
COMOX VALLEY

it depends upon care and knowledge in breeding. Calves sold for veal are worth ten cents a pound, live weight. The dairymen keep hogs and poultry, and the skim milk adds to the profits in these departments.

Wages for dairy hands run from \$30 to \$50 a month, with board.

From these figures the experienced dairyman can see that dairying in the Comox Valley is profitable. If he has been accustomed to selling the milk from his herd he can appreciate the saving of time and expense, and the added opportunities for leisure to enjoy life in a community where the farmers dispose of their cream to an association that works to increase their profits.

HOGS

The price of good marketable pork on the Courtenay market is 11½ cents a pound, live weight. At this price hog raising is exceedingly profitable. Clovers and other legumes flourish in this district. Skim milk and waste from orchard, garden, potato and grain fields is turned into dollars by hogs.

POULTRY

Some sections of Comox Valley are especially adapted to poultry keeping. The yearly profits per hen range from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Eggs sell at from 30 cents to 70 cents a dozen; chickens bring 30 cents a pound. The cost of housing a flock of 100 hens should be about \$80; the cost of grain feed from \$80 to \$100. The egg production is about twelve dozen per hen.

BEEES

The record from one hive of Red Clover Italian bees in the Comox Valley is 175 pounds of strained honey. The abundance of clover and other blossoms in the cultivated land and in the woods offer a constant supply of honey. Bees cost about ten dollars a hive. The production from each hive should be from 40 to 50 pounds of strained honey, worth 25 cents a pound. The winter loss is small; no protection is necessary; the hives are left on the summer stands.