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ANNUAL REPORT
on

BOYS' CLUB WORK

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BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

1917

GENERAL SUMMARY

Kind of Club	Enrolled	Complete reports	Incomplete reports	Per cent reporting
Corn	2006	314	56	28
Pig	516	103	36	32.5
Baby Beef	42	31		74
Poultry	422	124		29.3
Potato	176	53	7	34
Peasants	104	53	4	56
Cotton	33	12	4	33.3
Bean	374	34	57	27
<u>Negro Boys</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>286</u>		<u>91</u>
SUMMARY	2694	1341	174	36

	Corn	Pig	B. Beef	Poultry	Potato	Peasants	Cotton	Beans	Total
Yield	27,927	29,502	28,550	8,135	1,331	2,863	12,380	39	
Negro Boys	2,880				120	1,271	2,900	4.5	
Total	33,607	29,502	28,550	8,135	1,451	4,134	15,280	33.5	
	Dus.	pounds	pounds	pounds	Dus.	Dus.	pounds	Dus.	
Net Profit	\$1,789	\$9,538	\$1,818	\$2,152	\$928	\$4,454	\$258	\$198	\$21,150
Price									
Value	\$2,421	\$802	\$1,500	\$150	\$148	\$445	\$73	\$27	\$5,833

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CORN CLUB RECORD.

Yield -

39 made less than 25 bushels per acre.
203 made between 25 and 49 inclusive.
186 made between 50 and 74 inclusive.
60 made between 75 and 99 inclusive.
28 made over 100 bushels per acre.

Continued Membership -

215 members answered the question in their record book: "Will you continue in club work next year?" Of this number 190 answered "yes". An interesting observation relative to the 25 answering "no", is the information furnished by their record books, showing that they would either be past the age limit or had received no part of the profit from their club acre.

Club Members' Business Contract -

The county agents this year laid special emphasis upon the need of each club member entering into a strictly business agreement with his parent or guardian, regarding the final disposition of the net profit from the club activity. The members' record books called for a statement of the portion of profit he received. 259 or more than half of the corn club members reporting, answered this question. Each of these reported a contract, the per cent of net proceeds, to be received by the members varying from 10 to 100. The average was 60%.

Field Selection of Seed -

210 reported that they had practiced field selection of their seed corn. The quantity selected, varied from 10 ears to two bushels. The average being about 100 ears.

Winter Cover Crops.

217 or 42% of the members making complete reports, stated that a winter cover crop had been planted on their club acre.

Improved Seed Corn.

260 or about one half of the members reporting, used improved seed corn, giving the name of the variety used. In a number of instances, such as the Peoples National Bank of Leesburg, who bought 25 bushels of Boone County Seed Corn for the boys of Loudoun County, banks and business firms furnished the County Agents with money to buy improved seed corn for the corn club members.

PIG CLUB RECORD
(Breeding Project.)
9 Counties

Members	183
Complete Reports	84
Incomplete reports	2
Per cent reporting	28
Total profit with crops	687.19
Total profit without crops	364.33
Average profit per pig with crops	24.34
Average profit per pig without crops	19.94

(Fattening Project)
23 Counties

Members	303
Complete reports	78
Incomplete reports	34
Per cent reporting	35
Total profit with crops	1,217.76
Total profit without crops	458.25
Average profit per pig with crops	25.90
Average profit per pig without crops	14.89

PIG CLUB RECORD

General Summary.

Total pig club membership	216
Complete reports	132
Incomplete reports	36
Percent reporting	33.5
Average profit	\$18.48
Average cost per pound gain0975

Total amount of prizes \$901.50

The majority of prizes were cash, although pure bred pigs were frequently used for this purpose.

The 77 members using grazing crops made a profit of \$7.82 or 45% more than the 55 failing to provide grazing crops.

BABY BEEF CLUB RECORD.

Summary of Results.

Number of members enrolled	43
Number of members reporting	31
Per cent reporting	74
Average net profit per calf	\$42.57
Total amount of prizes	\$1500.00

The Boys' and Girls' Baby Beef Club was continued this year in Lee and Basecell Counties - two counties in the Blue Grass Section of the State.

Thirty-one of the calves were exhibited at the Booneville Fair and the Virginia State Fair at Richmond. At each of these fairs, the majority of the calves were handled by the boys and girls, who owned them and the exhibit attracted a great deal of attention and favorable comment.

The calves were sold to Swift & Company for 14.5 cents per pound.

This club is being organized in a number of new counties for the 1918 contest.

POULTRY CLUB RECORD
13 Counties

Enrolled	176
Complete reports	53
Incomplete reports	7
Per cent reporting	34
Total profit	\$923.17
Average profit	\$ 17.45
Amount prizes	\$148.75

FEATHER CLUB RECORD
8 Counties

Enrolled	104
Complete reports	55
Incomplete reports	4
Per cent reporting	56
Total profit	\$4,453.70
Average profit	\$ 82.97
Amount prizes	\$45.00

POULTRY CLUB RECORD
9 Counties
(Work Conducted by Farm Agent Only.)

No. Clubs	34
No. Members	432
No. Reporting	124
Eggs set	3,000
Chicks raised	1,627
Value poultry sold	\$85.00

POULTRY CLUB RECORD (Continued)

Value breeding stock sold	\$48.18
Value eggs sold	13.08
Value eggs for hatching	4.50
Value equipment and stock on hand	481.84
Cost of feed and labor	353.11
Amount of prize money	130.00
Per cent of members reporting	29.33

SWAN CLUB RECORD
4 Counties

Membership	374
Complete reports	34
Incomplete reports	07
Per cent reporting	39
Total profit	\$70.30
Average profit	36.45
Prizes	16.00

COOTON CLUB RECORD
3 Counties

Membership	33
Complete reports	12
Incomplete reports	4
Total profit	\$298.11
Average profit	71.57
Prizes	73.00

NEGRO BOYS' CLUBS.

Kind of Club	Enrollment	No. Reporting	Average Yield	Value of Prizes.
Corn	216	196	29. 28 Bushels	\$ 94.00
Peanut	43	41	20. 84 "	24.75
Garden	17	17	Home Use	
Beans	4	3	1 . 5 Bushels	
Pig	4	3		5.00
Tobacco	6	6	582 lbs	
Cotton	6	6	483.33 lbs	
Coupons	13	10	8.5 Bu. & .5 ton	
Potato	6	4	30 Bu.	0.80
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SUMMARY	315	286		\$ 124.25

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