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**C. S. WRIGGLESWORTH, HORNBY HAS TOP HALTON DAIRY PRODUCING HERD**

J. E. W.  
The annual report for Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Associations for the year 1954 is fresh off the press. Those responsible are to be congratulated on the fund of valuable information which it contains. As we presume our readers are aware, DHIA is available to owners of grade and mixed herds of grades and purebreds. In 1954, 22,230 cows representing 116 herds were enrolled in the 51 associations operating during the year. The average production per cow was 8618 lbs. of milk and 305 lbs. of butterfat. 58.1 per cent of the cows enrolled qualified for red or gold seal certificates.

**Progress Being Made**  
It is both interesting and encouraging to note that the average production per cow for the year 1951 (the first year of operation) was 7954 lbs. milk and 278 lbs. of fat. Last year or four years later the average production per cow, was as stated previously, 8618 lbs. milk and 305 lbs. of fat, or in other words an increase of 662 lbs. of milk and 27 lbs. of fat per cow. While this increase is very gratifying, nevertheless we can't help but think, as we pointed out in a previous article a few weeks ago, that if DHIA members would restrict the raising of heifer calves to those from cows which qualify for either gold or red seal certificate that progress would be even more rapid.

**Minimum Production Requirements**  
All DHIA records are made on a 305 day basis, but no records are processed if for any reason, a cow fails to milk 182 days in the lactation. Here are the minimum requirements in order to qualify for red and gold certificates:

Class	Red Seal Certificate	Gold Seal Certificate
2 yr old	220 lbs B.F.	330 lbs B.F.
3 yr old	260 lbs B.F.	390 lbs B.F.
4 yr old	300 lbs B.F.	450 lbs B.F.
Mature	350 lbs B.F.	525 lbs B.F.

**Breed Distribution**  
85.1 per cent of the cows enrolled in DHIA are Holsteins, 5.9 per cent are Ayrshires, 4.3 per cent are Jerseys, 3.1 per cent are Guernseys, 1.6 per cent are Shorthorns, etc.

**Status of Halton Associations**  
In the report, the fifty DHIA Associations are listed in order of their average production per cow, based on butter fat production rather than lbs of milk. Halton East supervised by F. W. Chisholm of Hornby, is in 8th position with an average production per cow of 9092 lbs. milk and 336 lbs. of fat; Halton West, supervised

by George R. McCormack of Burlington R. R. No. 2, is in 13th position with an average production of 8537 lbs. milk and 328 lbs. of fat; Halton Centre until recently supervised by Raymond Royce of Guelph, placed twenty-fourth with an average production of 8684 lbs. of milk and 309 lbs. of fat.

**High Halton Cows**  
The top producing Halton cow from a milk standpoint is Nancy 87797 a grade Holstein in the herd of Frank Peacock of Milton R. R. No. 4, Nancy in 305 days as a 4 year old produced 17,721 lbs. of milk and 580 lbs. of fat. From a butter fat standpoint, however, a pure bred Guernsey, namely Gangsters Princess, in the herd of Walker Gunby & Son of Burlington, is tops from a Halton standpoint, with 661 lbs. of butter fat and 12,302 lbs. of milk.

**High Halton Herds**  
In the 400 lb herd group, we note C. S. Wigglesworth, of Hornby, has the top Halton herd. Mr. Wigglesworth's herd of fourteen cows had an average of 11,856 lbs. of milk and 420 lbs. of butter fat. In the group averaging between 350 and 400 pounds are the following Halton herds:

Herd Owner	Milk	Butter Fat
Denzil Lawrence	11,008 lbs	393
Alton & Everett	12,121 lbs	389
Ralph Ford	10,230 lbs	388
Walker Gunby	8,288 lbs	389
Duncan Moffat	8,529 lbs	385
Galbraith Bros.	10,838 lbs	383
Alfred Ford	10,634 lbs	382
Sam Harrop	8,169 lbs	382
A. J. Rudgall	11,089 lbs	375
Cliff May	10,806 lbs	372
Gordon Jefferson	9,784 lbs	371
Roy Wilson	11,378 lbs	362
Robert Marshall	10,992 lbs	361
Fred Brown	9,688 lbs	355

When it is realized that all records are based on 305 day lactations, twice a day milking, and includes two year olds, three year olds, four year olds, as well as mature, we think our readers will agree that all of these herd owners are to be congratulated on their respective herd averages.

**4-H Tractor Club Organized**  
Last week saw the organization of the final 4-H Club to be organized in Halton this year. This was the Norval 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club, which is sponsored by the Norval Junior Farmers.

Under the joint leadership of Earl Wilson and Herb Wilson, thirteen young men were out for the initial meeting. Here John Ogilvie, Agricultural Engineering fieldman, devoted the first meeting to the subject of "safety" in tractor operation. Agricultural Representative J. E. White-lock took charge of the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Bill Wilson, vice president, Fred Barnes, secretary treasurer, Douglas Starrett.

A financial comparison in the annual report indicated 51 per cent of the support for the society comes from the county of Halton for maintenance and 25 1/2 per cent from the county as a grant. Family allowances, other municipalities, the province of Ontario, donations and membership and parents contribute the balance to the Society.

Money is spent mainly for children in boarding homes which takes 59 per cent of the society funds with 22 per cent to protective services to children in their own homes and 11 per cent for children in adoption homes. The balance is spent on unmarried parents, special investigations, general, wards and other societies.

**New Directors**  
Directors named for the coming year in the nomination report submitted by Mrs. J. Whitham and adopted by the Society were Acton, Mrs. J. E. Whitham, Mrs. Alex Orr, Bronte, Robert E. Mason, Burlington, Mrs. H. A. Sherriff, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Milton, Mrs. J. W. Higgins, Dr. Colin C. Lucas, Georgetown, W. Deans, Rev. A. J. Calder, Oakville, Mrs. Hugh C. Pullen, Mrs. F. J. Bowden; Esquesing, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. W. Bird; Nassagaweya, M. J. Mahon; Nelson, Mrs. V. Norris, D. C. McCready; Trafalgar, Dr. H. V. Cranfield, Harold C. Biggar; Halton County Council, Robert Marshall, Sydney Childs.

Dr. H. V. Cranfield was named president of the society, J. Murfay Mahon, vice president, Mrs. Velma Norris secretary and William Deans treasurer.

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