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Dairy Guidelines

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Virginia Dairy Herd Improvement Association Program Summary 1958-68

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	1958	1963	1967	1968
Associations Reporting	58	62	40	39
Cow Years	46,614	56,930	56,722	57,483
Herds	945	1,013	909	887
Cow Years Per Herd	49.3	56.2	62.4	64.8
<u>Performance of Average DHIA Cow*</u>				
Pounds Milk Produced	9,518	11,034	12,201	12,394
Percent Butterfat	3.97	3.8	3.8	3.8
Pounds Butterfat Produced	378	423	461	467
Value of Product	\$530	\$565	\$743	\$774
Price Received/Cwt. Milk	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.12	\$ 6.13	\$ 6.25
<u>Feeding Program*</u>				
Pounds of Silage Fed	7,510	12,400	14,600	16,300
Pounds of Hay Fed	3,051	3,000	1,800	1,400
Pounds of Grain Fed	2,930	4,200	4,700	4,800
Days on Pasture	N.A.	N.A.	181	163
<u>Feed Costs*</u>				
Forages	\$138	\$135	\$138	\$133
Grain	99	136	168	162
Total	\$237	\$271	\$306	\$295
Feed Cost/Cwt. Milk	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.38
Value Over Feed Cost/Cow*	\$293	\$294	\$437	\$478
Value Over Feed Cost/Cwt. Milk	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.83	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.87

*Data on per cow per year basis.

