

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Cost Analysis Figures Pleasing To 72 Herd Owners in Groups

The 72 Halton herd owners who are enrolled in Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Associations or Groups, this past week received their cost analysis figures for the year ending April 30th, 1958. This in our opinion is one of the most valuable and appreciated pieces of extension work being conducted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. In any event during the past few days, several of the D.H.I.A. members have brought in their individual reports, and to state they were well pleased with the service is putting it very mildly.

At this office we get a summary for each of the three groups. The breakdown for each group reveals the following:

(1) Production per cow;

- (2) Feeding Efficiency;
- (3) Labour-Efficiency;
- (4) Capital Use;
- (5) Size of Business.

Under each of the five factors, is presented the average for the 24 herds in each group; the average figure of the two herds with the high net returns and the average of the two herds with the Low Net Returns. In addition, each herd owner receives the figure for his own herd with a rating, "Weak", "Average" or "Strong".

We were interested to note that the average production per cow in the 72 herds is approximately 8335 lbs. in the 305 day lactation. For the previous year the average production figure for the same 72 herds was 8,150 lbs.

Hon. F. S. Thomas to Address Halton's Seed Fair This March

The annual Seed Fair sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association is scheduled for Milton, on March 23 and 24, states E. Ross Segsworth, president of the Association. This event always attracts a "full house" and the Association has been successful in securing Hon. F. S. Thomas, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, as guest speaker on the afternoon of Saturday, March 24th.

The Honorable Mr. Thomas is a native of the Streetsville district and consequently has many friends and former acquaintances in Halton. The Soil and Crop leaders of the county have revised their prize list considerably with a view to encouraging more exhibitors. As in former years, special classes are provided for those with seed for sale—all entries in these classes must be backed by government grade and furthermore the seed offered for sale must be of the same quality and grade as that exhibited. In addition, other classes are being provided with no restrictions on cleaning etc. other than that the grain, small seeds, etc. must have been cleaned by the exhibitor in 1955. In short, for these additional classes it is not necessary to have seed etc. for sale in order to be eligible to show. This section open to the County of Halton will include classes for wheat, oats, barley, seeds, grain corn, potatoes, 1st cut hay; 2nd cutting of hay; chopped hay etc.

Junior Section

John W. Pickett, president of Halton Juniors, has given assurance that Halton Juniors will have their Special Junior Farmer Section which includes inter-club educational displays; special classes for barley and wheat open to Juniors; and a Junior Farmer Judging Competition as usual on the Saturday morning. All in all, with the Hon. Mr. Thomas as the guest speaker on Saturday, March 24th, the 1958 Halton Seed Fair should be best on record.

Production Cost Shows Variation

We also note that the cost of producing milk in the 72 herds in Halton in the year ending on April 30th last varies all the way from \$2.50 to \$3.20 per cwt. The average figure for the entire 72 herds was \$2.66 per cwt. This figure covers the cost of Feed, Labor, Overhead, Veterinary, Breeding Fees, Milk Haulage, Marketing fees, Milk Haulage, plus the dairy share of the farm taxes, hydro and insurance. In the case of butter fat the cost of production varies from 76 cents to \$1.53 per pound, with the average figure of \$1.03.

These figures therefore will be a bit startling to those who are inclined to bemoan over the present price of butter or criticize the Federal government for a floor price of 58¢ cents per pound. High production per cow is always an important factor in the cost of production—nevertheless this study and all other similar farm management studies reveal that it is only when the operator is above average on all five factors previously listed that he gets his cost figure for producing 100 lbs. of milk down between the \$2.50 and \$3.00 mark. In short, it is possible for an operator to be strong on four of the five factors listed and if much below average on the fifth factor, still end up with a losing proposition.

Or to present it in a different way, it would seem that obtaining average efficiency in all five factors leads to lower cost than was obtained by any group of herds which were the best in any one factor but which may have been low in other factors.

Dairy Herd Improvement Work is a policy only for grade or mixed herds of grades and purebreds. It is organized in Halton under the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The Ontario Livestock Branch is responsible for the supervision on production etc., with the Farm Economics Branch providing the cost analysis etc. Halton is one of the few counties in Ontario with three Associations—the local supervisors being F. Chisholm for Halton East; George R. McCormack for Halton West; and Howard King for Halton Centre.

Tariff duties were introduced in 1859 to promote the growth of domestic industry.

M.P.'s May Hear More Talk About Farm Problems

Members of parliament may be hearing much more of the agricultural problems and desires of their constituents if members of Ontario Farm Forums follow out the ideas expressed in the discussions of Farm Forums across Ontario about the Farmer and Government. This was the topic of January 16, and almost half of the Forums indicated that they felt a planned approach to local members of parliament would be more effective than the pressure group technique. Melrose in Hastings felt that "we have our member of parliament to represent us and if we approach him with our problems it would be his duty to put it across to the Government." Foster Forum in Ontario agrees—and adds that someone in your own district is more interested than someone farther away.

On the other the Niner's group in Huron County spoke for nearly a third of the Forums when they say that the pressure group is most effective, adding that they feel continuous pressure is needed to get results. German's in Brant have the same idea when they state that farm organizations should have a planned approach and then go to the government as a pressure group "with High Pressure".

Then a substantial number of the Forums felt that a combination of the two methods would be most likely to get results—Hampton in Durham County think the local M.P. and Ontario members should be made aware of the farmer's needs, but that the pressure group technique must be maintained and is the more effective. Plum Creek in Lambton suggest it is not a question of which is the most effective method, but that they must use all methods open to us.

The Forums were also asked in what ways farmers might become more effective in solving their agricultural problems as individuals and as members of farm organizations. As individuals 40 per cent of the groups felt the most important thing was to belong and support a farm organization. In addition more than a quarter of the groups thought like West Darford in Northumberland that as individuals they should study agricultural problems in order to deal more intelligently with them.

Then as members of farm organizations, Leith Forum in Grey summarized the thinking of most when they said the important thing was for farmers to support these organizations, by attending meetings, providing finances and supporting projects.

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Church Groups Yearly Meeting, Acton Woman Speaks to Auxiliary

The Grace Mission Band held its January meeting in the Sunday school room on Saturday afternoon. The primary group was under the leadership of Mrs. Parker and the junior group under the leadership of Mrs. Greenlees.

The two groups met together for worship and business, with Beverly Roberts presiding. The meeting was opened with the call to worship. After singing a hymn, Fern Ramsdell read the scripture and prayer was given by Betty Lou Turner. The secretary, Joan Early, read the minutes and presented the annual report. Mrs. Greenlees, treasurer, gave the financial report.

Mrs. Baulich installed the officers for 1958. The offering was received and dedicated by singing a hymn. The roll call was answered by payment of membership fees. The birthday song was sung by Linda Smith. Ann Baulich read a poem and a hymn was sung. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction, after which lunch was served and enjoyed by the 22 members present.

Mrs. L. Andrews was hostess to the Blair Evening Auxiliary on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Andrews opened the meeting with a poem, Progressive. A hymn was sung and the president, Mrs. Andrews, offered prayer.

Mrs. Austin led in the reading of the scripture lesson. Mrs. J. Mahon introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Mainprize of Acton.

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Mrs. Baulich installed the officers for 1958: president, Mrs. W. Mahon; cheer secretary, Mrs. S. Cramp; supply committee, Mrs. D. Martin, Mrs. C. Mitchell; welcome and welfare, Mrs. H. Barnshaw, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. C. Mitchell; Glad Tidings, Mrs. J. Robertson; social convener, Mrs. T. Mitchell; program committee, Mrs. S. Cramp, Mrs. S. Henderson, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Andrews.

The new president then took charge. The secretary, Mrs. Wallace, presented the annual report. The roll call was answered by payment of fees. The offering was received and dedicated by the Lord's Prayer in unison.

An appeal is made for used Christmas cards to be sent to Pormosa. Mrs. Menzies then thanked Mrs. Andrews for her splendid work with the Auxiliary during her term of two years as president, also Mrs. William Mahon, who has been the faithful treasurer for three years and who is now retiring. A hymn was sung and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. T. Mitchell. Grace was sung and a social half hour followed.

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