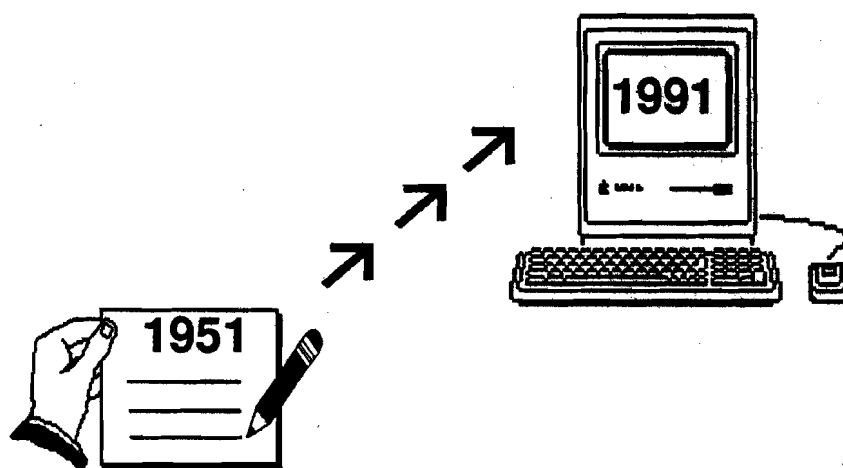


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# 1991 DAIRY FARM BUSINESS SUMMARY NORTHERN HUDSON REGION\*

## INTRODUCTION

Dairy farmers throughout New York State have been participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension's farm business summary and analysis program since the early 1950's. Managers of each participating farm business receive a comprehensive summary and analysis of the farm business. The information in this report represents an average of the data submitted from dairy farms in the Northern Hudson Region.

### Program Objective

The primary objective of the dairy farm business summary, DFBS, is to help farm managers improve the business and financial management of their business through appropriate use of historical farm data and the application of modern farm business analysis techniques. In short, DFBS identifies business and financial information farmers need and demonstrates how it should be used in identifying and evaluating strengths and weaknesses of the farm business.

### Format Features

This regional report follows the same general format as in the 1991 DFBS printout received by all participating dairy farmers. The analysis tables have an open column or section labeled My Farm. It may be used by any dairy farm manager who wants to compare his or her business with the average data of this region. A DFBS Data Check-in Form can be used by non-DFBS participants to summarize their businesses.

This report features:

- (1) an income statement including accrual adjustments for farm business expenses and receipts, as well as measures of profitability with and without appreciation,
- (2) a complete balance sheet with analytical ratios;
- (3) a cash flow summary including debt repayment ability;
- (4) an analysis of crop acreage, yields, and expenses;
- (5) an analysis of dairy livestock numbers, production, and expenses; and
- (6) a capital and labor efficiency analysis.

Micro DFBS, a computer program which enables Cooperative Extension agents and specialists to calculate and print individual farm business reports in their offices, is now being used by the dairy farm management field staff for nearly 100 percent of the farms cooperating. This innovative approach provides faster processing of farm record data and increased use of the DFBS in farm management programs.

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\*The Northern Hudson Region of New York State, with the number of participating farms in parentheses, is comprised of Albany (4), Saratoga (5), Schenectady (3), Rensselaer (22), and Washington (21) Counties. This report was written by Stuart F. Smith, Senior Extension Associate, Farm Management. Linda Putnam was in charge of data preparation. Cindy Farrell and Beverly Carcelli prepared the publication. Farm business data were collected by Cooperative Extension agents Tom Gallagher, Cathy Wickswat, and Chris Skellie.

## SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE FARM BUSINESS

### Business Characteristics

Planning the optimal management strategies is a crucial component of operating a successful farm. 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 farms with these characteristics.

**BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Type of Farm</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of Barn</u>	<u>Number</u>
Dairy	55	Stanchion/Tie-Stall	23
Part-time dairy	0	Freestall	28
Dairy cash-crop	0	Combination	4
Part-time cash-crop dairy	0		
<u>Type of Ownership</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Milking System</u>	<u>Number</u>
Owner	50	Bucket & carry	0
Renter	5	Dumping station	0
		Pipeline	27
<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Number</u>	Herringbone parlor	27
Single proprietorship	36	Other parlor	1
Partnership	16	<u>Milking Frequency</u>	<u>Number</u>
Corporation	3	2x/day	47
<u>Business Record System</u>	<u>Number</u>	3x/day	5
ELFAC II	3	Other	3
Account Book	12	<u>Production Records</u>	<u>Number</u>
Agrifax (mail-in only)	15	DHIC	45
On-Farm Computer	11	Owner-Sampler	5
Other	14	Other	0
		None	5

The averages used in this report were compiled using data from all the participating dairy farms in this region unless noted otherwise. There are full-time dairy farms, part-time farms, dairy cash-crop farms, farm renters, partnerships, and corporations included in the average. Average data for these specific types of farms are presented in the State Business Summary.

### Income Statement

In order for an income statement to accurately measure farm income, it must include cash transactions and accrual adjustments (changes in accounts payable, accounts receivable, inventories, and prepaid expenses).

Cash paid is the actual cash outlay during the year and does not necessarily represent the cost of goods and services actually used in 1991.

Change in inventory: Increases in inventories of supplies and other purchased inputs are subtracted in computing accrual expenses because they represent an increase in purchased inputs not actually used during the year. Decreases in purchased inventories are added to expenses because they represent inputs purchased in a prior year and used this year.

**CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM EXPENSES**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Expense Item	Cash Paid +	Change in Inventory or Prepaid Expense* +	Change in Accounts Payable -	Accrual Expenses
<u>Hired Labor</u>	\$26,504	\$0 <<	\$21	\$26,525
<u>Feed</u>				
Dairy grain & conc.	65,662	1,803	1,879	69,344
Dairy roughage	1,356	-41	-5	1,310
Nondairy	34	0	0	34
<u>Machinery</u>				
Mach. hire, rent/lease	3,699	0 <<	7	3,706
Machinery repairs/parts	14,011	-25	-26	13,960
Auto exp. (farm share)	878	0 <<	0	878
Fuel, oil & grease	8,249	19	149	8,417
<u>Livestock</u>				
Replacement livestock	3,833	0 <<	101	3,934
Breeding	3,869	107	-30	3,946
Vet & medicine	7,039	22	35	7,096
Milk marketing	20,225	0 <<	-8	20,217
Cattle lease/rent	520	0 <<	0	520
Other livestock expense	13,220	30	193	13,443
<u>Crops</u>				
Fertilizer & lime	9,078	206	114	9,398
Seeds & plants	4,073	288	145	4,506
Spray, other crop exp.	3,203	113	118	3,434
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Land/bldg./fence repair	2,894	133	-31	2,996
Taxes	7,869	0 <<	150	8,019
Rent & lease	5,923	0 <<	18	5,941
<u>Other</u>				
Insurance	4,713	27 <<	-71	4,669
Telephone (farm share)	817	0 <<	1	818
Electricity (farm share)	7,115	0 <<	-7	7,108
Interest paid	20,269	0 <<	845	21,114
Miscellaneous	2,832	33	29	2,894
Total Operating	\$237,885	\$2,715	\$3,627	\$244,227
Expansion livestock	1,906	0 <<	0	1,906
Machinery depreciation				14,160
Building depreciation				8,005
<b>TOTAL ACCRUAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>\$268,298</b>

Change in prepaid expenses (noted above by <<) is a net change in non-inventory expenses that have been paid in advance of their use, for example, 1992 rent paid in 1991. If 1991 funds used to prepay 1992 rent exceeded the amount of 1991 rent prepaid in 1990, the amount of this excess is entered as a negative number to exclude it from 1991 accrual rental expenses. The excess prepaid rent should be charged against the future year's business operation. A decrease in prepaid rent is added to accrual expenses because it represents use of resources during this year that were paid for in past years.

Change in accounts payable: An increase in accounts payable from beginning to end of year 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. They are the total of cash paid, as well as changes in inventory, prepaid expenses, and accounts payable.

**CASH AND ACCRUAL FARM RECEIPTS**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Receipt Item</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Change in</u> <u>Inventory</u>	<u>Change in</u> <u>Accounts</u> <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Accrual</u> <u>Receipts</u>
		+	+	-
Milk sales	\$248,210		\$1,889	\$250,099
Dairy cattle	18,223	\$3,901	-15	22,109
Dairy calves	4,257		16	4,273
Other livestock	17	-120	0	-103
Crops	2,391	2,213	206	4,810
Government receipts	3,064	0*	0	3,064
Custom machine work	1,228		15	1,243
Gas tax refund	136		0	136
Other	2,717		19	2,736
Less nonfarm noncash cap.**		(-) 0		(-) 0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$280,243</b>	<b>\$5,994</b>	<b>\$2,130</b>	<b>\$288,367</b>

\*Change in advanced government receipts.

\*\*Gifts or inheritances of cattle or crops included in inventory.

Cash receipts 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. Nonfarm income is not included in calculating farm profitability.

Changes in inventory of assets produced by the business are calculated by subtracting beginning of year values from end of year values excluding appreciation. Increases in livestock inventory caused by herd growth and/or quality are added, and decreases caused by herd reduction and/or quality are subtracted. Changes in inventories of crops grown are also included. Changes in advanced government receipts are calculated by subtracting the end year balance from the beginning year balance (balances are listed with the current liabilities on the Balance Sheet).

Changes in accounts receivable are calculated by subtracting beginning year balances from end year balances. The January milk check for this December's marketings compared with the previous January's check is included as a change in accounts receivable.

Accrual receipts represent the value of all farm commodities produced and services actually generated by the farm business during the year.

### Profitability Analysis

Farm operators contribute labor, management, and capital to their businesses and the combination of these resources selected determines income. Farm profitability 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 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.

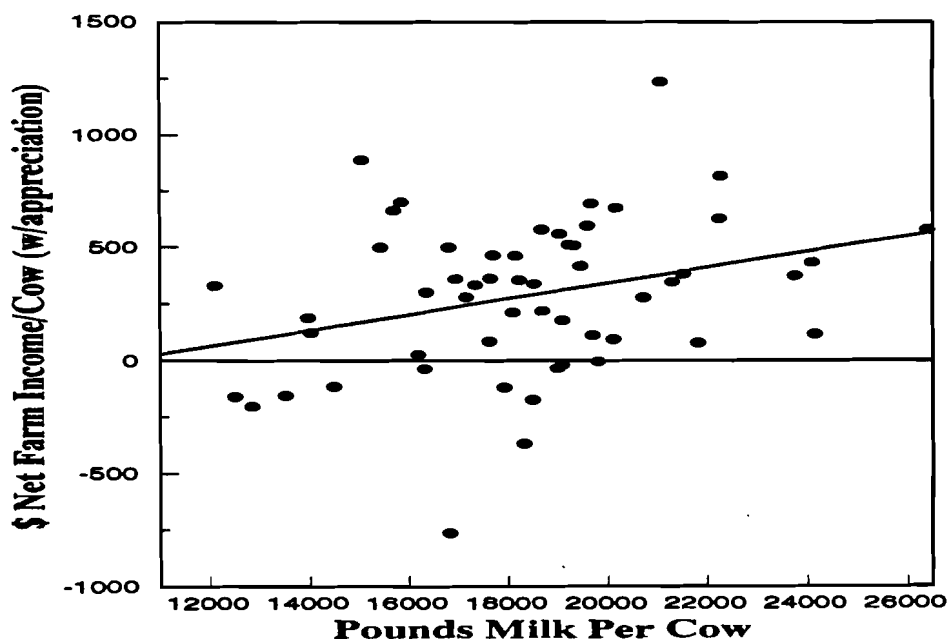
Net farm income is computed both with and without appreciation. Appreciation represents the change in values caused by annual changes in prices of live-stock, machinery, real estate inventory, and stocks and certificates (other than Farm Credit). Appreciation is a major factor contributing to changes in farm net worth and must be included for a complete profitability analysis.

**NET FARM INCOME**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Item	Average	My Farm
Total accrual receipts	\$288,367	\$ _____
Appreciation: Livestock	1,364	_____
Machinery	1,983	_____
Real Estate	8,710	_____
Other Stock/Certificates	-965	_____
Total Including Appreciation	\$299,459	\$ _____
Total accrual expenses	- 268,298	- _____
Net Farm Income (with appreciation)	\$31,161	\$ _____
Net Farm Income (without appreciation)	\$20,069	\$ _____

The chart below shows the relationship between net farm income per cow (with appreciation) and pounds of milk sold per cow. Generally, farms with a higher production per cow have higher profitability per cow.

**Net Farm Income/Cow and Milk/Cow**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Farms, 1991**



Return to operators' labor, management, and equity capital measures the total net farm income for the farm operator(s). 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 calculated both with and without appreciation. Appreciation is an important part of the return to ownership of farm assets.

**RETURN TO OPERATORS' LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AND EQUITY**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Item	Average		My Farm	
	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.
Net farm income	\$31,161	\$20,069	\$ _____	\$ _____
Family labor unpaid @ \$1,300 per month	<u>- 3,380</u>	<u>- 3,380</u>	- _____	- _____
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity	\$27,781	\$16,689	\$ _____	\$ _____

Labor and management income is the return which farm operators receive for their labor and management used in operating the farm business. Appreciation is not included as part of the return to labor and management because it results from ownership of assets rather than management of the farm business. Labor and management income is calculated by deducting the opportunity 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 of five percent reflects the long-term average rate of return above inflation that a farmer might expect to earn in comparable risk investments.

**LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INCOME**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Item	Average	My Farm
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity without appreciation	\$16,689	\$ _____
Real interest @ 5% on \$523,815 average equity capital	<u>- 26,191</u>	- _____
Labor & Management Income	<u>\$-9,502</u>	\$ _____
Labor & Management Income per 1.38 Operator/Manager	\$-6,886	\$ _____

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 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 total capital is calculated by adding interest paid to the return on equity capital and then dividing by average farm assets to calculate the rate of return on total capital.

**RETURN ON EQUITY CAPITAL AND RETURN ON TOTAL CAPITAL**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>My Farm</u>
Return to operators' labor, management, & equity capital with appreciation	\$27,781	\$ _____
Value of operators' labor & management	- 29,305	- _____
Return on equity capital with appreciation	\$-1,524	\$ _____
Interest paid	\$21,114	\$ _____
Return on total capital with appreciation	\$19,590	\$ _____
Return on equity capital without appreciation	\$-12,616	\$ _____
Return on total capital without appreciation	\$8,498	\$ _____
Rate of return on average equity capital:		
with appreciation	-.29%	_____ %
without appreciation	-2.41%	_____ %
Rate of return on average total capital:		
with appreciation	2.47%	_____ %
without appreciation	1.07%	_____ %

**Farm and Family Financial Status**

The first step in evaluating the financial position of the farm is to construct a balance sheet which identifies all the assets and liabilities of the business. The second step is to evaluate the relationship between assets, liabilities, and net worth and changes that occurred during the year.

Financial lease obligations are included in the balance sheet. The present value of all future payments is listed as a liability since the farmer is committed to make the payments by signing the lease. The present value is also listed as an asset, representing the future value the item has to the business. For 1991, leases were discounted by 10.0 percent.

Advanced government receipts are included as current liabilities. Government payments received in 1991 that are for participation in the 1992 program are the end year balance and payments received in 1990 for participation in the 1991 program are the beginning year balance.

**1991 FARM BUSINESS & NONFARM BALANCE SHEET**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, January 1, 1992**

Farm Assets			Farm Liabilities & Net Worth		
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31		Jan. 1	Dec. 31
<u>Current</u>			<u>Current</u>		
Farm cash, checking & savings	\$4,398	\$3,313	Accounts payable	\$7,133	\$10,763
Accounts rec.	20,297	22,427	Operating debt	7,271	8,095
Prepaid exp.	64	37	Short-term	1,753	1,646
Feed & supplies	55,726	55,250	Advanced govt. rec.	0	0
Total	\$80,485	\$81,027	Total	\$16,157	\$20,504
<u>Intermediate</u>			<u>Intermediate</u>		
Dairy cows:			Structured debt		
owned	\$108,931	\$110,714	1-10 years	\$104,751	\$109,710
leased	361	239	Financial lease		
Heifers	43,860	47,292	(cattle/mach.)	3,706	4,094
Bulls/other lvstk.	1,224	1,154	Farm Credit stock	6,671	7,059
Mach./eq. owned	124,891	126,162	Total	\$115,128	\$120,863
Mach./eq. leased	3,345	3,855			
Farm Credit stock	6,671	7,059			
Other stock/cert.	12,668	12,069			
Total	\$301,951	\$308,544			
<u>Long-Term</u>			<u>Long Term</u>		
Land/buildings:			Structured debt		
owned	\$406,150	\$409,833	>10 yrs	\$135,904	\$131,804
leased	179	41	Financial lease		
Total	\$406,329	\$409,874	(structures)	179	41
Total Farm Assets	\$788,765	\$799,445	Total	\$136,083	\$131,845
			Total Farm Liab.	\$267,368	\$273,212
			FARM NET WORTH	\$521,397	\$526,233

**Nonfarm Assets, Liabilities & Net Worth (Average of 27 farms reporting)**

Assets			Liabilities & Net Worth		
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31		Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Personal cash, chkg. & savings	\$10,866	\$7,887	Nonfarm Liab.	\$2,794	\$3,101
Cash value life ins.	12,747	8,585			
Nonfarm real estate	11,222	11,222			
Auto (personal sh.)	2,504	2,207			
Stocks & bonds	6,267	6,780			
Household furn.	10,259	11,199			
All other	15,239	18,256			
Total Nonfarm	\$69,104	\$66,136	NONFARM NET WORTH	\$66,310	\$63,035

Farm & Nonfarm Assets, Liabilities, & Net Worth*			Jan. 1	Dec. 31
Total Assets			\$857,869	\$865,581
Total Liabilities			270,162	276,313
TOTAL FARM & NONFARM NET WORTH			\$587,707	\$589,268

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

Balance sheet analysis involves examination of relative asset and debt levels for the business. Percent equity is calculated by dividing end of year net worth by end of year assets and multiplying by 100. The debt to asset ratio is compiled by dividing liabilities by assets. Low debt to asset ratios reflect business solvency and the potential capacity to borrow. Debt levels per productive unit represent old standards that are still useful if used with measures of cash flow and repayment ability. The change in farm net worth without appreciation is an excellent indicator of farm generated financial progress.

**BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS**  
55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average	My Farm			
<u>Financial Ratios - Farm:</u>					
Percent equity	66%	_____ %			
Debt/asset ratio: total	.34	_____			
long-term	.32	_____			
intermediate/current	.36	_____			
<u>Change in Net Worth:</u>					
Without appreciation	\$-6,256	\$ _____			
With appreciation	\$4,836	\$ _____			
<u>Farm Debt Analysis:</u>					
Accounts payable as % of total debt	4%	_____ %			
Long-term liabilities as a % of total debt	48%	_____ %			
Current & inter. liab. as a % of total debt	52%	_____ %			
<u>Farm Debt Levels:</u>					
	Per Cow	Per Tillable		Per Cow	Per Tillable
Total farm debt	\$2,602	\$1,561		\$ _____	\$ _____
Long-term debt	1,256	753		_____	_____
Intermediate & current debt	1,346	808		_____	_____

Farm inventory balance 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. Net investment indicates whether the capital stock is being expanded (positive) or depleted (negative).

**FARM INVENTORY BALANCE**  
55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average of Region's Farms	
	Real Estate	Machinery & Equipment
Value beg. of year	\$406,150	\$124,891
Purchases	\$7,817*	\$14,428
Gift/inheritance	+ 0	+ 0
Lost capital	- 2,503	- --
Sales	- 1,255	- 980
Depreciation	- 8,005	- 14,160
Net investment	- -3,946	- -712
Appreciation	+ 7,629**	+ 1,983
Value end of year	\$409,833	\$126,162

\*\$435 land and \$7,382 buildings and/or depreciable improvements.

\*\*Excludes \$1,081 of appreciation on assets sold during the year.

Cash Flow Statement

Completing an annual cash flow statement is an important step in understanding the sources and uses of funds for the business. Understanding last year's cash flow is the first step toward planning and managing cash flow for the current and future years.

The annual cash flow statement is structured to compare all the cash inflows including beginning balances with all the cash outflows including ending balances for the year. By definition, total cash inflows must equal total cash outflows when beginning and ending balances are included. Any imbalance is, therefore, the error from incorrect accounting of cash inflows and cash outflows. Whenever an imbalance exists, all other financial measures may also be in error.

**ANNUAL CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>My Farm</u>
<u>Cash Inflows</u>		
Beginning farm cash, checking & savings	\$ 4,398	\$ _____
Cash farm receipts	280,243	_____
Sale of assets: Machinery	980	_____
Real estate	2,331	_____
Other stock & certificate	69	_____
Money borrowed (intermediate & long-term)	38,493	_____
Money borrowed (short-term)	794	_____
Increase in operating debt	824	_____
Nonfarm income	5,325	_____
Cash from nonfarm capital used in the business	2,398	_____
Money borrowed - nonfarm	414	_____
Total	\$336,269	\$ _____
<u>Cash Outflows</u>		
Cash farm expenses	\$237,885	\$ _____
Capital purchases: Expansion livestock	1,906	_____
Machinery	14,428	_____
Real estate	7,817	_____
Other stock & certificate	435	_____
Principal payments (intermediate & long-term)	37,634	_____
Principal payments (short-term)	901	_____
Decrease in operating debt	0	_____
Personal withdrawals & family expenditures		
including nonfarm debt payments	31,441	_____
Ending farm cash, checking & savings	3,313	_____
Total	\$335,762	\$ _____
Imbalance (error)	\$507	\$ _____

## Repayment Analysis

A valuable use of cash flow analysis is to compare the debt payments planned for the last year with the amount actually paid. The measures listed below provide a number of different perspectives on the repayment performance of the business. However, the critical question to many farmers and lenders is whether planned payments can be made in 1992. The cash flow projection worksheet on the next page can be used to estimate repayment ability, which can then be compared to planned 1992 debt payments shown below.

### FARM DEBT PAYMENTS PLANNED

Same 39 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1990 & 1991

Debt Payments	Average			My Farm		
	1991 Payments Planned	Made	Planned 1992	1991 Payments Planned	Made	Planned 1992
Long-term	\$17,607	\$16,578	\$16,467	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Intermediate-term	26,129	43,676	26,091	_____	_____	_____
Short-term	1,566	1,031	697	_____	_____	_____
Operating (net reduction)	447	0	153	_____	_____	_____
Accounts payable (net reduction)	0	0	202	_____	_____	_____
Total	\$45,749	\$61,285	\$43,610	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Per cow	\$449	\$601		\$ _____	\$ _____	
Per cwt. 1991 milk	\$2.42	\$3.24		\$ _____	\$ _____	
Percent of total 1991 receipts	16%	21%		_____	_____	
Percent of 1991 milk receipts	19%	25%		_____	_____	

The cash flow coverage ratio measures the ability of the farm business to meet its planned debt payment schedule. The ratio shows the percentage of payments planned for 1991 (as of December 31, 1990) that could have been made with the amount available for debt service in 1991. Farmers who did not participate in DFBS in 1990 have their 1991 cash flow coverage ratio based on planned debt payments for 1992.

### CASH FLOW COVERAGE RATIO

Same 39 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1990 & 1991

Item	Average	My Farm
Cash farm receipts	\$278,357	\$ _____
- Cash farm expenses	236,088	_____
+ Interest paid	20,199	_____
- Net personal withdrawals from farm**	25,853	_____
(A) = Amount Available for Debt Service	\$36,615	\$ _____
(B) = Debt Payments Planned for 1991 (as of December 31, 1990)	\$45,749	\$ _____
(A + B) = Cash Flow Coverage Ratio for 1991	.80	_____

\*\*Personal withdrawals and family expenditures less nonfarm income and nonfarm money borrowed. If family withdrawals are excluded, or inaccurately included, the cash flow coverage ratio will be incorrect.

## ANNUAL CASH FLOW WORKSHEET

Item	Regional Average (per cow)	My Farm		Expected Change	1992 Projection
		Total	Per Cow		
Average number of cows	102.1				
<u>Accrual Oper. Receipts</u>					
Milk	\$2,449.55	\$	\$		\$
Dairy cattle	216.54				
Dairy calves	41.85				
Other livestock	-1.01				
Crops	47.11				
Misc. receipts	70.31				
Total	\$2,824.35	\$	\$		\$
<u>Accrual Oper. Expenses</u>					
Hired labor	\$259.79	\$	\$		\$
Dairy grain & conc.	679.18				
Dairy roughage	12.83				
Nondairy feed	.33				
Mach. hire/rent/lease	36.30				
Mach. rpr./parts & auto	145.34				
Fuel, oil & grease	82.44				
Replacement lvstk.	38.53				
Breeding	38.65				
Vet & medicine	69.50				
Milk marketing	198.01				
Cattle lease	5.09				
Other livestock exp.	131.67				
Fertilizer & lime	92.06				
Seeds & plants	44.14				
Spray/other crop exp.	33.63				
Land, bldg., fence repair	29.34				
Taxes	78.54				
Real estate rent/lease	58.20				
Insurance	45.73				
Utilities	77.62				
Miscellaneous	28.34				
Total Less Int. Paid	\$2,185.26				\$
<u>Net Accrual Operating Income</u>	(total)				
(without interest paid)	\$65,248	\$			\$
- Change in lvstk./crop inv.*	5,994				
- Change in accts. rec.	2,130				
+ Change in feed/supply inv.**	2,715				
+ Change in accts. payable***	2,782				
NET CASH FLOW	\$62,621	\$			\$
- Net personal withdrawals from farm (see footnote on pg. 12)	25,702				
Available for Farm Debt					
Payments & Investments	\$36,919	\$			\$
- Farm debt payments	58,173				
Available for Farm Investment	\$-21,254	\$			\$
- Capital purchases: cattle, machinery & improvements	\$24,586				
Additional Capital Needed		\$			\$

\*Includes change in advance government receipts.

\*\*Includes change in prepaid expenses.

\*\*\*Excludes change in interest account payable.

### Cropping Analysis

The cropping program is an important part of the dairy farm business and often represents opportunities for improved management. A complete evaluation of what the available land resources are, how they are being used, how well crops are producing, and what it costs to produce them is important to evaluating alternative cropping and feed purchasing alternatives.

#### LAND RESOURCES AND CROP PRODUCTION 55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average			My Farm		
<u>Land</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Rented</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Rented</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tillable	175	151	326	_____	_____	_____
Nontillable	52	17	69	_____	_____	_____
Other nontillable	100	17	117	_____	_____	_____
Total	327	186	513	_____	_____	_____
<u>Crop Yields</u>	<u>Farms</u>	<u>Acres*</u>	<u>Prod/Acre</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Prod/Acre</u>	
Hay crop	54	177	2.41 tn DM	_____	_____	tn DM
Corn silage	54	96	13.62 tn	_____	_____	tn
			4.81 tn DM	_____	_____	tn DM
Other forage	1	35	1.14 tn DM	_____	_____	tn DM
Total forage	55	268	3.23 tn DM	_____	_____	tn DM
Corn grain	31	67	108.92 bu	_____	_____	bu
Oats	3	8	30.87 bu	_____	_____	bu
Wheat	1	15	23.33 bu	_____	_____	bu
Other crops	7	26		_____	_____	
Tillable pasture	8	39		_____	_____	
Idle	16	38		_____	_____	
Total Tillable Acres	55	326		_____	_____	

\*This column represents the average acreage for the farms producing that crop. Average acreages including those farms not producing were hay crop 173, corn silage 94, corn grain 38, oats 0, tillable pasture 6, and idle 11.

Average crop acres and yields compiled for the region are for the 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 crop/dairy ratios indicate the relationship between forage production, forage production resources, and the dairy herd.

#### CROP/DAIRY RATIOS 55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average	My Farm
Total tillable acres per cow	3.19	_____
Total forage acres per cow	2.62	_____
Harvested forage dry matter, tons per cow	8.47	_____

**Cropping Analysis** (continued)

A number of cooperators have allocated crop expenses among the hay crop, corn, and other crops produced. Fertilizer and lime, seeds and plants, and spray and other crop expenses have been computed per acre and per production unit for hay and corn. Additional expense items such as fuels, labor, and machinery repairs are not included.

**CROP RELATED ACCRUAL EXPENSES**  
**Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms Reporting, 1991**

Item	Total Per Till. Acre	Hay Crop		All Corn Per Acre	Corn Silage Per Ton DM	Corn Grain Per Dry Shell Bu.
		Per Acre	Per Ton DM			
Number of farms reporting	55		10	10		
Average number of acres	326		137	77		
Fertilizer & lime	\$28.83	\$16.99	\$7.77	\$46.14	\$11.88	\$.40
Seeds & plants	13.83	7.47	3.42	22.77	5.86	.20
Spray & other crop expense	10.53	7.16	3.28	13.81	3.55	.12
Total	\$53.19	\$31.62	\$14.47	\$82.72	\$21.29	\$.72

**My Farm:**

Fertilizer & lime	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Seeds & plants	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spray & other crop expense	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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 below per total tillable acre.

**ACCRUAL MACHINERY EXPENSES**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Machinery Expense Item	Average		My Farm	
	Total Expenses	Per Til. Acre	Total Expenses	Per Til. Acre
Fuel, oil & grease	\$8,417	\$25.82	\$ _____	\$ _____
Machinery repairs & parts	13,961	42.83	_____	_____
Machine hire, rent & lease	3,706	11.37	_____	_____
Auto expense (farm share)	878	2.69	_____	_____
Interest (5%)	6,276	19.25	_____	_____
Depreciation	14,160	43.44	_____	_____
Total	\$47,398	\$145.39	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Dairy Analysis**

Analysis of the dairy enterprise can reveal a great deal about the strengths and weaknesses of the dairy farm business. Information on this page should be used in conjunction with DHI and other dairy production information. 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. Any change in inventory is included as an accrual farm receipt when calculating all of the profitability measures on pages 6 and 7.

**DAIRY HERD INVENTORY**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Item	<u>Dairy Cows</u>		<u>Bred</u>		<u>Heifers</u>		<u>Calves</u>	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Beg. year (owned)	103	\$108,931	28	\$24,083	25	\$12,840	26	\$6,937
+ Change w/o apprec.		1,186		2,080		765		-129
+ Appreciation		597		-35		415		336
End year (owned)	104	\$110,714	30	\$26,128	27	\$14,020	31	\$7,144
End incl. leased	105							
Average number	102		80 (all age groups)					

**My Farm:**

Beg. of year (owned)	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___
+ Change w/o apprec.		___		___		___		___
+ Appreciation		___		___		___		___
End of year (owned)	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___	___	\$ ___
End including leased	___							
Average number	___		___ (all age groups)					

Total milk sold and milk sold per cow are extremely valuable measures of size and productivity, respectively, on the dairy farm. These measures of milk output are based on pounds of milk marketed during the year. Farm managers on DHI should compare milk sold per cow with their rolling herd average on the test date nearest December 31 to see how close the DHI estimate of milk produced is to actual milk sales.

**MILK PRODUCTION**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>My Farm</u>
Total milk sold, lbs.	1,894,843	_____
Milk sold per cow, lbs.	18,557	_____
Average milk plant test, percent butterfat	3.74	_____

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 including expansion livestock purchased. Total costs of producing milk include the operating costs of producing milk plus depreciation on machinery and buildings, the value of unpaid family labor, the value of operators' labor and management, and the interest charge for using equity capital. Total costs without operator's labor, management, and capital are the operating costs plus depreciation and unpaid family labor.

**ACCRUAL RECEIPTS FROM DAIRY AND COST OF PRODUCING MILK**  
55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average			My Farm		
	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt.	Total	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
<u>Accrual Costs of Producing Milk</u>						
Operating costs	\$207,864	\$2,036	\$10.97	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Total costs w/o opers' labor, mgmt. & capital	\$233,409	\$2,286	\$12.32	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Total Costs	\$288,905	\$2,830	\$15.25	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
<u>Accrual Receipts</u>						
From Milk	\$250,099	\$2,450	\$13.20	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____

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 an evaluation of the dairy enterprise.

**DAIRY RELATED ACCRUAL EXPENSES**  
55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991

Item	Average		My Farm	
	Per Cow	Per Cwt.	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
Purchased dairy grain & concentrates	\$679	\$3.66	\$_____	\$_____
Purchased dairy roughage	13	.07	_____	_____
Total Purchased Dairy Feed	\$692	\$3.73	\$_____	\$_____
Purchased grain & conc. as % of milk receipts		28%		%
Purchased feed & crop exp.	\$862	\$4.64	\$_____	\$_____
Purchased feed & crop exp. as % of milk receipts		35%		%
Breeding	\$39	\$.21	\$_____	\$_____
Veterinary & medicine	70	.37	_____	_____
Milk marketing	198	1.07	_____	_____
Cattle lease	5	.03	_____	_____
Other livestock expense	132	.71	_____	_____

**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 in generating products per unit of labor input.

**CAPITAL EFFICIENCY**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Item	Per Worker	Per Cow	Per Tillable Acre	Per Tillable Acre Owned
Farm capital	\$248,499	\$7,778	\$2,436	\$4,538
Real estate		3,997		2,332
Machinery & equipment	40,407	1,265	396	
Capital turnover, years	2.65			

**My Farm:**

Farm capital	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Real estate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Machinery & equipment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital turnover, years	_____	_____	_____	_____

**LABOR FORCE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

Labor Force	Months	Age	Years of Educ.	Value of Labor & Mgmt.
Operator number 1	11.13	45	13	\$20,318
Operator number 2	4.09	39	14	6,591
Operator number 3	1.35	30	13	2,395
Family paid	5.73			
Family unpaid	2.60			
Hired	13.45			
Total	38.35	+ 12 = 3.20 Worker Equivalent		
		1.38 Operator/Manager Equiv.		

<b><u>My Farm:</u></b> Total	_____	+ 12 = _____	Worker Equivalent
Operator's	_____	+ 12 = _____	Operator/Manager Equiv.

Labor Efficiency	Average		My Farm	
	Total	Per Worker	Total	Per Worker
Cows, average number	102	32	_____	_____
Milk sold, pounds	1,894,843	592,952	_____	_____
Tillable acres	326	102	_____	_____
Work units	1,084	339	_____	_____

Labor Costs	Total	Average		Total	My Farm	
		Per Cow	Per Til. Acre		Per Cow	Per Til. Acre
Value of operator(s) labor (\$1,300/mo.)	\$21,541	\$211	\$66.08	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Family unpaid (\$1,300/mo.)	3,380	33	10.37	_____	_____	_____
Hired	26,525	260	81.37	_____	_____	_____
Total Labor	\$51,446	\$504	\$157.81	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Machinery Cost	\$47,398	\$464	\$145.39	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Labor & Mach.	\$98,844	\$968	\$303.20	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE FARM BUSINESS

Progress of the Farm Business

Comparing your business with average data from regional DFBS co-operators 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 39 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1990 & 1991

Selected Factors	Average of 39 Farms*		My Farm		
	1990	1991	1990	1991	Goal
<u>Size of Business</u>					
Average number of cows	99	102	_____	_____	_____
Average number of heifers	74	77	_____	_____	_____
Milk sold, lbs.	1,731,849	1,890,108	_____	_____	_____
Worker equivalent	3.11	3.20	_____	_____	_____
Total tillable acres	315	316	_____	_____	_____
<u>Rates of Production</u>					
Milk sold per cow, lbs.	17,417	18,452	_____	_____	_____
Hay DM per acre, tons	2.52	2.33	_____	_____	_____
Corn silage per acre, tons	14	14	_____	_____	_____
<u>Labor Efficiency</u>					
Cows per worker	32	32	_____	_____	_____
Milk sold/worker, lbs.	557,026	591,287	_____	_____	_____
<u>Cost Control</u>					
Grain & conc. purchased as % of milk sales	27%	28%	_____%	_____%	_____%
Dairy feed & crop exp. per cwt. milk	\$5.34	\$4.70	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Labor & mach. costs/cow	\$1,001	\$946	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
<u>Capital Efficiency**</u>					
Farm capital per cow	\$7,491	\$7,604	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Mach. & equip. per cow	\$1,229	\$1,237	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Capital turnover, years	2.34	2.64	_____	_____	_____
<u>Profitability</u>					
Net farm inc. w/o apprec.	\$36,152	\$18,133	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Net farm inc. w/apprec.	\$42,358	\$28,274	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Labor & mgt. income per oper./manager	\$5,409	\$-7,102	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Rate of return on eq. capital w/apprec.	1%	-1%	_____%	_____%	_____%
Rate of return on all capital w/apprec.	4%	2%	_____%	_____%	_____%
<u>Financial Summary</u>					
Farm net worth, end year	\$491,165	\$496,771	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Debt to asset ratio	.36	.37	_____	_____	_____
Farm debt per cow	\$2,639	\$2,748	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____

\*Farms participating both years.

\*\*Average for the year.

**Regional Farm Business Chart**

The Farm Business Chart is a tool which can be used in analyzing your business. Compare your business by drawing a line through or near the figure in each column which represents your current level of performance. The five figures in each column represent the average of each 20 percent or quintile of farms included in the regional summary.

**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS**  
**55 Northern Hudson Region Dairy Farms, 1991**

<u>Size of Business</u>			<u>Rates of Production</u>			<u>Labor Efficiency</u>	
Worker Equiv- alent	No. of Cows	Pounds Milk Sold	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre	Cows Per Worker	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker
(10)*	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)
5.5	210	4,075,322	22,670	3.6	18	48	838,675
3.6	113	2,104,123	19,567	2.7	15	34	642,425
2.9	79	1,395,382	18,466	2.3	14	30	559,872
2.3	62	1,079,082	16,990	2.0	12	26	458,687
1.7	46	820,306	14,139	1.4	9	20	343,119

**Cost Control**

Grain Bought Per Cow	% Grain is of Milk Receipts	Machinery Costs Per Cow	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk
(9)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)
\$422	17%	\$338	\$732	\$570	\$3.04
546	23	383	905	726	4.14
643	27	456	1,011	838	4.62
781	33	539	1,102	985	5.25
913	39	692	1,365	1,122	6.41

<u>Value and Cost of Production</u>			<u>Profitability</u>			
Milk Receipts Per Cow	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt.	Total Cost Production Per Cwt.	Net Farm Income w/Apprec.	Net Farm Inc. w/o Apprec.	Labor & Mgt. Inc. Per Oper.	Change in Net Worth w/Apprec.
(9)	(9)	(9)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(5)
\$2,967	\$8.15	\$12.63	\$98,019	\$74,979	\$24,343	\$57,272
2,596	10.32	14.47	40,522	31,033	3,669	11,490
2,413	11.18	15.72	23,250	16,108	-8,914	-723
2,180	11.92	17.61	10,273	2,636	-24,214	-11,851
1,929	13.67	19.97	-16,297	-24,446	-43,355	-32,024

\*Page number of the participant's DFBS where the factor is located.

# New York State Farm Business Chart

The Farm Business Chart is a tool which can be used in analyzing your business. Compare your business by drawing a line through or near the figure in each column which represents your current level of performance. The figure at the top of each column is the average of the top 10 percent of the 395 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 lowest 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.

## FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS 395 New York Dairy Farms, 1990

Size of Business			Rates of Production			Labor Efficiency	
Worker Equiv- alent	No. of Cows	Pounds Milk Sold	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre	Cows Per Worker	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker
(10)*	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)
8.7	349	6,643,712	21,193	4.5	20	48	870,895
4.7	157	2,871,316	19,629	3.6	18	40	691,021
3.9	118	2,089,248	18,650	3.2	17	35	615,415
3.3	98	1,691,784	17,988	3.0	16	32	561,437
3.0	81	1,417,006	17,422	2.8	15	30	510,328
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2.6	70	1,151,117	16,875	2.5	14	28	463,936
2.3	60	968,206	16,322	2.3	13	26	429,166
2.1	53	837,604	15,455	2.0	12	24	387,958
1.8	46	693,783	14,054	1.8	11	22	339,968
1.3	35	507,451	11,686	1.3	8	17	240,302

Cost Control					
Grain Bought Per Cow	% Grain is of Milk Receipts	Machinery Costs Per Cow	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk
(9)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)
\$ 366	15%	\$265	\$ 692	\$ 517	\$3.40
476	20	351	823	645	4.13
542	23	390	901	721	4.46
611	25	429	945	781	4.74
667	27	466	999	833	4.97
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719	29	496	1,058	891	5.26
770	31	530	1,109	949	5.52
827	32	575	1,173	1,014	5.80
899	35	638	1,273	1,099	6.24
1,058	40	807	1,474	1,279	7.11

\*Page number of the participant's DFBS where the factor is located.

**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR FARM  
MANAGEMENT COOPERATORS**  
395 New York Dairy Farms, 1990

Milk Receipts Per Cow	Milk Receipts Per Cwt.	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cow	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt.	Total Cost Production Per Cow	Total Cost Production Per Cwt.
(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
\$3,201	\$16.32	\$1,112	\$ 7.19	\$1,997	\$12.78
2,966	15.63	1,425	8.96	2,311	14.06
2,806	15.27	1,547	9.65	2,461	14.77
2,669	14.98	1,668	10.15	2,594	15.32
2,589	14.83	1,791	10.68	2,710	15.80
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2,496	14.69	1,922	11.20	2,802	16.29
2,390	14.57	2,036	11.69	2,921	16.99
2,262	14.44	2,151	12.29	3,041	17.69
2,064	14.23	2,281	13.14	3,196	19.04
1,721	13.59	2,593	14.90	3,651	22.69

**Profitability**

Net Farm Income		Return to Operator's Labor, Management, & Equity Capital		Labor & Management Income	
With Appreciation	Without Appreciation	With Appreciation	Without Appreciation	Per Farm	Per Operator
(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
\$231,926	\$190,057	\$230,419	\$188,587	\$130,403	\$96,579
91,230	81,401	89,849	79,191	47,621	31,927
66,354	56,580	61,893	52,316	29,650	21,508
50,670	44,618	47,120	40,525	20,689	15,542
42,626	34,580	38,335	31,926	14,330	10,878
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33,267	28,118	29,721	24,485	7,592	6,034
25,805	20,654	21,927	16,616	1,361	1,060
19,089	13,852	14,945	10,124	-5,365	-4,331
11,588	6,798	6,513	1,732	-15,640	-13,572
-11,058	-9,971	-14,637	-14,241	-34,015	-30,508

Farm Business Charts for farms with freestall barns and 120 cows or less and more than 120 cows, and farms with conventional barns with 60 cows or less and more than 60 cows are shown on pages 25-28.

**Financial Analysis Chart**

The farm financial analysis chart on page 22 is designed just like the Farm Business Chart and may be used to assess the financial health of the farm business. Most of the financial measures used in the chart are defined on pages 6, 9, 11, and 17 of this publication. References to DFBS output page numbers for participating dairy farmers are provided in the table headings.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS CHART**  
395 New York Dairy Farms, 1990

<u>Liquidity (repayment)</u>				
Debt Payments Per Cow	Available for Debt Service Per Cow	Cash Flow Coverage Ratio	Debt Payments as Percent of Milk Sales	Debt Per Cow
(7)*	(11)	(7)	(7)	(5)
\$ 59	\$932	5.22	4%	\$ 119
181	742	2.11	8	680
253	663	1.59	11	1,210
341	582	1.30	14	1,632
400	513	1.15	16	2,025
454	452	1.01	18	2,386
501	395	0.85	20	2,735
560	315	0.69	22	3,178
642	207	0.43	25	3,737
899	-196	-0.23	37	4,726

<u>Solvency</u>				<u>Profitability</u>	
Leverage Ratio**	Percent Equity	<u>Debt/Asset Ratio</u>		<u>Percent Rate of Return with appreciation on:</u>	
		Current & Intermediate	Long Term	Equity	Investment***
(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(3)	(3)
0.02	98	0.01	0.00	21%	16%
0.11	90	0.06	0.00	11	10
0.21	82	0.12	0.07	8	8
0.33	75	0.19	0.18	5	6
0.43	69	0.25	0.27	3	5
0.55	64	0.31	0.39	1	4
0.72	58	0.37	0.50	-1	3
0.93	51	0.44	0.61	-3	1
1.22	45	0.53	0.74	-7	-2
2.40	32	0.73	1.00	-23	-7

<u>Efficiency (Capital)</u>				
Capital Turnover (years)	Real Estate Investment Per Cow	Machinery Investment Per Cow	Total Farm Assets Per Cow	Change in Net Worth w/Appreciation
(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(5)
1.38	\$1,390	\$ 596	\$ 4,264	\$110,353
1.68	1,972	817	5,087	53,680
1.84	2,262	940	5,667	33,094
2.03	2,594	1,050	6,103	22,571
2.18	2,865	1,194	6,482	15,798
2.34	3,125	1,318	6,869	10,557
2.50	3,504	1,472	7,340	3,939
2.70	4,037	1,658	7,990	-3,080
3.08	4,705	1,946	8,937	-11,458
4.27	6,762	2,646	11,419	-47,167

\*Page number of the participant's DFBS where the factor is located.

\*\*Dollars of debt per dollar of equity, computed by dividing total liabilities by total equity.

\*\*\*Return on all farm capital (no deduction for interest paid) divided by total farm assets.

### Comparisons by Type of Barn and Herd Size

When analyzing a dairy farm business by comparing it to a group of farms, it is important that the group of farms used has as many of the same physical characteristics as possible as the farm being analyzed. To assist in this endeavor, dairy farms in the 1990 State Summary\* have been divided into those with freestall and those with conventional housing. Within each group is a further classification by size of the dairy herd.

The table on page 24 shows the average values for the resulting four groups of dairy farms. Within each housing type, the larger herd size has the highest crop yields and pounds of milk sold per cow. The total cost of producing milk was lower on the larger farms and labor efficiency greater. Profitability was also greater on the larger farms within each housing type.

Farm business charts have been computed for each of the four housing and herd size categories. References to DFBS output page numbers for participating dairy farmers are provided in the table headings. From these charts on pages 25-28, the range in size of business, rates of production, labor efficiency, value and cost of producing milk, and profitability can be observed. The range in every category of business performance is tremendous.

By comparing the farm's performance on the most appropriate business chart, a farm manager will be better able to evaluate his or her business performance. Farm managers should remember, however, that their competition is not limited to the other farms in their own barn type and herd size category. They should observe how their management performance compares with farms in other categories as well.

### Herd Size Comparisons

A detailed comparison of profitability, financial situation, and business analysis factors across herd sizes is contained on pages 36-43 of the 1990 State Summary\*. As herd size increases, the average profitability also increases (pages 36-37). Net farm income without appreciation was \$227,064 per farm for the 300 or more herd size group and \$10,520 per farm for those with less than 40 cows. This relationship generally holds for all measures of profitability including rate of return on capital.

Farm net worth increases rapidly as herd size increases (pages 38-41), but percent equity and debt/asset ratios do not show a significant variation between size groups. Debt payments per cow were lowest for the moderate size herd groups and they demonstrated a strong ability to make debt payments.

Crop yields generally increased as herd size increased, but fertilizer and lime expenses, and machinery cost per tillable acre also increased (pages 42-43). Milk sold per cow increased as herd size increased, ranging from 15,372 pounds on the farms with less than 40 cows to 19,199 pounds on farms with 300 or more cows. Farm capital per worker generally increased, and farm capital per cow decreased as herd size increased. Milk sold per worker increased dramatically as herd size increased, ranging from 304,000 pounds at the lowest herd size category up to 872,000 pounds at the largest size category.

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\*Smith, Stuart F., Wayne A. Knoblauch, and Linda D. Putnam, Dairy Farm Management Business Summary, New York, 1990, Department of Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, A.E. Res. 91-5, August 1991.

**SELECTED BUSINESS FACTORS BY TYPE OF BARN  
AND HERD SIZE**

364 New York Dairy Farms, 1990

Item	Farms with:		Freestall	
	Conventional			
	≤60 Cows	>60 Cows	≤120 Cows	>120 Cows
Number of farms	127	97	60	80
<u>Cropping Program Analysis</u>				
Total Tillable acres	162	287	287	647
Tillable acres rented*	50	105	115	249
Hay crop acres*	105	168	156	258
Corn silage acres*	28	57	65	213
Hay crop, tons DM/acre	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.9
Corn silage, tons/acre	13.2	14.2	15.3	14.5
Oats, bushels/acre	55.8	58.1	61.4	57.2
Forage DM per cow, tons	7.9	8.2	8.6	7.3
Tillable acres/cow	3.5	3.3	3.4	2.7
Fert. & lime exp./til. acre	\$19.38	\$27.87	\$25.81	\$33.56
Total machinery costs	\$22,362	\$42,595	\$44,486	\$113,711
Machinery cost/tillable acre	\$138	\$148	\$155	\$176
<u>Dairy Analysis</u>				
Number of cows	47	87	85	243
Number of heifers	37	73	69	196
Milk sold, lbs.	741,903	1,461,585	1,451,384	4,558,311
Milk sold/cow, lbs.	15,959	16,860	17,015	18,739
Operating cost of prod. milk/cwt.	\$10.62	\$11.12	\$11.04	\$11.22
Total cost of prod. milk/cwt.	\$17.45	\$16.12	\$16.13	\$14.56
Price/cwt. milk sold	\$14.70	\$14.90	\$14.95	\$15.00
Purchased dairy feed/cow	\$693	\$719	\$695	\$813
Purchased dairy feed/cwt. milk	\$4.34	\$4.27	\$4.09	\$4.34
Purc. grain & conc. as % milk rec.	28%	28%	26%	28%
Purc. feed & crop exp./cwt. milk	\$5.13	\$5.22	\$5.08	\$5.28
<u>Capital Efficiency</u>				
Farm capital/worker	\$172,643	\$199,664	\$204,685	\$234,105
Farm capital/cow	\$7,444	\$6,914	\$6,834	\$6,066
Farm capital/til. acre owned	\$3,090	\$3,294	\$3,389	\$3,706
Real estate/cow	\$3,790	\$3,195	\$3,016	\$2,660
Machinery investment/cow	\$1,444	\$1,346	\$1,463	\$1,053
Capital turnover, years	2.58	2.33	2.29	1.81
<u>Labor Efficiency</u>				
Worker equivalent	2.00	3.00	2.85	6.30
Operator/manager equivalent	1.21	1.38	1.37	1.63
Milk sold/worker, lbs.	370,048	486,820	509,605	723,398
Cows/worker	23	29	30	39
Work units/worker	248	309	321	400
Labor cost/cow	\$589	\$512	\$510	\$550
Labor cost/tillable acre	\$169	\$155	\$152	\$207
<u>Profitability &amp; Balance Sheet Analysis</u>				
Net farm income (w/o apprec.)	\$18,620	\$35,416	\$35,472	\$115,054
Labor & mgmt. income/operator	\$2,279	\$8,017	\$8,594	\$39,642
Farm debt/cow	\$2,426	\$2,093	\$2,194	\$2,231
Percent equity	67%	70%	68%	64%

\*Average of all farms, not only those reporting data.

**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR SMALL CONVENTIONAL STALL DAIRY FARMS**  
 127 Conventional Stall Dairy Farms with 60 or Less Cows, New York, 1990

Size of Business			Rates of Production			Labor Efficiency	
Worker Equiv- alent (10)*	No. of Cows (10)	Pounds Milk Sold (10)	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow (9)	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre (8)	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre (8)	Cows Per Worker (10)	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker (10)
3.2	59	1,063,570	19,694	3.9	20	38	601,872
2.6	57	956,623	18,135	3.2	17	30	514,801
2.4	54	886,369	17,515	3.0	16	28	465,011
2.1	51	821,538	17,016	2.7	15	26	431,581
2.0	49	757,836	16,617	2.5	13	25	394,554
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1.9	45	707,062	16,066	2.3	12	23	368,897
1.7	42	658,951	15,340	2.0	12	22	341,474
1.5	40	608,772	14,202	1.8	10	20	298,433
1.3	36	536,080	13,081	1.6	10	18	260,744
1.1	28	367,339	10,584	1.0	7	14	196,088

**Cost Control**

Grain Bought Per Cow (9)	% Grain is of Milk Receipts (9)	Machinery Costs Per Cow (10)	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow (10)	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow (9)	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk (9)
\$ 360	16%	\$221	\$ 683	\$ 475	\$3.42
476	22	317	829	608	4.11
527	24	359	917	684	4.45
577	26	391	962	722	4.71
632	28	455	1,022	762	4.92
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698	29	490	1,077	817	5.17
737	31	516	1,138	873	5.38
781	33	556	1,219	934	5.72
827	37	619	1,320	1,013	6.19
1,007	41	848	1,596	1,247	7.23

**Value and Cost of Production**

**Profitability**

Milk Receipts Per Cow (9)	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt. (9)	Total Cost Production Per Cwt. (9)	Net Farm Income		Labor & Mgmt. Inc. Per Oper. (3)	Change in Net Worth w/Apprec. (5)
			With Apprec. (3)	Without Apprec. (3)		
\$2,982	\$ 6.69	\$13.63	\$72,739	\$48,969	\$25,562	\$42,873
2,729	8.42	14.78	44,695	35,933	17,760	22,785
2,604	9.10	15.38	36,555	29,744	13,303	16,110
2,490	9.60	16.04	29,556	25,100	8,783	12,312
2,408	10.10	16.81	25,909	19,976	4,369	6,962
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2,337	10.77	17.50	21,881	15,365	339	3,309
2,224	11.45	18.18	17,294	10,762	-2,731	247
2,073	11.98	19.28	12,480	6,635	-7,250	-4,426
1,877	12.74	20.39	5,188	2,872	-16,427	-11,086
1,522	15.51	26.07	-14,724	-12,754	-32,617	-36,059

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**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR LARGE CONVENTIONAL STALL DAIRY FARMS**  
 97 Conventional Stall Dairy Farms with More Than 60 Cows, New York, 1990

Size of Business			Rates of Production			Labor Efficiency	
Worker Equiv- alent	No. of Cows	Pounds Milk Sold	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre	Cows Per Worker	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker
(10)*	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)
5.1	149	2,584,859	20,718	4.3	20	44	760,541
4.0	106	1,875,410	19,377	3.5	18	37	637,992
3.4	96	1,629,899	18,581	3.1	17	33	576,615
3.1	86	1,517,394	18,068	2.9	16	31	541,546
2.9	80	1,403,263	17,315	2.6	15	30	486,292
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2.6	76	1,328,227	16,794	2.4	14	28	456,646
2.5	71	1,219,172	16,108	2.2	12	26	426,507
2.4	68	1,101,764	14,940	2.1	12	25	404,925
2.1	66	988,499	13,591	1.8	11	23	375,631
1.7	63	819,905	11,401	1.5	8	19	297,511

**Cost Control**

Grain Bought Per Cow	% Grain is of Milk Receipts	Machinery Costs Per Cow	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk
(9)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)
\$ 373	16%	\$298	\$ 720	\$ 493	\$3.38
442	19	368	812	598	4.08
506	23	393	864	695	4.39
579	24	421	913	759	4.69
649	26	456	954	826	4.89
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700	28	485	994	886	5.24
774	31	531	1,079	936	5.43
842	33	585	1,137	1,011	5.72
919	35	640	1,216	1,087	6.14
1,086	40	742	1,362	1,279	7.14

Value and Cost of Production			Profitability			
Milk Receipts Per Cow	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt.	Total Cost Production Per Cwt.	Net Farm Income		Labor & Mgmt. Inc. Per Oper.	Change in Net Worth w/Apprec.
(9)	(9)	(9)	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.	(3)	(5)
\$3,162	\$ 7.30	\$13.04	\$106,960	\$91,167	\$46,704	\$77,975
2,902	9.22	14.11	72,165	61,082	27,104	39,645
2,744	9.91	14.94	54,447	49,457	19,419	29,725
2,651	10.20	15.55	48,672	43,537	13,118	23,556
2,576	10.59	15.93	43,293	34,340	9,424	17,338
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2,478	11.13	16.38	36,204	27,752	4,553	12,420
2,362	11.69	16.82	25,594	21,420	380	5,334
2,205	12.34	17.30	18,611	14,713	-5,082	-2,665
2,025	13.24	18.04	12,273	9,758	-13,809	-11,179
1,730	14.19	20.13	-4,728	-5,646	-23,429	-47,564

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**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR SMALL FREESTALL DAIRY FARMS**  
 60 Freestall Barn Dairy Farms with 120 or Less Cows, New York, 1990

Size of Business			Rates of Production			Labor Efficiency	
Worker Equiv- alent	No. of Cows	Pounds Milk Sold	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre	Cows Per Worker	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker
(10)*	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)
4.3	116	2,158,034	20,788	4.6	21	48	828,578
3.8	109	1,944,413	19,249	3.6	19	40	676,371
3.5	103	1,846,013	18,571	3.3	17	36	605,256
3.1	97	1,696,622	17,923	3.0	16	33	578,887
2.9	90	1,536,651	17,237	2.8	15	31	547,092
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2.7	80	1,343,093	16,615	2.5	15	29	501,972
2.5	77	1,213,815	16,147	2.1	14	27	456,111
2.2	67	1,049,918	15,476	1.9	14	25	410,748
1.9	56	881,600	13,672	1.6	13	23	354,502
1.4	46	632,120	12,126	1.0	9	18	253,915

**Cost Control**

Grain Bought Per Cow	% Grain is of Milk Receipts	Machinery Costs Per Cow	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk
(9)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)
\$ 286	11%	\$270	\$ 653	\$ 512	\$3.01
426	18	331	802	620	3.77
520	21	393	885	665	4.40
606	25	440	933	767	4.76
666	27	464	970	838	5.12
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704	28	496	1,046	921	5.52
764	31	567	1,092	969	5.65
840	33	614	1,153	1,041	5.85
906	34	686	1,267	1,091	6.34
1,006	39	877	1,481	1,219	7.12

Value and Cost of Production			Profitability			
Milk Receipts Per Cow	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt.	Total Cost Production Per Cwt.	Net Farm Income		Labor & Mgmt. Inc. Per Oper.	Change in Net Worth w/Apprec.
(9)	(9)	(9)	With Apprec.	Without Apprec.	(3)	(5)
\$1,854	\$ 7.95	\$12.98	\$101,819	\$96,206	\$44,877	\$75,638
2,012	9.22	14.11	79,708	70,840	27,364	48,824
2,295	9.65	14.91	69,020	56,741	19,085	33,368
2,435	10.09	15.41	59,252	48,026	13,408	23,325
2,509	10.72	15.85	41,880	36,075	10,018	15,763
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2,588	11.21	16.19	31,702	27,444	6,031	10,534
2,667	11.78	16.95	23,015	15,348	433	1,011
2,759	12.71	17.81	16,564	10,333	-9,174	-7,476
2,898	13.84	19.65	5,105	-2,985	-18,460	-19,705
3,100	15.22	22.15	-18,572	-12,043	-26,264	-77,443

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**FARM BUSINESS CHART FOR LARGE FREESTALL DAIRY FARMS**  
 80 Freestall Barn Dairy Farms with More Than 120 Cows, New York, 1990

Size of Business			Rates of Production			Labor Efficiency	
Worker Equiv- alent	No. of Cows	Pounds Milk Sold	Pounds Milk Sold Per Cow	Tons Hay Crop DM/Acre	Tons Corn Silage Per Acre	Cows Per Worker	Pounds Milk Sold Per Worker
(10)*	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)
14.7	665	12,936,108	21,844	4.7	19	57	1,002,686
7.9	338	6,399,112	20,930	4.0	18	44	866,986
7.0	257	4,683,440	20,025	3.5	17	42	793,600
6.0	205	3,760,735	19,243	3.2	16	40	734,560
5.5	181	3,413,110	18,723	3.0	16	38	694,646
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5.1	169	3,070,859	18,168	2.8	15	36	659,232
4.5	156	2,884,946	17,731	2.6	14	34	627,685
4.0	142	2,714,383	17,106	2.3	13	32	587,006
3.8	130	2,432,639	16,404	2.1	12	30	530,645
3.1	122	1,908,456	14,467	1.5	9	25	428,608

**Cost Control**

Grain Bought Per Cow	% Grain is of Milk Receipts	Machinery Costs Per Cow	Labor & Machinery Costs Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cow	Feed & Crop Expenses Per Cwt. Milk
(9)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)
\$ 416	15%	\$287	\$ 670	\$ 655	\$3.48
550	19	368	839	785	4.17
632	23	405	919	829	4.50
689	25	441	975	888	4.84
738	26	480	1,025	941	5.10
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783	29	506	1,054	979	5.44
826	30	535	1,089	1,019	5.64
857	32	555	1,162	1,085	6.01
926	34	609	1,217	1,160	6.32
1,078	40	748	1,354	1,293	7.01

Value and Cost of Production			Profitability			
Milk Receipts Per Cow	Oper. Cost Milk Per Cwt.	Total Cost Production Per Cwt.	Net Farm Income With Without Apprec. Apprec.		Labor & Mgmt. Inc. Per Oper.	Change in Net Worth w/Apprec.
(9)	(9)	(9)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(5)
\$3,303	\$ 6.85	\$11.75	\$420,314	\$341,186	\$207,822	\$187,516
3,107	9.20	13.08	237,008	196,670	89,608	102,826
3,016	10.18	13.77	165,693	153,705	61,282	80,200
2,927	10.75	14.20	127,779	111,389	42,376	65,041
2,843	11.14	14.82	104,366	92,999	31,694	46,573
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2,713	11.44	15.22	85,705	74,817	20,966	35,148
2,644	11.90	15.61	71,032	58,137	15,068	21,132
2,548	12.42	15.94	50,070	43,367	7,425	1,876
2,443	13.04	16.51	35,473	31,356	-5,216	-14,390
2,169	14.07	17.72	-1,111	9,388	-35,772	-58,492

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

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

- 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).

## I. General Philosophy and Objectives

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## Worksheet for Setting Goals (continued)

## II. Long Range Goals (require two or more years to achieve)

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## III. Short Range Goals (possible to achieve in one or two years)

What	How	When

**NOTE:** Once long and short range goals have been identified, it is helpful to rank them in order of priority.

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Summarize Your Business Performance

The Farm Business and Financial Analysis Charts on pages 19-22 and 25-28 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: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## GLOSSARY AND LOCATION OF COMMON TERMS

Accounts Payable - Open accounts or bills owed to feed and supply firms, cattle dealers, veterinarians and other providers of farm services and supplies.

Accounts Receivable - Outstanding receipts from items sold or sales proceeds not yet received such as the payment for December milk sales received in January.

Accrual Expenses - (defined on page 3)

Accrual Receipts - (defined on page 4)

Annual Cash Flow Statement - (defined on page 10)

Appreciation - (defined on page 5)

Balance Sheet - A "snapshot" of the business financial position at a given point in time, usually December 31. The balance sheet equates the value of assets to liabilities plus net worth.

Capital Efficiency - The amount of capital invested per production unit. Relatively high investments per worker with low to moderate investments per cow imply efficient use of capital.

Capital Turnover, Years - The number of years required for total farm income to equal total farm assets, calculated by dividing average total farm assets by total accrual operating receipts plus appreciation.

Cash From Nonfarm Capital Used in the Business - Transfers of money from nonfarm savings or investments to the farm business where it is used to pay operating expenses, make debt payments and/or capital purchases.

Cash Flow Coverage Ratio - (defined on page 11)

Cash Paid - (defined on page 2)

Cash Receipts - (defined on page 4)

Change in Accounts Payable - (defined on page 3)

Change in Accounts Receivable - (defined on page 4)

Change in Inventory - (defined on page 2)

Dairy (farm) - A farm business where dairy farming is the primary enterprise, operating and managing this farm is a full-time occupation for one or more people and cropland is owned.

Dairy Cash-Crop (farm) - Operating and managing this farm is the full-time occupation of one or more people, cropland is owned but crop sales exceed 10 percent of accrual milk receipts.

Debt Per Cow - Total end-of-year debt divided by end-of-year number of cows.

Debt to Asset Ratios - (defined on page 9)

Dry Matter - The amount or proportion of dry material that remains after all water is removed. Commonly used to measure dry matter percent and tons of dry matter in feed.

Equity Capital - The farm operator/manager's owned capital or farm net worth.

Expansion Livestock - Purchased dairy cattle and other livestock that cause an increase in herd size from the beginning to the end of the year.

Farm Debt Payments as Percent of Milk Sales - Amount of milk income committed to debt repayment, calculated by dividing planned debt payments by total milk receipts.

Farm Debt Payments Per Cow - Planned or scheduled debt payments per cow represent the repayment plan scheduled at the beginning of the year divided by the average number of cows for the year. This measure of repayment ability is used in the Financial Analysis Chart.

Financial Lease - A long-term non-cancellable contract giving the lessee use of an asset in exchange for a series of lease payments. The term of a financial lease usually covers a major portion of the economic life of the asset. The lease is a substitute for purchase. The lessor retains ownership of the asset.

Income Statement - A complete and accurate account of farm business receipts and expenses used to measure profitability over a period of time such as one year or one month.

Labor and Management Income - (defined on page 6)

Labor and Management Income Per Operator - The return to the owner/manager's labor and management per full-time operator.

Labor Efficiency - Production capacity and output per worker.

Liquidity - Ability of business to generate cash to make debt payments or to convert assets to cash.

Net Farm Income - (defined on page 5)

Net Worth - The value of assets less liabilities equal net worth. It is the equity the owner has in owned assets.

Operating Costs of Producing Milk - (defined on page 16)

Opportunity Cost - The cost or charge made for using a resource based on its value in its most likely alternative use. The opportunity cost of a farmer's labor and management is the value he/she would receive if employed in his/her most qualified alternative position.

Other Livestock Expenses - All other dairy herd and livestock expenses not included in more specific categories. Other livestock expenses include; bedding, DHIC, milk house and parlor supplies, livestock board, registration fees and transfers.

Part-Time Cash-Crop Dairy (farm) - Operating and managing this farm is not a full-time occupation, crop sales exceed 10 percent of accrual milk receipts and cropland is owned.

Part-Time Dairy (farm) - Dairy farming is the primary enterprise, cropland is owned but operating and managing this farm is not a full-time occupation for one or more people.

Personal Withdrawals and Family Expenditures Including Nonfarm Debt Payments - All the money removed from the farm business for personal or nonfarm use including family living expenses, health and life insurance, income taxes, nonfarm debt payments, and investments.

Profitability - The return or net income the owner/manager receives for using one or more of his or her resources in the farm business. True "economic profit" is what remains after deducting all costs including the opportunity costs of the owner/manager's labor, management, and equity capital.

Repayment Analysis - An evaluation of the business' ability to make planned debt payments.

Replacement Livestock - Dairy cattle and other livestock purchased to replace those that were culled or sold from the herd during the year.

Return on Equity Capital - (defined on page 7)

Return on Total Capital - (defined on page 7)

Return to Operators' Labor, Management, and Equity Capital - (defined on page 6)

Solvency - The extent or ability of assets to cover or pay liabilities. Debt/asset and leverage ratios are common measures of solvency.

Total Costs of Producing Milk - (defined on page 16)

Whole Farm Method - A procedure used to calculate costs of producing milk on dairy farms without using enterprise cost accounts. All non-milk receipts are assigned a cost equal to their sale value and deducted from total farm expenses to determine the costs of producing milk.

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