

## About Farm Incomes

Members of the Castleford Women's Institute pondered on the question. "Do you think we should worry about the shrinking number of farms, or just depend on the U.S. to feed us?"

All agreed that yes, they worried but could see no solution. Many farmers at retirement time have little or no savings, perhaps great debts and if a land developer offers to buy, they have no choice but to do so. Available land is being used at an alarming rate for housing development.

'A Meet the Candidates Night' at the Horton Sportsplex will be organized by the Castleford Women's Institute on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Agriculture convenor Mary Ferguson presented her program. Mary read an article on the proliferation of farmers' markets and their great popularity. It's the hot test new business trend. They let the farmers get a fair return for their produce and the city and town dwellers get to meet the ones who feed them.

Another article was on the importation of 750 tonnes of butter from the U.S. last year. The Milk Marketing Board underestimated Canada's butter fat needs but assures everyone that it won't happen again. Butter is regaining in popularity. Bakers used only 1,500 tonnes three years ago but last year they used 4,500 tonnes.

Several humorous items ended the program on a lighter note.