

INTRODUCTION

This is the second annual report of the Kings County Dairy Management Study. Results of the 1950 Fresno Dairy Study are included in this report to furnish a basis for comparison, since the number of records is small. This report covers the record year April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951. This study is conducted to assist dairymen in solving their management problems and to develop the most profitable management practices.

The results of this study apply only to the records and the period covered. They are not presented as averages for the county, but they should be representative of similar types of dairies. The results permit dairymen to make valuable comparison of their operations with others in the same locality with the object of determining more profitable ways to manage the dairy herd.

This study is conducted only on the Dairy Enterprise and does not include production of feed or other farming operations. Farm grown feed is charged to the dairy at the going market price as if all feed were purchased.

Costs of raising these feeds is not included as a part of the dairy cost. This type of study allows a more detailed analysis and study of the Dairy Enterprise.

Further study of the ranch may be necessary to get a proper balance between feed requirements and livestock numbers, to get the highest production of feed per acre, and to prevent competition for labor and other facilities of the ranch. There is a best way to organize and manage each ranch and each operator must study his own conditions to arrive at that goal. Every ranch presents different problems and requires a separate farm organization and set of management practices. Certain practices may be profitable to many ranches or may need only slight modifications from ranch to ranch. Farm organizations may be basically the same but differences in soil boundaries, and other physical factors will make variations necessary. The dairyman must study his entire ranch operation in order to arrive at the most profitable operation. These studies are one tool enabling him to study the management of his ranch intelligently.

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