49,740 52,972 27,247 36,084 33,833 35,030 16,338 25,033 24,933 23,703 10,248 18,975 17,901 17,131 5,056 12,180 12,066 9,951 -342 6,473 6,863 4,834 -5,172 -56 374 -1,936 -10,015 -9,810 -8,364 -11,125 -19,381

Financial Analysis Chart

The farm financial analysis chart is designed just like the <u>Farm Business</u> <u>Chart</u> 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. References to DFBS output page numbers for participating dairy farmers are provided in the table headings.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS CHART 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

	Liqu	<u>idity (repayment</u>	.)	
	Debt Payments	Cash Flow	Available for	
Debt Payments	as Percent	Coverage	Debt Service	Debt
Made Per Cow	of Milk Receipts	Ratio	Per Cow	Per Cow
(DFBS pg. 7)	(7)	(7)	(11)	(5)
\$ 25	1%	7.03	\$1,012	\$ 70
171	9	2.15	780	568
264	14	1.58	674	1,011
332	18	1.30	606	1,489
406	20	1.10	527	1,858
460	24	0.96	460	2,195
518	.27	0.80	387	2,584
591	31	0.65	313	3,130
722	37	0.43	244	3,679
1,165	63	-0.04	42	4,795

	S	olvency		Efficie	ncy & Profi	tability
		<u>Debt/Asset Ratio</u>		Total	Capital	Rate of
Percent Equity	Total	Current & <u>Intermediate</u>	Long Term	Farm Cap. Per Cow	Turnover (years)	Return on Equity Cap.
(DFBS		•				
pg. 5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(10)	(10)	(3)
99%	0.01	0.00	0.00	\$3,705	1.67	14
90	0.10	0.04	0.01	4,524	2.00	6
82	0.18	0.11	0.10	4,960	2.19	4
75 .	0.25	0.16	0.25	5,289	2.40	1
68	0.32	0.23	0.37	5,654	2.60	-1
61	0.39	0.29	0.50	5,955	2.77	-4
53	0.47	0.36	0.63	6,342	2.93	-6
44	0.56	0.44	0.73	6,837	3.14	-11
36	0.64	0.55	0.89	7,671	3.46	-20
16	0.84	0.81	1.38	9,498	4.57	-83

Summarize Your Business Performance

The Farm Business and Financial Analysis Charts can be used to help identify strengths and weaknesses of your farm business. Identify three major strengths and three areas of your farm business that need improvement.

Strengths:	Need Improvement:

FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

_ ~.	Less than	40 to	55 to	70 to	85 to
Item Farm Size:	40 Cows	54 Cows	69 Cows	84 Cows	99 Cows
Number of farms	33	93	82	55	38
ACCRUAL EXPENSES					
Hired labor	\$ 4,093		-		\$ 18,026
Dairy grain & concentrate	15,862	22,245	27,169	33,379	37,599
Dairy roughage	813	816	933	1,158	767
Other livestock feed	164	250	555	705	2,234
Machine hire/rent/lease	588	1,018	1,305	1,644	1,251
Machine repairs/parts	2,560	4,470	5,735	7,900	10,291
Auto expense (farm share)	405	488	450	645	368
Fuel, oil & grease	2,442	3,192	4,276	5,625	7,090
Replacement livestock	465	926	1,800	1,350	1,078
Breeding	998	1,300	1,949	2,565	2,491
Veterinary & medicine	1,173	1,672	2,601	2,933	3,664
Milk marketing	4,836	6,395	8,313	10,033	10,296
Cattle lease/rent	3	39	33	80	0
Other livestock expense	2,492	3,684	5,053	5,607	8,095
Fertilizer & lime	2,255	4,002	5,849	7,976	10,357
Seeds & plants	712	1,311	2,131	2,954	4,128
Spray & other crop expense	476	1,033	2,077	2,626	2,881
Land/building/fence repair	778	1,340	1,518	1,989	2,769
Taxes & insurance	3,725	4,505	6,227	6,668	9,482
Telephone & electricity	2,267	3,054	4,025	4,926	5,436
Interest paid	4,443	8,829	12,031	13,163	17,536
Misc. (including rent)	1.660	2,764	3,348	4,895	5,516
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 53,210	\$79,270	\$106,691	\$131,872	\$161,355
Expansion livestock	968	346	874	774	844
Machinery depreciation	6,124	7,704	10,941	15,593	17,741
Building depreciation	2,193	3,217	5,039	8,144	8,004
Total Accrual Expenses	\$62,495	\$90,537	\$123,545	\$156,383	\$187,944
ACCRUAL RECEIPTS					
Milk sales	\$59,218	\$ 88,407			
Dairy cattle	4,811		9,436		14,400
Dairy calves	933	1,163	1,444	1,798	2,364
Other livestock	97	243	352	436	472
Crops	1,030	806	592	1,949	3,216
Misc. receipts	1.975	3,156	5,102	<u>5,737</u>	<u>7,682</u>
Total Accrual Receipts	\$68,064	\$100,296	\$136,476	\$173,020	\$211,876
PROFITABILITY ANALYSIS					
Net farm income (w/o apprec.)	\$5,569	\$9,759	\$12,931	\$16,637	\$23,932
Net farm income (w/apprec.)	\$4,706	\$8,700	\$9,716	\$19,487	\$19,249
Labor & mgmt. income	\$-3,996	\$-592	\$-718	\$-453	\$4,124
Number of operators	1.08	1.17	1.33	1.42	1.42
Labor & mgmt. inc./oper.	\$-3,689	\$-508	\$-539	\$-320	\$2,911
Rate of return on equity capital (w/o apprec.)	-6.6%	-6.48	-4.0%	-2.3%	-0.6
Rate of return on equity capital (w/apprec.)	-7.1%	-7.0%	-5.3%	-1.4%	-1.8

FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Item Fa	rm Size:		100 to 149 Cows	150 to 199 Cows	200 to 249 Cows	250 or
	TIM DIZO.		147 00WS	199 Cows	Z49 COWS	More Cow
Number of farms			54	20	14	15
ACCRUAL EXPENSES					•	
Hired labor			\$ 26,831	\$ 37,871	\$ 69,656	\$118,623
Dairy grain & concen	trate		52,504	69,080	119,361	181,104
Dairy roughage			979	3,007	1,464	6,896
Other livestock feed			1,253	1,581	176	193
Machine hire/rent/le			1,828	2,514	4,138	3,541
Machine repairs/part			12,204	17,945	30,301	37,855
Auto expense (farm s			372	377	829	303
Fuel, oil & grease	- - ,		9,375	12,763	18,866	
Replacement livestoc	k		1,300	2,816	1,521	24,475
Breeding			3,611	4,415	7,083	3,244
Veterinary & medicin	e	-	5,044	6,398		11,731
Milk marketing			13,992	19,197	9,844	20,184
Cattle lease/rent			68	188	30,848	38,127
Other livestock expe	nse		9,665	13,049	17 007	344
Fertilizer & lime	iibe _i		11,193	·	17,907	31,495
Seeds & plants			4,444	19,173	23,424	33,953
Spray & other crop e	Ynence		3,981	6,000	7,942	14,478
Land/building/fence			2,981	7,053	10,397	15,416
Taxes & insurance	repart			4,147	4,852	9,358
Telephone & electric	i tar	•	10,303	12,467	16,682	23,234
Interest paid	LCy		6,501	7,470	11,821	17,907
Misc. (including ren	+1		23,255	34,925	45,152	75,543
Total Operating			6,759	11,814	<u>17.838</u>	<u>21.921</u>
Expansion livestock	Expenses		\$208,443	\$294,250	\$450,102	\$689,925
Machinery depreciation	on		1,127	7,108	1,680	16,690
Building depreciation	011	•	20,258	26,978	32,499	45,087
Total Accrual Ex			9,161	<u>17,114</u>	<u>16,621</u>	35,310
	penses		\$238,989	\$345,450	\$500,902	\$787,012
ACCRUAL RECEIPTS					•	
Milk sales			\$236,108	\$320,343	\$468,190	\$796,157
Dairy cattle			20,211	32,874	46,908	81,554
Dairy calves			2,992	3,559	5,168	8,731
Other livestock	•		556	21	89	775
Crops			193	5,092	10,339	16,228
Misc. receipts			7,420	<u>16,589</u>	21,994	<u>15,205</u>
Total Accrual Red	ceipts		\$267,480	\$378,478	\$552,688	\$918,650
PROFITABILITY ANALYS	I.S	1 1 1				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Net farm income (w/o			\$28,491	\$33,028	\$51,786	\$131,638
Net farm income (w/ap	oprec.)		\$29,111	\$24,269	\$44,731	
Labor & mgmt. income	: = = = = + J		\$5,196	\$6,896	\$44,731	\$120,705
Number of operators			1.50	30,090 1.58		\$76,669
Labor & mgmt. inc./op	ner .		\$3,464	A Committee of the Comm	1.67	1.58
Rate of return on equ			93,404	\$4,355	\$10,367	\$48,423
capital (w/o appred	·)		0.00	0.60	n n-	
Rate of return on equ	··/ :i +	-	-0.0%	0.6%	2.8%	8.79
capital (w/apprec.)			0.10	4 4.	a a.	_ =
capicar (w/apprec.)	, ,		0.1%	-1.1%	1.8%	7.79

FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Farms with:	Less than	40 Cows	40 to 5	4 Cows	55 to 6	9 Cows
Item	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
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<u>ASSETS</u>	•					
Farm cash/chkg./sav.	\$ 2,208	\$ 1,936	\$ 1,264	\$ 1,427	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,584
Accounts receivable	6,052	5,791	7,548	7,173	10,835	10,530
Feed & supplies	11,016	11,551	17,075	17,168	25,038	25,601
Dairy cows*	27,508	25,568	40,790	38,285	55,435	52,811
Heifers	11,583	9,208	15,737	13,815	22,773	19,303
Bulls & other lvstk.	•	479	878	812	599	474
Machinery & equipmen		40,782	53,683	54,064	80,279	78,950
Coop stocks & cert.	2,024	2,145	2,615	2,487	4,237	4,524
Land & buildings*	110,929	115,967	140,467	144,528	194,568	196,143
Total Farm Assets	\$213,221	\$213,427	\$280,057	\$279,759	\$396,044	\$390,921
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Pers. cash/chkg./sav	7.\$ 7,817	\$ 8,760	\$ 2,456	\$ 2,551	\$ 3,725	\$ 3,960
Cash value of life i		3,214	3,465	3,561	3,239	3,187
Nonfarm real estate	2,342	2,115	4,371	4,221	8,953	9,312
Auto (personal share	•	2,224	2,246	2,522	2,190	2,416
Stocks & bonds	5,868	5,976	1,643	2,005	16,266	16,945
Household furnishing		7,365	8,216	8,391	6,930	7,925
All other	1,298	1,121	3,098	2,119	268	1,048
Total Nonfarm	1,270	<u></u>	3,090	2,119		1,046
Assets**	\$ 29,866	\$ 30,776	¢ 25 405	ė 25 260	6 41 560	ė 44 702
		\$ 30,770	\$ 25,495	\$ 25,369	\$ 41,569	\$ 44,793
Total Farm & Nonfarm		6077 000	4105 550	620E 100	A/ 97 /19	A/25 71/
Assets	\$243,087	\$244,203	\$305,552	\$305,128	\$437,613	\$435,714
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,293	\$ 4,525	\$ 4,396	\$ 3,675	\$ 3,744
Operating debt	0	0	323	592	798	1,192
Short term	984	871	1,169	1,399	1,450	1,265
Intermediate*	17,813	17,003	36,012	36,825	44,541	44,628
Long term*	32,026	34,951	70,323	73,521	89,325	89,105
Total Farm Liab.	\$ 52,777	\$ 55,118	\$112,353		\$139,789	\$139,933
Total Nonfarm Liab.		579	752	1,181	2,664	2,838
Total Farm & Nonfarm						
Liabilities	\$ 53,215	\$ 55,697	\$113 105	\$117,915	\$142 453	\$1/12 771
Farm Net Worth	Y 33,223	ψ 33,07 <i>7</i>	Ψ113,103	Ψ±17,513	Y1-2,-33	Y142,111
(Equity Capital)	\$160 444	\$158 310	\$167 704	\$163,026	\$256 255	\$250,987
Farm & Nonfarm	9100,444	\$130,310	9107,704	9103,020	9230,233	9230,307
Net Worth	\$189 872	\$188,506	\$192 447	\$197 913	\$295,160	6202 0/3
Wer Moren	9109,072	9100,500	9192,447	9107,213	929J, 100	\$292,943
FINANCIAL MEASURES		Less than	40 Cows	40 to 54 Co	ws 55 t	o 69 Cows
Percent equity			74%	58%	<u> </u>	64%
Debt/asset ratio-log	og term	(0.30	0.51		0.45
Debt/asset ratio-int).21	0.31		0.45
Total farm debt per			,621	\$2,382	á	32,186
Annual debt payments			,166	\$2,382		
			368		Ş	80,885
Debt payments made p				\$432		\$500
Debt payments as % of			20%	23%		26%
Amount avail. for de			, 942	\$23,026	Ş	30,400
Cash flow coverage 1	Latio IOT 1	.700	L.74	1.07		1.04

^{*}Includes discounted lease payments.

^{**}Average of farms reporting nonfarm assets and liabilities for 1985.

FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Farms with:		34 Cows	85 to 99 Cows		
Item	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Farm cash/chkg./savings	\$ 5,766	\$ 4,884	\$ 2,617	\$ 3,422	
Accounts receivable	14,697	14,487	16,078	15,871	
Feed & supplies	35,637	35,228	44,666	46,961	
Dairy cows*	65,176	62,650	82,318	78,084	
Heifers	29,022	25,175	35,773	32,808	
Bulls & other lvstk.	747	981	1,382	1,372	
Machinery & equipment*	95,054	98,240	115,793	116,850	
Coop stocks & cert.	5,003	5,700	8,095	8,876	
Land & buildings*	204,940	208,015	260,816	257,440	
Total Farm Assets	\$456,042	\$455,360	\$567,538	\$561,684	
Pers. cash/chkg./savings	\$ 15,519	\$ 13,636	\$ 4,787	\$ 6,288	
Cash value of life ins.	4,650	5,373	3,600	3,859	
Nonfarm real estate	13,829	13,700	4,813	5,542	
Auto (personal share)	2,819	3,158	2,265	2,338	
Stocks & bonds	9,052	10,261	1,940	3,000	
Household furnishings	7,200	7,223	3,604	4,792	
All other	5,321	5,986	4,084	4,752	
Total Nonfarm Assets**	\$ 58,390	\$ 59,336	\$ 25,092	\$ 30,571	
Total Farm & Nonfarm	¥ 30,350	Ψ 37,330	·	y 30,37I	
Assets	\$514,432	\$514,696	\$592,630	\$592,255	
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 5,037	\$ 6,816	\$ 4,539	\$ 4,883	
Operating debt	1,074	1,924	4,013	4,144	
Short term	1,148	2,185	3,724	2,827	
Intermediate*	44,336	46,725	68,472	67,533	
Long term*	90,933	88,906	116,051	119,142	
Total Farm Liab.	\$142,529	\$146,555	\$196,799	\$198,529	
Total Nonfarm Liab.**	454	1,242	21	21	
Total Farm & Nonfarm					
Liabilities	\$142,983	\$147,797	\$196,820	\$198,550	
Farm Net Worth					
(Equity Capital)	\$313,513	\$308,805	\$370,739	\$363,155	
Farm & Nonfarm			•		
Net Worth	\$371,449	\$366,899	\$395,810	\$393,705	
FINANCIAL MEASURES	<u>70 t</u>	to 84 Cows	<u>85 to</u>	99 Cows	
Percent equity		68%		65%	
Debt/asset ratio-long term		0.43		0.46	
Debt/asset ratio-inter. & co	urrent	0.23		0.26	
Total farm debt per cow		\$1,879		2,112	
Annual debt payments made	5	30,462	\$39	9,392	
Debt payments made per cow		\$402		\$426	
Debt payments as % of milk s	sales	20%		21%	
Amount avail. for debt serv		341,194	\$45	5,661	
Cash flow coverage ratio for	r 1985	1.40		1.09	

^{*}Includes discounted lease payments.

^{**}Average of farms reporting nonfarm assets and liabilities for 1985.

FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Farms with:		149 Cows	150 to .	L99 Cows
<u> Item</u>	<u> Jan. 1</u>	Dec. 31	<u> </u>	Dec. 31
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Farm cash/chkg./savings	\$ 4,109	\$ 3,938	\$ 5,551	\$ 6,336
Accounts receivable	20,971	20,473	27,818	32,064
Feed & supplies	57,947	56,439	71,818	73,963
Dairy cows*	102,408	98,777	135,614	136,797
Heifers	46,781	45,478	59,207	53,197
Bulls & other lvstk.	1,699	1,255	905	868
Machinery & equipment*	128,332	127,976	157,670	159,826
Coop stocks & cert.	12,808	13,373	24,972	28,919
Land & buildings*	312,736	<u>317,406</u>	411,748	407,082
Total Farm Assets	\$687,791	\$685,115	\$895,303	\$899,052
Pers. cash/chkg./savings	\$ 3,454	\$ 3,103	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,313
Cash value of life ins.	3,101	3,480	14,353	14,730
Nonfarm real estate	14,212	15,212	8,333	9,167
Auto (personal share)	3,465	3,582	3,550	2,700
Stocks & bonds	6,212	9,026	1,963	3,404
Household furnishings	9,167	9,785	11,417	11,417
All other	2,949	<u>3,461</u>	6,660	6,826
Total Nonfarm Assets**	\$ 42,561	\$ 47,648	\$ 47,523	\$ 49,556
Total Farm & Nonfarm	,,	, ,,,-,-	,,	,,
Assets	\$730,352	\$732,763	\$942,826	\$948,608
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,457	\$ 6,855	\$ 15,603	\$ 11,279
Operating debt	2,275	2,809	12,751	11,042
Short term	4,442	5,789	4,901	2,918
Intermediate*	95,195	94,518	153,072	153,000
Long term*	129,707	131,237	204,102	220,169
Total Farm Liab.	\$240,075	\$241,208	\$390,429	\$398,408
Total Nonfarm Liab.**	1,064	946	4,650	3,984
Total Farm & Nonfarm				
Liabilities	\$241,139	\$242,154	\$395,079	\$402,392
Farm Net Worth	, ,	, ,	, ,	7
(Equity Capital)	\$447,716	\$443,907	\$504,874	\$500,644
Farm & Nonfarm		, ,	(,	, ,
Net Worth	\$489,213	\$490,609	\$547,747	\$546,216
FINANCIAL MEASURES	100	to 149 Cows	150 t	o 199 Cows
Percent equity		65%		56%
Debt/asset ratio-long term		0.41		0.54
Debt/asset ratio-inter. & c	urrent	0.30		0.36
Total farm debt per cow		\$1,977		\$2,371
Annual debt payments made		\$60,605		98,620
Debt payments made per cow		\$503	Y	\$611
Debt payments as % of milk	sales	25%		31%
Amount avail. for debt serv		\$59,930	¢	75,317
Cash flow coverage ratio fo		1.01	Y	0.86
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^{*}Includes discounted lease payments.

^{**}Average of farms reporting nonfarm assets and liabilities for 1985.

FARM FAMILY FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Farms with:	200 to	249 Cows	More than 250 Cows
Item	<u> </u>	Dec. 31	
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ASSETS			
Farm cash/chkg./savings	\$ 6,837	\$ 11,847	\$ 8,039 \$ 5,409
Accounts receivable	46,843	43,442	68,068 72,250
Feed & supplies	100,424	108,417	172,391 180,862
Dairy cows*	188,896	191,052	282,847 294,830
Heifers	84,355	73,254	128,368 122,225
Bulls & other lvstk.	2,011	2,250	1,938 1,876
Machinery & equipment*	183,392	181,153	252,055 254,436
Coop stocks & cert.	27,566	27,920	43,310 46,142
Land & buildings*	499,166	<u>501,587</u>	<u>781,420</u> <u>808,694</u>
Total Farm Assets	\$1,139,490	\$1,140,922	\$1,738,436 \$1,786,724
Pers. cash/chkg./savings	\$ 16,800	\$ 13,613	\$ 1,068 \$ 1,428
Cash value of life ins.	8,038	9,825	5,226 6,400
Nonfarm real estate	12,750	24,000	0 0
Auto (personal share)	4,813	4,000	1,700 1,000
Stocks & bonds	6,875	8,563	1,000 1,000
Household furnishings	11,585	11,460	5,400 4,800
All other	5,483	6,247	3,150 3,086
Total Nonfarm Assets**	\$ 66,343	\$ 77,707	\$ 17,544 \$ 17,714
Total Farm & Nonfarm	7,	Y,	, T. 2, 52, 1
Assets	\$1,205,833	\$1,218,629	\$1,755,980 \$1,804,438
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LIABILITIES	A 17 : mno	4.15.005	A 21 mmm A 40 000
Accounts payable	\$ 14,599	\$ 15,885	\$ 14,777 \$ 12,388
Operating debt	12,829	14,851	6,667 9,667
Short term	814	1,984	13,302 28,805
Intermediate*	161,140	159,375	325,610 326,324
Long term*	284,505	269,685	332,094 321,161
Total Farm Liab.	\$473,887	\$461,780	\$ 692,450 \$ 698,344
Total Nonfarm Liab.**	0	<u> </u>	0
Total Farm & Nonfarm			•
Liabilities	\$473,887	\$461,780	\$ 692,450 \$ 698,344
Farm Net Worth	\$665,603	0670 140	\$1,045,986 \$1,088,380
(Equity Capital) Farm & Nonfarm	\$665,605	\$679,142	\$1,045,986 \$1,088,380
Net Worth	\$731,946	\$756,849	\$1,063,530 \$1,106,094
FINANCIAL MEASURES	200	to 249 Cows	More than 250 Cows
Percent equity	******	60%	61%
Debt/asset ratio-long term	n	0.54	0.40
Debt/asset ratio-inter. &		0.30	0.39
Total farm debt per cow		\$1,965	\$1,962
Annual debt payments made		\$92,757	\$154,197
Debt payments made per cov	v	\$412	\$438
Debt payments as % of mill		19%	19%
Amount avail. for debt ser		\$97,464	\$220,436
Cash flow coverage ratio		0.94	1.31
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^{*}Includes discounted lease payments.

^{**}Average of farms reporting nonfarm assets and liabilities for 1985.

SELECTED BUSINESS FACTORS BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Forms with.	T +1				
Farms with:	Less than 40 Cows	40 to 54 Cows	55 to 69 Cows	70 to	85 to
	40 00WS	J4 COWS	09 COWS	84 Cows	99 Cows
Number of farms	33	93	82	55	. 38
Cropping Program Analysis					
Total Tillable acres	107	165	206	258	329
Tillable acres rented*	25	53	63	86	106
Hay crop acres*	74	107	119	132	156
Corn silage acres*	17	29	40	54	73
Hay crop, tons DM/acre	2.1	2.2	2.5		2.6
Corn silage, tons/acre	13.1	13.2	13.5		13.7
Oats, bushels/acre	61.4	82.1	86.9		74.4
Forage DM per cow, tons	6.9	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2
Tillable acres/cow	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.6
Fert. & lime exp./til. acre	\$21.06	\$24.20	\$28.35	\$30.93	
Total machinery costs	\$14,171	\$19,519			•
Machinery cost/tillable acre	\$132	\$118	\$129	\$140	\$129
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<u>Dairy Analysis</u>					
Number of cows	33	47	62	76	92
Number of heifers	25	37	48	62	77
Milk sold, lbs.	465,289	691,467	924,535	1,162,676	
Milk sold/cow, lbs.	14,113	14,722	14,897		
Operating cost of prod. milk/c	wt. \$9.53	\$9.75	\$9.71	\$9.52	\$9.31
Total cost of prod. milk/cwt.	\$16.67	\$15.46	\$15.37		
Price/cwt. milk sold	\$12.73	\$12.79	\$12.93		
Purchased dairy feed/cow	\$506	\$491		\$456	
Purchased dairy feed/cwt. milk	\$3.58	\$3.33	\$3.04	\$2.97	
Purchased grain & conc. as %				·	, -
of milk receipts	27%	25%	23%	229	20%
Purchased feed & crop					
expense/cwt. milk	\$4.32	\$4.25	\$4.13	\$4.14	\$3.90
Capital Efficiency					
Farm capital/worker	\$116,359	\$134,356	\$162 820	\$160,836	\$173,727
Farm capital/cow	6,470	5,960	6,340	6,015	6,113
Farm capital/til. acre owned	2,602	2,477	2,752	2,649	
Real estate/cow	3,441	3,034	3,148	2,725	2,532 2,805
Machinery investment/cow	1,245	1,147	1,283	1,276	
Capital turnover, years	3.13	2.79	2.88	2.63	1,259
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<u>Labor Efficiency</u>					
Worker equivalent	1.83	2.08	2.42	2.83	3.25
Operator/manager equivalent	1.08	1.17	1.33	1.42	1.42
Milk sold/worker, lbs.	253,794	331,904	382,566	410,356	440,096
Cows/worker	18	23	26	27	28
Work units/worker	188	243	272	289	324
Labor cost/cow	\$490	\$412	\$374	\$374	\$360
Labor cost/tillable acre	\$151	\$117	\$113	\$110	\$101
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^{*}Average of all farms, not only those reporting data.

SELECTED BUSINESS FACTORS BY HERD SIZE 404 New York Dairy Farms, 1985

Farms with:	100 to	150 to	200 to	250 or
	149 Cows	199 Cows	249 Cows	More Cows
<u>Item</u>	147 COWS	177 00WS	247 00WB	11010 0040
Number of farms	54	20	14	15
Cropping Program Analysis		4		
Total Tillable acres	364	529	595	809
Tillable acres rented*	120	194	237	276
Hay crop acres*	180	235	237	280
Corn silage acres*	89	128	220.	348
Hay crop, tons DM/acre	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.8
Corn silage, tons/acre	14.2	14.0	14.8	15.9
Oats, bushels/acre	81.7	64.9	71.4	93.6
Forage DM per cow, tons	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.5
Tillable acres/cow	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.4
Fert. & lime exp./til. acre	\$30.74	\$36.27	\$39.35	\$41.99
Total machinery costs	\$50,416	\$68,482	\$95,644	\$123,924
Machinery cost/tillable acre	\$138	\$130	\$161	\$153
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Dairy Analysis			·	
Number of cows	119	160	223	342
Number of heifers	1.07	129	182	286
Milk sold, lbs.	1,839,601	2,450,256	3,618,728	6,189,863
Milk sold/cow, lbs.	15,524	15,295	16,233	18,099
Operating cost of prod. milk/cwt.	\$9.63	\$9.64	\$10.10	\$9.17
Total cost of prod. milk/cwt.	\$14.04	\$13.97	\$13.35	\$12.22
Price/cwt. milk sold	\$12.83	\$13.07	\$12.94	\$12.86
Purchased dairy feed/cow	\$451	\$450	\$542	\$550
Purchased dairy feed/cwt. milk	\$2.91	\$2.94	\$3.34	\$3.04
Purchased grain & conc. as %				
of milk receipts	22%	22%	.25%	239
Purchased feed & crop				
expense/cwt. milk	\$3.97	\$4.26	\$4.49	\$4.07
Capital Efficiency				•
Farm capital/worker	\$179,075	\$199,373	\$187,431	\$215,826
Farm capital/cow	5,793	5,600	5,115	5,154
Farm capital/til. acre owned	2,813	2,678	3,185	3,307
Real estate/cow	2,659	2,556	2,245	2,325
Machinery investment/cow	1,081	991	818	740
Capital turnover, years	2.57	2.37	2.06	1.92
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Labor Efficiency	ว ถา	/. 5 0	4 A9	8.17
Worker equivalent	3.83 1.50	4.50 1.58	6.08 1.67	1.58
Operator/manager equivalent				
Milk sold/worker, lbs.	479,896	544,501	594,859 37	757,942 42
Cows/worker	31	36		
Work units/worker	332	379	382	439
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Labor cost/cow Labor cost/tillable acre	\$357 \$116	\$338 \$102	\$387 \$145	\$393 \$166

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IDENTIFY AND SET GOALS

If businesses are to be successful they must have direction. Written goals help provide businesses with an identifiable direction over both the long and the short term. Goal setting is as important on a dairy farm as it is in other businesses. Written goals are a tool which farm operators can use to ensure that the business continues to move in the proper direction.

- 1. Goals should be specific.
- Goals should be <u>realistic and achievable</u>.
- 3. The achievement of the goal should be verifiable.
- 4. You should designate a time when each goal will be achieved.

Goal setting on a dairy farm does not have to be a complex process. In many cases it provides a process for writing down and agreeing on goals that you have already given some thought to. It is also important to remember that once you write out your goals they are not cast in concrete. If a change takes place which has a major impact on the farm business, the goals should be reworked to accommodate that change. Refer to your goals as often as necessary to keep the farm business progressing.

It is important to identify both long and short range goals when looking at the future of your farm business.

A suggested format for writing out your goals is as follows:

- a. Begin with a general philosophy statement which incorporates both business and family goals.
- b. Identify 4-6 long range goals.
- c. Identify specific short range goals for a given time period (i.e., one year).

Worksheet for Setting Goals

I.	General Philosophy ar	nd Objectives	
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II. Long Ran	ge Goals	(requ	ire two	or mo	re years	s to a	chiev	7e)	
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NOTE: Once long and short range goals have been identified, it is helpful to rank them in order of priority.

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