

The Dairy Farming Business

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Eastern Ontario

*A Survey of 340 Dundas County Farms by the Department
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Guelph. Ontario*

During the year ending April 30, 1918

Following the Survey in Oxford County, Western Ontario, in the Spring of 1918, the results of which have been published by this Department in pamphlet form, entitled "The Dairy Farming Business in Western Ontario," similar data were collected from 340 farms in Dundas County, covering the farm business year of May 1, 1917, to April 30, 1918. From these data a study was made of the Dairy Farming business, under conditions prevailing in Eastern Ontario. In the County of Dundas, there are three markets for milk—the cheese factory, the condenser and the city wholesale trade (Montreal)—hence this county was selected as typifying general dairying conditions in the Eastern part of the Province. Records were taken from farms in all four townships of the County, the largest proportion being included in a seven mile strip running from the southwest corner of Matilda to the northwest corner of Winchester.

FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY

On completion of the analysis of the data collected, the following conclusions were reached:—

1. That while the average large farm produces a larger Labor Income than does the average small farm, it is possible, by proper organization, to raise the Labor Income of a farm of 75 acres or more to a reasonably, substantial figure.
2. That the clearing up or draining of waste land on a farm already established, is a profitable investment at as high a cost as \$90 per acre.
3. That the quality or producing capacity of the farm live stock is the most important factor in the dairy farming business.