

What the Farm Contributes

WHAT the Farm Contributes Directly to the Farmers' Living," is the title of a bulletin containing the result of a study carried on in the summer of 1913 by the Office of Farm Management of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to determine the value of that part of the farmer's living which is furnished directly by the farm. The data presented concern the food products, fuel, and the use of farmhouse. Figures are also given showing the value of the food and fuel bought, the value of which becomes important when considered in relation to the quantity furnished by the farm. The facts presented here will be supplemented by a more general study of the subject.

Studies were made in ten localities, of which three were in cotton-growing sections, two in the corn belt, two in general farming sections, and three in typical dairy sections.

The average annual value of food, fuel, oil, and shelter per person for

dairy farm wages, but in addition to this he has the products contributed by the farm.

Of the 483 families visited, 72 per cent. were those of the owners of farms and 28 per cent. were tenants. The average size of the farm owner's family was 4.7 persons and of the tenant's 4.4. The comparison of the food products used on owned and rented farms shows that the tenants buy eight dollars' worth of food less per person annually than the owners. Tenants depend largely on the farm for food. Owners have both labor and capital income and hence have more with which to buy food.

The Provincial Plowing Match

THE annual Provincial plowing match under the auspices of the Ontario Plowmen's Association will be held on the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Friday, November 6th, commencing at 9 a.m. Large and valuable prizes will be offered. In addition to

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the families visited was \$129.74, of which \$91.97 was furnished directly by the farm and \$37.77 purchased. The average value per family was \$86.08, of which \$46.17 was furnished by the farm and \$39.91 purchased. The average annual value of the use of the farmhouse was found to be \$125 per family. The importance of this is fully appreciated by the family in the town or city paying more rent.

The house labor was performed chiefly by members of the family, only per cent. being hired. The average annual value of this labor was \$303 per family.

The average cost of board for each person, that is the value of the food and its preparation, was \$10 a month. The cost of board and lodging was \$14.92. Of this sum, on the average only 23 per cent. was paid out in actual cash by the farmer.

The result of these studies shows that the farmer's cost of living in small cash expenditures in very materially reduced by what the farm furnishes in food products, fuel, and house rent; in fact, the income from this source adds as much to the real income of many farmers as does the net income from the sale of farm products.

If it were not for those products contributed by the farm without any small cash expenditure, a great many farmers would not have a comfortable living.

Extensive investigations relative to the profits in farming indicate that the average labor income of the farmer probably differs little from ordi-

the competitions in walking plows, there will be given exhibitions of tractors on November 3rd, 4th and 5th, showing the capabilities of modern machinery in tilling the soil. For instance, some of the light tractors will plow several furrows, besides pulling a barrow and seeder all in one sweep. It is expected that this will be the largest and most interesting meeting of the cultivators of the soil ever held in Canada.

Coming Events

The Dairyman's Association of Western Ontario will hold its 49th Annual Convention and Winter Dairy Exhibit at St. Mary's, Ont., Jan. 12, 13, 1916. A full list of prizes has been prepared for the exhibit of butter and cheese, and the dairy herd competition awards will be presented as usual.

The annual convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association will be held at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on Tuesday, November 9th, commencing at 9 a.m. A number of vegetable experts, including several from the United States, will be present and deliver addresses. This association is making rapid progress in all the different lines of work it has undertaken. Two important features of work undertaken this year are vegetable field crop competitions and experiments in the production of long-crown seed. Single tare rates on the standard certificate plan have been arranged for, good going November 8th, returning not later than the 15th.



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