

**97 FARMERS IN 126 LOST MONEY DURING '21, THEY SHOW IN RECORDS**

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20.—Ninety-seven out of 126 farmers in North Dakota lost money during the season of 1921, the average net loss being \$848, according to a bulletin made public today by the agricultural college.

Only 29 of the farmers could show a profit. These facts together with other interesting facts about the farm work of the state, are gathered from records taken on the 126 farms in all sections of the state. The figures were compiled under the direction of Rex Willard, head of the county agent work in the state. In some cases more than one year is covered in the records.

Facts brought out by the figures include:

That only 29 of the farms made a profit while 97 of them lost money. Average net loss was \$848 or 2.8 percent of the investments.

Wheat produced 25 per cent of the farm income.

Eleven year records for yield of wheat showed Cass and Pembina leading with Walsh, Grand Forks and Traill closely following.

**Highest Investment**

The greatest proportional investment was in land of the Red River valley and central North Dakota; a relatively higher investment was in stock in northwest and southwest North Dakota. (The state was divided into these four sections for the purpose of the survey.)

Wheat occupied 29 per cent of the crop area of the state with hay, oats, corn and barley next in importance.

Operating expenses per farm were \$6,816. Threshing, twine, taxes, interest, etc., were 20 per cent of this, hired labor 12 percent and machinery depreciation approximately 10 percent. The distribution of costs from highest to lowest were as follows: Miscellaneous, \$788; management, \$516; the farmer's own labor, \$494; hired labor, \$450; machinery depreciation, \$389; family labor, \$353; taxes, \$237; machinery repair, \$192; building depreciation, \$151; feed, \$108; interest personal property, \$91; dwelling depreciation, \$67.

**Dairying High in Southwest**

While wheat which averaged 25 percent of the income of the state on the average, led as the income producer it was displaced in the southwest where it was only 4 percent while dairy products ranked highest there.

In general the cost per acre of producing crops was highest in the Red River valley and lowest in the west the northwest being higher than the southwest. The cost per unit, however, highest in the southwest because of lower yields.

Average annual cost operating automobiles for farm use on 144 farms was \$231.

The average cost of keeping work horses was \$75 per head; sheep (on 24 farms) \$6.50 per ewe; cattle \$9 per head, ranging from \$115 in the valley to \$62 on the slope. For the cattle feed was 40 percent of the cost.

**Report Horses Cleaner**

The average work horse was used 78 days productive work in 1921. The tractors on 29 farms were used 29 days on the average. Tractor cost for plowing was \$1.98 per acre and horse plowing cost 92 cents per acre. Farms using tractors lost \$688 more money than those not using them.

The value of food furnished by the farm to the household averaged \$524 per farm. The average cost of food eaten by the members of the farmers families was \$12.91 a month ranging from \$16.65 in small families to \$10.61 in big ones. Food eaten represented 15 percent of the gross farm income, in 1921.

Where farmers sold enough dairy products to make 18 percent of this gross income they averaged \$834 more profit than those who sold only enough dairy stuff to make up 4 percent of their net income. In five years the average amount of damage to wheat was 56 percent of one normal crop. Of this drought caused 29 percent of the loss and rust only 10 percent, and hot winds 7 percent. Potato damage 28 percent; drought 24 per cent; potato bugs 5 percent, and hot winds only 1 percent.

**Hampden Women Remember Soldier Boys in Hospitals**

Mrs. Eugene Fenelon received a check for \$36.60 from Mrs. Mackey of Hampden which was raised out of a community lunch for the purpose of bringing Christmas cheer to the soldiers of the World War who are obliged to spend the season in hospitals. The local auxiliary of the American Legion wish to extend through this paper their hearty thanks to the ladies of Hampden who so thoughtfully helped in filling the Christmas boxes which are being sent out from here to the service men at Dunsenith and other institutions, as well as service men in our local hospitals.

—Mrs. Harry Kneeshaw, President, American Legion Auxiliary.

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**VALUE OF GOAT OVERLOOKED**

English Newspaper Gives a Variety of Reasons Why the Animals Should Be More Popular.

It is difficult to understand why goat keeping has never attained wider popularity in England. In many other countries goats are looked upon as national assets, declares London Tit-Bits.

In addition to being inexpensive to buy, goats are exceedingly cheap to keep. Their milk is more rich, sweet and creamy than cow's milk, and, above all, the animals are entirely free from tuberculosis. The milk cannot, therefore, convey the dreaded plague to infants. It is estimated that 75 per cent of cows are infected with the disease.

A good goat can be bought for about \$10. It should be kept tethered in a field or garden, where it will easily find food for itself, for goats eat almost anything in the way of grass and vegetables, provided they are clean. Thin porridge occasionally is also acceptable, while hay or grain may be given at regular intervals—say, three times a day. Even at this rate the cost of food for each goat should not be more than a few cents a day.

In unfavorable weather it is better to keep goats under cover. An excellent shed for this purpose can be made at home at a cost of about five dollars.

The annual yield of milk is about 250 quarts from each goat, and this is equal in food value to 400 pounds of butcher's meat. Milking must be done twice a day—in the morning and evening. There are occasions when goats, like cows, become dry, but by keeping two or more a regular supply should be maintained.

Goat's milk is especially suitable for all children, and is the best food for adult invalids who are compelled to take milk in its raw state.

Many people dislike goats because of an erroneous belief that they show their bad tempers in a forceful manner. While animals that are frequently annoyed and irritated naturally show resentment, goats which are cared for kindly and looked after properly are both docile and grateful.

**MIND HAS ITS LIMITATIONS**

Impossible for Human Reason to Attend to More Than One Thing at a Time.

It is quite possible for us to do two or more things at once. In fact, most of us do so rather frequently. For instance, a pianist reads the notes of a piece of music and at the same time plays the piano with his fingers. Talking and knitting, again, is quite a common "double," while really extraordinary cases of doing three, four or even more things at once, have frequently been seen on the stage. In all these cases, however, the conscious mind has only attended to one action, and the other performances have been automatic or subconscious.

The playing of the piano, or the knitting, has become so much a matter of habit as to be conducted without conscious thought, while the music hall performers who conduct seven or eight complicated operations simultaneously have practiced so often that they are done mechanically.

**Work and Play.**

The two principal things in life are work and play. Everybody ought to do both in proper proportions, systematically, religiously. To fail to do either is perilous. To overdo one and fail to do the other is foolish. Extremists do not know how to balance these two obligations aright. One person believes in work, work, and more work. He has too many irons in the fire. He tries to do so much work that he spreads his output over a large area, and naturally it becomes thin. The quantity gets the best of quality. This person's work soon becomes self-slavery. He drives his tired, aching body when it ought to seek diversion and relaxation. He gets old prematurely. He wears out before his time. Wearing out under these conditions is about as bad as rusting out under other conditions.—Grit.

**Napoleon as "Corporal Violet."**

"Corporal Violet" was an appellation given to Napoleon Bonaparte during his stay in Elba in 1814-1815 by his adherents in France. The violet was the floral device of the empire, and was worn by its partisans, who confidently predicted that a certain "Corporal Violet" would return in the spring. Napoleon was toasted as "Corporal Violet" and "Father Violet," while ladies who longed for the emperor's return wore violets in their bonnets, and smiled significantly when asked the reason. Little pictures of the flower were sold, which, on raising the petals, disclosed the features of the banished hero.

**In the Barnyard.**

The farm and everything about it looked beautiful, beautiful indeed with its yard full of ricks, the pond full of ducks, the fields full of sheep and cattle, and the trees still full of leaves and birds. She flung maize about the yard; the hens scampered towards it and the young pigs galloped, quarrelling over the grains which they gorged and snuffled for, grinding each one separately in their iron jaws, while the pullets stalked delicately among them, picked up the maize seeds—one, two, three—and swallowed them like ladies.—A. E. Coppard.

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**Miscellaneous**

LOST—One brown horse and one bay mare, white hind legs, white star on forehead. Notify John Benjo, Colonial Hotel. p51-52.

**MOTHER TO BE GIVEN SAME RIGHTS AS FATHER**

The women of the state are much interested in a bill to be submitted to the legislature by the North Dakota Children's Code commission next month, giving a mother equal rights with a father in control of their children. The present law gives the father control of the children, his claims being, superior to those of the mother. The change proposed by the Code commission is declared in line with the general move to give women full equality with men and is an important step in the movement in North Dakota. The proposed bill, amending the present law, reads: "A father and mother of a legitimate, unmarried, minor child are entitled equally to its custody, services and earnings, and that neither can transfer such custody, services or earnings to another person."

Mrs. Clarence Thompson of Tokio was brought to the Mercy hospital in this city last week for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

Wm. Fraley and wife to Walter Devaney warrant deed \$1. Lots 6, 7, block 6, Rugers Addition, Devils Lake.

H. M. Bekken and wife to Isiah H. Dickinson, warrant deed \$4000. Lots 7, 8, Johnson Addition Devils Lake.

State of North Dakota to F. R. Stevens, State Patent, NW 1-4 28-154-61.

F. R. Stevens and wife to Daniel McCormick, warrant deed \$3900. Same lots.

Mamie Orr to Kate S. Ryall, warrant deed \$50. Lots 18, 19, block 3. Fors Outlots, 1st Addition.

Marry E. Medelman and husband to Kate S. Ryall warrant deed \$125. Lots 20 to 24 block 3. Forsolfs Outlots.

Fred J. Besse and wife to Nels Mikkelsen, warrant deed \$1. Lots 23 24, block 2. Garske.

Fred J. Besse and wife to Nels Mikkelsen warrant deed \$1.00 Strip SW 1-4 3-155-60.

Anna Prange to F. H. Routier warrant deed \$8000. S 1-2 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 SE 1-4 8-153-64.

G. G. Landmark and wife to Ely F. Conrad warrant deed \$300. N 1-2 NE 1-4 10-151-62.

Ely F. Conrad to A. I. Hunter, warrant deed \$3000. Same Lots.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.**

WHEREAS, Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage hereinafter described, in that the mortgagor has failed to pay this debt, and upon such default the mortgagee has declared and does hereby declare the entire mortgage indebtedness due and payable as authorized by this mortgage, now therefore,

NOTICE is hereby given that the certain mortgage executed and delivered by M. Sigbert Awes Co. of Devils Lake, N. Dak., (branch office) Mortgagor to Edgar Anderson of Cray, N. D., Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of October 1919, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ramsey and State of North Dakota on the 3rd day of November, 1919, and recorded in Book 68 of Mortgages at page 479 (and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Farmers Bank of Cray which said assignment was dated December 4, 1922, and was filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ramsey and State of North Dakota, on the 4th day of December 1922, and recorded in Book 66 at page 27) will be fore-

closed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Devils Lake in the County of Ramsey and State of North Dakota, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock P. M., on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1923, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are those certain premises situated in the County of Ramsey and State of North Dakota and described as follows: SW 1-4 of Sec. 31, township 155, range 62.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of Twenty six hundred twenty-five and 31, (\$2625.31) Dollars.

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Edgar Anderson, Attorney for Mortgagee, Cray, N. D. 50-6t.

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