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Figure 1. Pump-house, weir box, and flume, on the Demonstration Farm Unit.

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Deep Well Irrigation a Proved Success in Harney Valley

An average return on the capital investment of 18.2 percent for the first four years operation of the Eighty-Acre Demonstration Farm Unit establishes beyond reasonable doubt the economic feasibility of irrigation by pumping in the Harney Valley.

Estimating that the operator of a farm such as this would perform half of the labor himself, hiring the other half, his labor income would have averaged \$1,615 a year for the four years, in addition to 6 percent interest on his capital investment.

Experience with this project indicates that the following suggestions are important to prospective pump irrigators:

1. When starting a farm project to be irrigated by pumping do not attempt to irrigate too much. Ten to twenty acres the first season is usually enough except for experienced irrigators.

2. Make a contour map of the proposed project to assist in locating the well so as to irrigate the tract with the least amount of flume, ditches, and loss of time, and to indicate the system of distribution best suited to the topography of the land and the soil type.

3. Wells drilled for irrigation purposes should be of sufficient size to insure ample water.

4. Wells should be cased entirely to the bottom.

5. The perforations in the casing should be small to prevent excessive pumping of sand and consequent caving of well.

6. FIT THE LAND FOR IRRIGATION. This is the MOST IMPORTANT operation. Land properly fitted will produce large returns with moderate applications of water. It will enable the irrigator to handle the maximum amount of land in a given period of time. Land not properly leveled is not likely to produce returns that will justify irrigation by pumping.

7. Sowing a permanent crop, such as alfalfa, on land just fitted for irrigation should be avoided. If much soil has been moved the land will settle, making it impossible to apply water uniformly or economically. An annual crop such as grain, peas, or potatoes should be planted the first year.

8. If necessary to sow alfalfa the first year it is advisable to give the land a trial irrigation and then relevel before putting in the crop. While this is expensive, it is cheaper than the production of a poor, uneven crop over a period of years.

9. If possible do not irrigate a growing crop until after it shades the ground. It is far better to irrigate before sowing than to have to "irrigate the crop up."

10. Good irrigating increases returns in much greater proportion than the additional labor required over careless irrigating. A few dry spots in the field may easily be the determining factor between a loss or a satisfactory return on the investment. Frequent light irrigations give more uniform growth and much better returns than heavy irrigations at long intervals.

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SUMMARY

1. The irrigated eighty-acre demonstration farm unit was established in 1927 on the Harney Branch Experiment Station to obtain information on the following points:

(1) Cost of drilling and casing a well to irrigate an eighty-acre tract.

- (2) Cost of installing and operating a suitable pumping plant.
- (3) Cost of leveling an eighty-acre tract for irrigation and constructing a distribution system.
- (4) Cost of producing standard crops under irrigation by pumping.

2. The tract is irrigated from an 18-inch drilled well, 85 feet deep, cased to a depth of 60 feet with 12-gauge galvanized steel casing. A Kimball turbine pump is used, operated by a 25 horse-power semi-Diesel oil engine.

3. The total first cost of the well and pumping plant was \$4,134.22. This includes the weir-box, turnouts, and flume, and also the compressedair starting equipment installed in 1930.

4. Leveling and constructing permanent ditches cost \$16.03 per acre up to 1930. Some additional leveling will be necessary before the land is in ideal condition for irrigating. Proper leveling of the land is very important because

- It reduces the labor of irrigating and the amount of water used, which together make up about a third of the total cost of production.
- (2) It increases yields through more effective application of the water.

5. The total capital investment in land, leveling, well, and pumping plant is \$77.48 per acre in 1930. This includes a value of \$10 an acre for the unimproved sage-brush land, and \$5 an acre for clearing the sage-brush.

6. For the first four years the cost of pumping has averaged 92ϕ per hour and \$6.78 per acre-foot of water. This cost includes depreciation of the pumping plant and 6 percent interest on the investment. The average amount of water delivered has been 1.7 second-feet.

7. For the 4 years the average annual application of water has been 1.27 acre-feet per acre of crop. The rainfall during the growing season for the last three years averaged 1.55 inches, 39 percent below the 16-year average.

8. After allowing all costs of production, including depreciation of equipment and pumping plant, the crops grown on the demonstration farm unit gave a return on the capital investment of 11.6 percent in 1927, 5.6 percent in 1928, 47.9 percent in 1929, and 8.0 percent in 1930, averaging 18.2 percent for the 4 years (see Table VIII).

9. The most promising crops for the conditions of this demonstration seem to be alfalfa hay, wheat intercropped in row alfalfa producing seed, and potatoes.

10. A survey is now being conducted by the U. S. Geological Survey to determine the amount of water available for irrigation by pumping in the Harney Valley.

Progress Report of the Irrigated Eighty-Acre Demonstration Farm Unit of the Harney Branch Experiment Station 1927-1930

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INTRODUCTION

Irrigation of experimental plots by pumping from wells has been carried on at the Harney Branch Experiment Station since 1919. The results have been uniformly favorable and have created much interest among farmers, business men, and other residents of the Harney Valley and of the state.

The question was raised, however, by farmers and other visitors at the Experiment Station, as to whether the results obtained on the small plots used in the experimental work could also be obtained under actual farm conditions. The general opinion among the farmers was that the experimental crops should be grown in fields, rather than plots, so that the cost of production, amount of irrigation, and yields would be more comparable to general farming practices.

Purpose of demonstration. Owing to the remote prospects of gravity irrigation and the excellent prospects of obtaining underground water. from wells within economic depth in sufficient quantities for irrigation, and owing to the further fact that in normal years a small additional amount of water applied to the growing crops at the proper time means the difference between failure and profitable returns, it was the general consensus of opinion among the farmers that the time had arrived for obtaining definite data on the following points:

- 1. Cost of drilling and casing a well to supply water for an eighty-acre farm unit.
- 2. Cost of suitable engine and pump, installation, and operation.
- 3. Cost of distribution system and preparing and leveling eighty-acre tract for irrigation.
- 4. Cost of producing standard crops under irrigation by pumping.

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History. With these objects in view, Mr. S. N. Bolton, a farmer residing one mile south of the station, in 1926 took up the matter of obtaining additional funds from the State Legislature to drill a large well, obtain the proper equipment, seed, etc., to start a standard eighty-acre irrigated farm unit.

After conferring with several of the leading farmers and obtaining their hearty cooperation, Mr. Bolton brought the matter before the public and the representatives of the Board of Regents of Oregon State Agricultural College. The plans met with the approval of the public generally and arrangements were made to meet with a committee of the Board of Regents, including one member of the State Land Board, at a later date to formulate definite plans. The committee representing the Board of Regents and the State Land Board arrived in Burns on October 24, 1926, and met the interested farmers and members of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club. Several places were visited with a view to securing a suitable location for the eighty-acre Demonstration Farm Unit. The final decision was to locate the new Demonstration Farm Unit on the north eighty of the Harney Branch Experiment Station so that it might be under the direct supervision of the Board of Regents and the Director of Experiment Stations.

A memorial was prepared by the interested farmers, assisted by the members of the Burns and Harney County Commercial Club and a copy mailed to each member of the Board of Regents, State Land Board, and interested members of the State Legislature.

Through the united efforts of all persons interested, a State appropriation of \$8,000.00 was granted by the 1927 Legislature for the purpose outlined.

Soil type. The only objection to the location of the demonstration farm unit on the north eighty of the experiment station was the poor soil. Eighty percent of this eighty classifies as poor and the remainder as average. The soil ranges from a sandy silt loam to black adobe, badly spotted with both black and white alkali.

THE WELL

The well is located a little to the northeast of the center of the field. This central location makes it possible to apply the water to all parts of the fields with the least amount of ditches and loss of time.

The well is an 18-inch hole, drilled to a depth of 85 feet and cased to a depth of 60 feet with 18-inch 12-gauge galvanized steel casing made up in sections 4 feet in length with 3-inch collars of the same material with which to rivet them together. The lower section, 4 feet in length, carries a "starting shoe," or band of steel § inch thick and 5 inches wide, with the lower edge beveled out on the inside. The four sections immediately above the section carrying the starting shoe are perforated with numerous small holes to let the water enter the casing.

Log of the well. The well was drilled with an "auger type" bucket machine, operated by one horse. The operator of the drilling outfit assisted by one of the station employees performed all of the work. The well was drilled in 13½ eight-hour days, the exact time being 213 man-hours.

The log of the well follows:

- $0 1\frac{1}{2}$ feet Sandy silt loam.
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ 5 feet Black angular adobe.
- 5 $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet Yellow clay.
- $9\frac{1}{2}-10\frac{1}{2}$ feet Fine blue sand.
- 10¹/₂-12 feet Fine gravel.
- 12 -14 feet Fine gravel changing to coarse sand and carrying the first flow of water.
- $14 20\frac{1}{2}$ feet Blue clay and fine sand.
- $20\frac{1}{2}-37\frac{1}{2}$ feet Blue clay.
- 37¹/₂-41 feet Blue clay and gravel hard-pan. The hardness of this stratum caused some trouble with the auger bucket.
- 41 -53¹/₂ feet Wash gravel and coarse sand changing to fine sand at the bottom, mixed with gray clay. This stratum carries the second flow of water and at present is supplying all of the water pumped.
- 5312-5412 feet Fine red sand.
- 541-591 feet Yellow clay streaked with gray sand.
- 592-612 feet Sand, gravel, and clay mixed.
- 611-621 feet Fine blue sand.
- $62\frac{1}{2}$ -73¹/₂ feet Blue clay streaked with blue sand.
- 73¹/₂-84¹/₂ feet Fine bluish gray sand changing to coarser formation with some gravel as the depth increased. This formation carries the third flow of water.
- 842-85 feet Blue clay. On taking out the last bucketful of material, about six feet of the sand caved into the hole from this sand formation and drilling was discontinued.

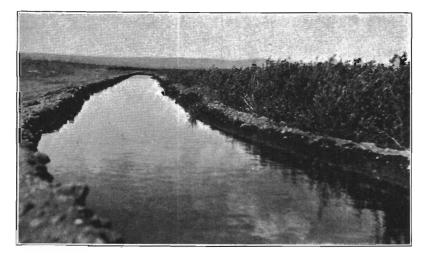


Figure 2. One of the main ditches from the pumping plant. Use of a large head of water minimizes the labor cost of irrigating.

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Some difficulty was experienced at a depth of $42\frac{1}{2}$ to 45 feet as the casing did not follow the drilling close enough and this allowed the gravel to cave, after which it was almost impossible to pick up the loose gravel even with the 12-inch bucket. Except for this instance, and the hard-pan layer, no other difficulty was experienced. The casing followed readily and caused no trouble whatever.

COST OF WELL AND PUMPING PLANT

A summary of the cost of the well and pumping plant is given in Table I. The details of the cost are given in Table X (pages 22-23). The cost has been grouped under several headings to enable the reader to note the cost of the various pieces of equipment, installation charges of each, freight, and the various other items that enter into the installation of a pumping plant.

TABLE I. SUMMARY OF COST OF WELL AND PUMPING PLANT

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1. Drilling and casing 18-inch well	\$ 2	205.00
2. 00-foot well casing		225.20
3. Installing test pump and testing well		57.87
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5. Kimball turbine pump		865.86
6. Installing pump		31.80
5. Kimball turbine pump	1.1	721.65
8. Installing engine	,	104.16
9. Installing cooling system for engine		159.27
10. Constructing nump house		289.35
8 Installing engine 9 Installing cooling system for engine 10 Constructing pump house		125.73
Total cost, 1927	\$3.9	958.41
Total cost, 1927 12. Compressed-air starter, installed 1930		175.81
Total cost of well and pumping plant	\$4,	134.22
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For details of cost of well and pumping plant see Table X, pages 22-23.

COST OF LEVELING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT DITCHES

A contour map of the north eighty was prepared with readings at 50-foot intervals. This showed the tract to be reasonably level, with a general slope from west to east. There were three areas, however, that were high and so located as to require long hauls to dispose of the earth. These areas were located in the northwest corner of Field I, the southwest corner of Field II, and the east side of Field V (Figure 5, page 17). Field II was in the worst condition, having an area of about four acres from which it was necessary to remove approximately twelve inches of the surface soil and haul more than half of it about an eighth of a mile. The construction of the high-line ditches also required long hauls.

As it was the desire of all concerned to crop the entire unit from the start of the 1927 season it was impossible to do any leveling before the sowing of the crops. During the fall of 1927 it was necessary to fall-plow most of the demonstration area. By the time this was completed freezing temperatures put an end to field work and prevented further leveling or ditch work.

IRRIGATED EIGHTY-ACRE DEMONSTRATION FARM

During the fall of 1928 fields I, II, and V were given a good working with fresnos and a float, but the long haul necessary prevented the completion of the job before low temperatures again put an end to field work. During the spring and fall of 1929 three four-horse fresnos and the float were used for a period of almost two months on these fields.

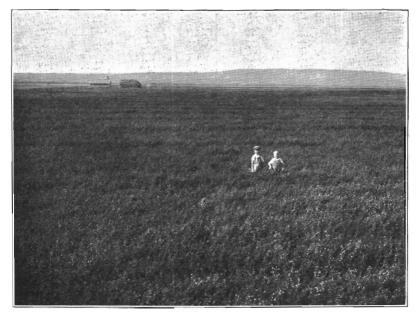


Figure 3. Alfalfa hay in Field V, 1929. The pump-house and stacks of first-cutting alfalfa appear in the background.

The average cost of the leveling and permanent ditch construction on the demonstration unit to date has been \$16.03 per acre (tables II and XI). The experience on this tract indicates that the cost of fitting reasonably level land for irrigation will be from \$15 to \$20 per acre.

		Cost of leveling and ditches							
	Field I	Field II	Field III	Field IV	Field V	Total			
1927 1928 1929 1930	\$ 29.92 29.58 162.36 102.91	\$ 35.99 35.52 132.92 374.77	\$ 0.99 16.11 11.09	\$ 4.86	\$ 7.65 52.08 130.37 111.90	\$ 79.41 117.18 441.76 612.59			
Total	\$324.77	\$579.20	\$ 28.19	\$ 16.78	\$302.00	\$1,250.94			
Crop area (acres)	19.0	15.3	5.5	5.5	24.0	69.3			
Cost per acre pro- ducing crop	\$ 17.10	\$ 37.83	\$ 5.13	\$ 3.05	\$ 12.58	\$ 18.07			

TABLE II. SUMMARY OF COST OF LEVELING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT DITCHES FOR EACH FIELD, 1927-1930

For details of leveling and ditch cost see Table XI, page 24.

There is still considerable leveling work to do before these three fields will be in ideal shape for irrigation. Where it is necessary to move eight to twelve inches of soil from an area of several acres a great deal of time is required. As the season is very short from harvest until the regular freezeup, time is the limiting factor.

Leveling or proper fitting of the land is of major importance as the crop returns are almost in direct proportion to the area of land properly fitted for irrigation.

The cost of fencing will vary greatly with the size of fields and the number of sides upon which a fence is necessary. No additional expense for fencing has been required for the Demonstration Farm Unit as the original fence built in 1911 on three sides has been satisfactory. As adequate data on average costs of fencing are not available no attempt has been made to include this comparatively minor item in the cost summaries in this report. It is thought that on most farms the investment cost will vary from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per acre and the annual charge for interest and depreciation from 25ϕ to 50ϕ per acre. Usually part, if not all, of this cost is properly chargeable to livestock enterprises rather than to the production of crops.

TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE DEMONSTRATION UNIT

A summary of the cost of the land, leveling, and permanent ditches is given in Table III. The land is valued at \$10.00 per acre, which was the original cost of the land in 1911 and is still an approximate value of similar unimproved sage-brush land. The cost of clearing the sage-brush has been charged at \$5.00 per acre. Adding the cost of the leveling and ditch work for each year gives an investment value for land and leveling of \$31.03 per acre in 1930.

•	Total value	Value per acre
Value of unimproved land, 78 A. @ \$10.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 10.00
Clearing sage-brush, 78 A. @ \$5.00	390.00	5.00
Construction of permanent ditches, 1927	79.41	1.02
Total value, 1927	\$1,249.41	\$ 16.02
Leveling and permaneut ditches, 1927-1928	117.18	1.50
Total value, 1928	\$1,366.59	\$ 17.52
Leveling and permanent ditches, 1928-1929	441.76	5.66
Total value, 1929	\$1,808.35	\$ 23.18
Leveling and permanent ditches, 1929-1930	612.59	7.85
Total value, 1930	\$2,420.94	\$ 31.03

TABLE III. SUMMARY OF COST OF LAND, CLEARING, LEVELING, AND PERMANENT DITCHES, 1927-1930

For details of leveling and ditch cost see Table XI, page 24.

Summarizing the investment value of the land, well, and pumping plant gives a total investment of \$77.48 per acre in 1930 (Table IV).

IRRIGATED EIGHTY-ACRE DEMONSTRATION FARM

TABLE	IV.	SUMMARY	OF	TOTAL	INVESTMENT	IN	LAND.	WELL,	AND
			PUN	4PING P	LANT, 1927-1930				

	Year	Value of land, leveling, and per- manent ditches	Value of pump- ing plant	Total capital investment	Investment per acre
1927		\$1,249.41	\$3,958.41	\$5,207.82	\$66.77
1928		1,366.59	3,885.34*	5,251.93	67.33
1929		1,808.35	3,666.12*	5,474.47	70.19
1930		2,420.94	3,622.71*	6,043.65	77.48

*Annual depreciation has been deducted from the value for the previous year (see Table XII).

COST OF PUMPING

The cost of pumping, including depreciation of the plant and 6 percent interest on the investment, has averaged for the four years 92¢ per hour of pumping and \$6.78 per acre-foot of water (tables V and XII).

Items	1927	1928	1929	1930	Total 4 years
Fuel oil Lubricating oil Repairs Interest (6%) Depreciation	\$ 39.34 10.55 79.17† 73.07†	\$128.59 23.69 31.07 233.12 219.22	\$126.81 31.62 219.97 219.22	\$128.16 32.13 218.59 217.36 230.94	\$ 422.90 97.99 249.66 749.62 742.45
Total	\$202.13	\$635.69	\$597.62	\$827.18	\$2,262.62
Hours pumping Cost per hour	238.3 \$.848	619.7 \$ 1.026	829.2 \$.721	768.8 \$ 1.076	2,456.0 \$.922
Acre-feet of water Cost per acre-foot	36.5 \$ 5.54	90.4 \$ 7.03	117.5 \$5.09	90.5 \$ 9.14	334.9 \$ 6.78

TABLE V. SUMMARY OF PUMPING COST, 1927-1930*

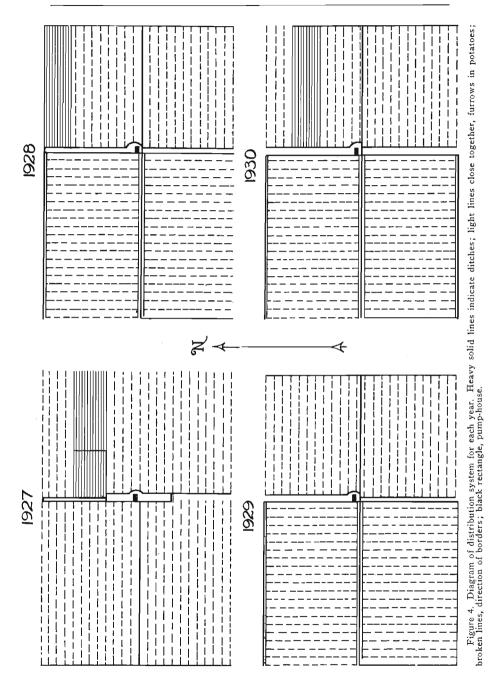
*For detailed pumping costs see Table XII, page 25. The small amount of labor required for operating the pumping plant was part of the irrigating work and is included in the labor for irrigating each crop.

†Interest and depreciation for 1927 computed on basis of a year.

During the operation of the pumping plant from 1927 until 1930 the well was open to a depth of 73 feet. The economic capacity of the well was 1.7 second-feet, or 765 gallons per minute, although it has furnished as high as 2.58 second-feet for short periods.

Cave-in decreases efficiency in 1930. On July 10, 1930, the well caved at the 65-foot level just below the casing in a stratum of sand, gravel and clay, filling the well to the 56-foot level. This necessitated the removal of 4 six-foot sections of pump column and 13 feet of suction pipe. It also cut off 0.7 second-foot of water, leaving a flow of but 1 second-foot. This caused the plant to be operated at a great disadvantage during the remainder of the season as it was necessary to operate with a six-foot suction and with only 6 inches of the intake pipe submerged.

Since the close of the 1930 irrigation season the cave-in has been successfully repaired and cased. It is not anticipated that further trouble will be experienced from this source.



METHOD AND AMOUNT OF IRRIGATION

As the major portion of the area comprising the demonstration farm classifies as a heavy soil type, deficient in organic matter and badly spotted with black and white alkali, it was necessary to select some system of distribution by which the water could be applied to the surface of the land.

The border system was selected as the most satisfactory method and the entire area was fitted with borders running west to east, 25 feet apart. The borders were made by thoroughly disking the land and then using an inverted "V" diker, one round trip making a fairly satisfactory border. This method of making borders, however, sometimes causes a depression along each side of the border which may be avoided by using a scraper and dragging earth across the full width of the strips.

The water is carried to the ends of the borders in main ditches and released into each border in turn through a sub-ditch, which prevents any washing out of the main ditches.

In the spring of 1928 the direction of the borders on fields I and II was changed from east and west to north and south, and the borders were made 50 instead of 25 feet apart.

The value of the "border" method in the irrigation of heavy soil types has been well demonstrated on this area. By dividing the head of water and applying one-half of it to each end of a border at the same time the land can be covered with practically no loss by percolation, and the water is delivered immediately to the root zone of the growing crop, insuring vigorous thrifty growth.

The furrow method of distribution with lath tubes leading the supply from the head ditch to the furrows has proved to be the most satisfactory method to use with row crops such as potatoes.

Rainfall below normal. There has been a steady decrease in the annual precipitation at this station during the four years that this project has been in operation. The precipitation during the months of May and June in 1927 was very beneficial to crops generally. The growing seasons in 1928 and 1930, however, were unusually dry and it was necessary to "irrigate up" more than 60 percent of the crops during both seasons. This is a serious handicap with a heavy type of soil because of the excessive evaporation and retarding of crop growth by the puddling or running together of the soil, followed by baking and deep cracking.

The total precipitation for the year 1928 was 0.26 inch below the sixteen-year average, that of 1929 2.75 inches below, and that of 1930 3.35 inches below, establishing a new low record.

TABLE VI.	PRECIPITATION	AT HA	RNEY	BRANCH	EXPERIMENT	STATION,
	1927-1930	, AND	16-YEA	R AVERA	AGE	

Year	Annual precipitation (Sept. 1-Aug. 31)	Pecipitation during growing season (Apr. 1-July 31)
	inches	inches
1927	10.96	3.66
1928	7.96	1.07
1929	5.47	2.62
1930	4.87	.97
16-year average (1914-1929)	8.22	2.53

Average application of water. The average acre-foot application of water per acre of crop is shown in Table VII for each field for each year. The average application per acre of crop for the four years was 1.19 acrefeet. This includes 7.2 acre-feet of water that was supplied in 1927 from a smaller well used for irrigating experimental plots, and 10.2 acre-feet from the same source in 1930.

TABLE VII.	ACRE-FEET	OF	WATER	APPLIED	PER	ACRE	OF	CROP	FOR	
EACH FIELD, 1927-1930										

Field	1927	1928	1929	1930
Field I Field II Field II V Field V	acre-feet 0.27 .12 1.00 1.79 .91	acre-feet 1.11 1.59 1.59 1.38 1.19	<i>acre-feet</i> 1.69 1.70 1.67 1.71 1.70	acre-feet 1.24 1.70 1.11 2.00 1.44
Average	0.64	1.30	1.70	1.46

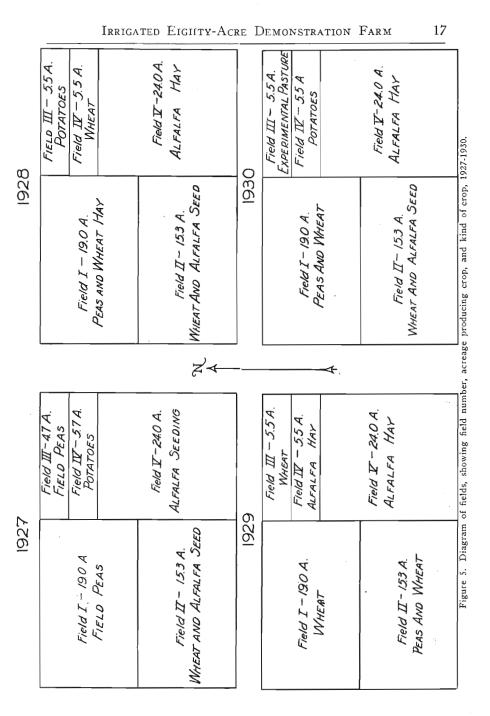
THE FARM UNITS

Owing to the fact that the station is located on a "correction section" the total acreage of this demonstration farm unit is only 78 acres. The farm is divided into four main units, the divisions running from west to east, and south to north. The northeast unit is subdivided into three sections to facilitate a three-year crop rotation, but to date the south block has been combined with the southeast unit for cropping. This makes five fields, as indicated in Figure 5.

The difference between the acreage in crop and the total of 78 acres is land that is occupied by the pumping plant, ditches, roadways, and high points of ground that cannot be irrigated. After the first year, 0.6 acre was added to fields III and IV by bringing additional land under irrigation and the subdivision between the fields was shifted to make them equal in size.

COST OF PRODUCTION AND RETURNS

The crop that was grown on each field in each year is shown in Table VIII, together with the costs of production and returns. Eleven acres in Field II was in row alfalfa when the demonstration unit was established, and although this was plowed and disked the alfalfa has persisted and produced seed in the crops of grain that have been sown on this field. Field V also contained twelve acres of row alfalfa that interfered with obtaining a good stand of the new seeding of alfalfa, and this field was not properly leveled and fitted for irrigation before seeding to a permanent crop, which has increased the costs and returns are obtained on those fields that are irregular and have not been properly fitted for irrigation.



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Field		Crop	T	Tatal software	Total returns		Profit*			Profit*		Total re- turn on
No.	Kind of crop	area	Total cost	1 otal returns	Total	Per acre	Total	Per acre	invest- ment†			
I II IV V	Field peas Wheat and alfalfa seed Field peas Potatoes Alfafa seeding	<i>acres</i> 19.0 15.3 4.7 5.7 24.0	\$ 461.05 353.27 171.80 523.94 906.37	\$ 324.31 1,091.08 203.00 561.40 527.60	\$136.74	\$ 6.67 15.78	\$ 737.81 31.20 37.46	\$ 48.22 6.63 6.57	%			
	Total 1927	68.7	\$ 2,416.43	\$ 2,707.39			\$ 290.96	\$ 4.24	11.6			
I II IV V	Peas and wheat hay Wheat and alfalfa seed Potatoes Wheat Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	\$ 628.47 719.93 503.40 202.20 601.61	\$ 252.90 658.71 708.22 405.56 607.88	\$375.57 61.22	\$ 19.77 4.00	\$ 204.82 203.36 6.27	\$ 37.24 36.97 .26				
	Total 1928	69.3	\$ 2,655.61	\$ 2,633.27	\$ 22.34	\$.32			5.6			
I III IV V	Wheat Peas and wheat Wheat Peas and oats Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	\$ 569.69 633.56 173.35 262.16 756.10	\$ 1,180.24 1,269.53 565.02 408.53 1,267.00			\$ 610.55 635.97 391.67 146.37 510.90	\$ 32.13 41.57 71.21 26.61 21.28				
	Total 1929	69.3	\$ 2,394.86	\$ 4,690.32			\$2,295.46	\$ 33.12	47.9			
I III IV V	Peas and wheat Wheat and alfalfa seed Experimental pasture Potatoes Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	\$ 760.69 775.89 192.73 604.43 937.31	\$ 550.14 950.42 192.73 922.42 778.38	\$210.55	\$ 11.06	\$ 174.53 317.99	\$ 11.41				
	Total 1930	69.3	\$ 3,271.05	\$ 3,394.09	······		\$ 123.04	\$ 1.78	8.0			
	Total 4 years	276.6	\$10,737.95	\$13,425.07			\$2,687.12	\$ 9.72	18.2			

TABLE VIII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR EACH FIELD, 1927-1930

*The profit or loss as shown here is based on net income after allowing 6% interest on the investment. †Including the 6% interest on the investment charged in cost of production. Agricultural Experiment STATION BULLETIN 270

In computing the cost of production man labor has been charged at 40ϕ per hour and horse labor at 10ϕ per horse-hour. The charges for the use of machinery cover depreciation of the machine and 6 percent interest on its average value (Table XXXIII). In the detailed cost tables the charges shown under "machinery cost" cover all machinery other than tractor or truck. The value of the stand of alfalfa has been estimated at \$20 per acre, and this has been charged to each year of the hay crop at \$2.00 per acre, on the basis of a tenyear life of the stand.

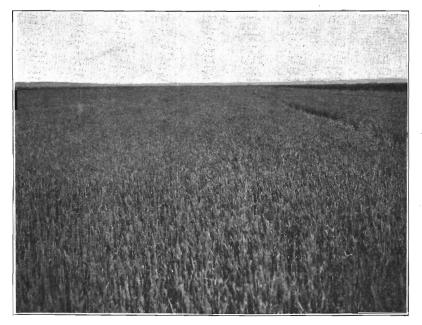


Figure 6. Federation wheat in Field IV, 1928.

The prices at which the crops have been credited under "returns" are the prices prevailing in the Harney Valley at the time. Practically all of them are the prices received in the actual sale of the products.

The crop prices that were received are perhaps somewhat above normal, even for the Harney Valley, and part of the products being sold as seed grown on the Experiment Station may have contributed some advantage in price. It may also be noticed that the charges for the use of the tractor and the International truck are low, as a result of fortunate purchase prices of these machines and of fuel for them. (These buying opportunities, however, were open to any private individual.) On the other hand, it should be remembered that the first year's production was under almost dry-land conditions, the irrigation water not being available until late in the season; that very little leveling had been done and the land was in poor condition for irrigating during the first two years; and that the last three years of the period have been unusually dry and unfavorable to crop production. It is thought that on the whole the handicaps under which the demonstration has labored more than offset the advantages that may be pointed out.

In 1930, Field III was sown to a grass pasture mixture that was a total failure. As this has not as yet been demonstrated to be a practicable crop for the Harney Valley, and was purely an experiment, the expense for this field for 1930 has been charged to experimental work rather than as a loss to the demonstration unit.

Field number	Kind of crop	Area	Gross cost per acre	Credit for straw, pas- ture, seed, etc.	Net cost per àcré	Yield per acre	Cost per unit of crop
I II IV V	Field peas Wheat (and al- falfa seed) Field peas Potatoes Alfalfa seeding	<i>acres</i> 19.0 15.3 4.7 5.7 24.0	\$24.26 23.09 36.56 91.92 37.76	\$ 2.67 59.10 5.79 1.98	\$21.59 0* 30.77 91.92 35.78	573 lb. 10.6 bu. 1.468 lb. 6.472 lb.	\$3.76 per 100 lb. 0*. 2.09 per 100 lb. 1.42 per 100 lb.
II III JII V	Pea and wheat hay Wheat (and al- falfa seed) Potatoes Wheat Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	33.08 47.06 91.53 36.76 25.07	3.71 17.84 2.04 6.39 1.56	29.37 29.22 89.49 30.37 23.51	1.60 T. 22.3 bu. 8.199 lb. 45.0 bu. 3.40 T.	\$18.35 per T. 1.31 per bu. 1.09 per 100 lb. .67 per bu. 6.91 per T.
I II IV V	Wheat Peas and wheat (and alfalfa seed) Wheat Peas and oats Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	29.98 41.41 31.52 47.66 31.51	7.07 31.80 17.75 13.49 1.04	22.91 9.61 13.77 34.17 30.47	40.8 bu. 2.226 lb. 51.4 bu. 2.588 lb. 3.83 T.	\$.56 per bu. .43 per 100 lb. .37 per bu. 1.32 per 100 lb. 7.96 per T.
	Peas and wheat Wheat (and alfal- fa seed Experimental pas- ture Potatoes Alfalfa hay	19.0 15.3 5.5 5.5 24.0	40.03 50.71 35.04 109.90 39.06	4.12 29.66 7.01	35.91 21.05 109.90 32.05	1.242 lb. 27.1 bu. 7.234 lb. 2.54 T.	\$ 2.89 per 100 lb. .78 per bu.

TABLE IX. SUMMARY OF COST OF PRODUCTION PER ACRE AND PER UNIT OF CROP FOR EACH FIELD, 1927-1930

*The value of the alfalfa seed more than covered the cost of producing the wheat.

Average costs per acre and per unit of crop are given in Table IX. Detailed cost summaries for each field for each year are given in tables XIII-XXXII.

AMOUNT OF UNDERGROUND WATER AVAILABLE IN THE HARNEY VALLEY

The amount of irrigation from wells that will be possible in the Harney Valley will depend, of course, on the amount of underground water available at economic pumping depth. More definite information on this point will be available when the survey of the underground water resources of the region, now being conducted by the U. S. Geological

Survey, is completed. It is expected, however, that the water will be more than ample for any amount of development of irrigation by pumping likely to take place in the near future.

CONCLUSIONS

I. The cost of drilling and casing wells in the Harney Valley is not prohibitive.

2. The cost of a suitable engine and pump, installation, etc., will vary from \$2,500 to \$4,000. The pumping cost will vary from \$5 to \$10 per acrefoot of water.

3. The cost of the distribution system and leveling of land will vary from \$10 to \$30 per acre.

4. The data upon the cost of producing standard crops under irrigation indicate that these crops can be produced at a satisfactory profit with water pumped from wells within the probable pumping lift in the Harney Valley.

Appendix

TABLES X - XXXIII

TABLE X. DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE COST OF WELL AND PUMPING PLANT

 Drilling and casing 18-inch well : Drilling and casing well 1 to 50 feet @ \$2.50 per ft Drilling and casing well from 51 to 60 ft. @ \$3.00 per ft Drilling, but not casing well 61 to 85 ft. @ \$2.00 per ft 	\$	125.00 30.00 50.00	\$	205.00
 2. 60 feet of casing for 18-inch well: 44 ft. 18-in. 12-gauge galvanized steel casing @ \$3.45 per ft 12 ft. 18-in. 12-gauge galvanized steel casing, perforated, @ \$4.45 per ft Starting shoe with 4 ft. of 18-in. 12-gauge galvanized steel casing attached	\$	151.80 53.40 20.00	\$	225.20
3. Installing test pump and testing well: 125§ man-hours @ 40¢ 33 horse-hours @ 10¢ Use of tractor	\$	50.65 3.30 3.92	\$	57.87
 4. Installing concrete floor and engine base: 5,400 sacks of cement @ \$1.35 12 yds. gravel delivered at Station @ \$2.25 2 yd. sand delivered at Station @ \$4.50 154 man-hours @ 40¢ 16 horse-hours @ 10¢ Use of tractor 	\$	72.90 27.00 9.00 61.60 1.60 .42	\$	172.52
 Kimball turbine pump for 18 in. well: Kimball Direct Flow Turbine No. 1002-(7 sections) f.o.b. Los Angeles, Cal. 2 Additional 6 foot sections @ \$68.00, f.o.b. Los Angeles. Freight on pump Los Angeles to Burns Freight on 2 sections Los Angeles to Burns 		616.37* 163.20 71.95 14.34	\$	865.86
 6. Installing Kimball turbine pump: 694 man-hours @ 40¢ 1 horse-hour @ 10¢ Cutting and fitting discharge pipe 2 8x12-inch blocks, 3 ft. long. 	\$	27.70 _10 _2.50 _1.50	\$	31.80
 Engine to operate pump: 25 hp. Semi-Diesel 'Y' oil engine f.o.b. Portland Freight on engine Portland to Burns @ \$2.73 	\$1	,529.50* 192.15	\$1	,721.65
 Installing 25 hp. 'Y' oil engine: Storage of engine at Burns 60 days on account of bad roads Hauling engine (7,000 lb.) Burns to Experiment Station 68 man-hours @ 40¢ 5 horse-hours @ 10¢ 2 wood blocks 8x12x24-inches for fuel tank Adjusting connecting rod, wrist pin, and main bearing bushing by Diesel expert and express and meals 48 feet 8-inch belt @ 95¢ and express \$1.89, total 		7.00 10.00 27.20 .50 1.00 10.97 47.49	\$	104.16

*Full price; discount allowed educational institutions not deducted.

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TABLE X. DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE COST OF WELL AND PUMPING PLANT (Continued)

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	TOTAL COST OF WELL AND PUMPING PLANT		\$4	134.22
12.	Compressed air starter, installed 1930: Cost of starter f.o.b. Burns	\$ 162.11 1.70 12.00	\$	175.81
	Weir box, turnouts, and flume. This includes a double 2-ft. weir and box, 2 'T' turnouts 2x2x16 feet with a 2x2x8 turnout in the center of each, with 2 sections of flume 2x2x16 feet all treated, painted and joints tinned. Lumber	\$ 40.45 48.00 11.35 5.00 4.25 12.60 2.08 2.00	\$	125.73
10.	Constructing pumphouse: Lumber and shingles Hardware, nails and windows 25 gallons Oronite shingle oil @ 26¢ 128 hours carpenter's labor @ 50¢ Board for carpenter, 35¢ per meal 31 man-hours @ 40¢ 20 horse-hours @ 10¢	\$ 145.65 42.00 6.50 64.00 16.80 12.40 2.00	\$	289.35
9.	Installing cooling system for engine : 1 1,340-gallon galvanized iron tank Lumber and nails for tank tower Second-hand rotary pump, size 1§ inches Plumbing to connect cooling and fuel systems 72§ man-hours @ 40¢ Welding rotary pump	\$ 25.00 25.00 30.00 40.70 29.07 9.50	\$	159.27

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	Field number	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- hours	Machinery charge	Total cost
1927	I II III IV V	53.2 63.5 1.8 9.4 15.4	83.5 102.0 2.6 10.6 14.3		\$ 0.29 .39 .01 .04 .06	\$ 29.92 35.99 .99 4.86 7.65
To	tal 1927	143.3	213.0		\$ 0.79	\$ 79.41
1928	I III IV	54.2 65.0	67.2 77.3	2.3 3.1	\$ 0.26 .55	\$ 29.58 35.52
	V	101.3	84.8	6.0	.68	52.08
To	tal 1928	220.5	229.3	11.4	\$ 1.49	\$117.18
1929		251.2 179.0 26.5	483.0 533.0 53.0	26.8 13.8	\$ 2.86 2.50 .21	\$162.36 132.92 16.11
	V	171.2	471.0	29.5	2.99	130.37
То	tal 1929	627.9	1540.0	70.1	\$ 8.56	\$441.76
1930	I II III IV V	126.0 464.8 13.6 14.6 137.0	451.0 1709.0 54.5 54.5 497.0	13.2 27.0 1.0 12.8	\$ 2.13 7.15 .20 .23 2.28	\$102.91 374.77 11.09 11.92 111.90
То	tal 1930	756.0	2766.0	54.0	\$ 11.99	\$612.59
	tal 1927-1930 erage per acre (78 A.)	1747.7 22.4	4748.3 60.8	135.5 1.7	\$ 22.83 \$.29	\$1,250.94 \$ 16.03

TABLE XI. HOURS OF LABOR AND COST OF LEVELING AND	CONSTRUC-
TION OF PERMANENT DITCHES FOR EACH FIELD, 192	7-1930

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TABLE XII. COST OF PUMPING, 1927-1930

1927 322 gallons fuel oil @ 12.2¢ \$ 39.34 19 gallons lubricating oil @ 55.5¢ \$ 39.34 Depreciation engine and pump, \$2,882.74 @ 6.67% (\u03c4 year) \$ 64.06 Depreciation pump house, \$289.35 @ 5% (\u03c4 year) \$ 4.82 Depreciation weir box, etc., \$125.73 @ 10% (\u03c4 year) \$ 4.19 Interest on 1927 value of plant, \$3,958.41 @ 6% (\u03c4 year) 79.17 Total pumping cost 1927 \$ 202.13

1928

1054 gallons fuel oil @ 12.2¢ 46 gallons lubricating oil @ 51.5¢ Repairing engine, 60.8 man-hours @ 40¢ Fitting engine wrist pin bushing Depreciation engine and pump, @ 6.67% Depreciation pump house @ 5% Depreciation nump house @ 5% Interest on 1928 value of plant, \$3,885.34 @ 6%	128.59 23.69 24.32 6.75 192.18 14.47 12.57 233.12
Total pumping cost 1928	\$ 635.69

1929

1409 gallons fuel oil @ 9¢	\$ 126.81
62 gallons lubricating oil @ 51¢	31.62
Depreciation engine and pump @ 6.67%	192.18
Depreciation pump house @ 5%	14.47
Depreciation weir box, etc., @ 10%	12.57
Interest on 1929 value of plant, \$3,666.12 @ 6%	219.97
Total pumping cost 1929	\$ 597.62

1930

1,424 gallons fuel oil @ 9¢	\$	128.16
63 gallons lubricating oil @ 516		32.13
1,424 gallons fuel oil @ 9¢ 63 gallons lubricating oil @ 51¢ Repairing weir box and raising flume:		
144.5 man-hours @ 40¢		57.80
Threading pipe		6.00
2 45° elbows		22.20
Renairing engine :		
60 man-hours @ 40¢		24.00
Mechanic 23 hours @ \$1.50		34.50
Piston pin and bushings		24.97
Emergency engine and operator, 16 hours		12.00
32 gallons distillate @ 13.5¢		4.32
Adjusting pump column for cave-in :		4.32
		20.00
77 man-hours @ 40¢		30.80
Cutting and welding suction pipe		2.00
Depreciation engine and pump @ 6.67%		192.18
Depreciation pump house @ 5%		14.47
Depreciation weir box, etc., @ 10%		12.57
Depreciation starting equipment @ 6.67 %		11.72
Interest on 1930 value of plant, \$3,622.71 @ 6%		217.36
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Total pumping cost 1930	\$	827.18

Note: The small amount of labor required for operating the pumping plant was done as part of the irrigating work and is included in the labor for irrigating each crop.

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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Tot al cost		
Disking Harrowing Rolling Bordering Fertilizing Inoculating seed Seeding Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Cleaning Cleaning	22.0 8.5 12.0 14.0 7.0 8.5 13.2 4.2 75.8 110.5 93.0 22.5	24.0 14.0 26.5 6.6 61.0 59.0	21.8 8.5 6.0 14.5 2.5	\$ 0.85 .42 .40 .14 1.05 .03 .03 .03 9.33 .05	\$ 18.37 7.22 7.60 8.14 5.25 3.40 10.34 2.37 30.32 51.89 58.23 10.05		
Total labor and machinery	391.2	191.1	53.3	\$ 16.27	\$213.18		
Seed: 2300 lb. @ 5¢ Culture: 8 bottles @ 50¢ Land-plaster: 2700 lb. @ 2.26¢ Pumping: 35.2 hours Interest on value land, \$18.18 per A. @ 6% Taxes @ 91.2¢ per A.							
TOTAL COST							
Returns:							
Seed peas: 5585 lb. @ 3¢ Feed peas: 5298 lb. @ 2¢ Pea straw: 12.7 T. @ \$4.00							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$324.31		

TABLE XIII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR FIELD PEAS Field I—19.0 Acres—1927

TABLE XIV. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT AND ALFALFA SEED Field II—15.3 Acres—1927

Field 11—15.5 Acres—1927							
	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Disking Harrowing Rolling Bordering Fertilizing Treating seed Seeding Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing Cleaning	10.5 9.8 12.0 18.0 4.5 6.0 15.5 6.4 20.8 68.9 87.5 132.8	3.5 24.0 .5 9.0 31.0 10.3 85.0 38.5	10.5 8.5 8.5 20.2	\$ 0.41 .43 .21 .68 .04 .04 .235 13.03 .52	\$ 8.81 8.10 7.60 10.86 3.38 2.40 10.81 3.63 8.32 38.41 59.96 53.64		
Total labor and machinery 392.70 201.8 47.70 \$ 19.58 Seed: 2108 @ 3¢							
Returns: Seed wheat: 4000 1b. @ 2.5¢ Feed wheat: 5785 1b. @ 1.5¢ Wheat straw: 5.8 T. @ \$3.00 Alfalfa seed: 2800 1b. @ 30¢ Alfalfa straw: 13.4 T. @ \$3.50							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$1,091.08		

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Field 111—4.7 Acres—1927							
	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Plowing	8.0 8.7 4.2 3.0 5.5 1.4 3.0 1.4 3.0 1.4 52.2 34.0 54.0 12.2	24.0 12.0 7.0 6.0 2.1 21.0 37.0	4.7 1.8 2.0 9.0 1.3	\$ 0.22 .26 .10 .10 .04 1.56 .30 .59 5.80 .04	\$ 5.82 6.82 3.20 2.70 2.24 2.47 2.10 .77 20.88 16.29 34.70 5.44		
Total labor and machinery	187.6	118.6	18.8	\$ 9.01	\$103.43		
Seed: 520 lb. @ 5¢ Culture: 2 bottles @ 50¢ Suffur: 200 lb. @ 3.68¢ Pumping: 25 hours 5 acre feet from small well @ \$6.78 Interest on value laud, \$18.18 per A. @ 6% Taxes @ 91.2¢ per A.							
TOTAL COST					\$171.80		
Returns :							
Seed peas: 3780 lb. @ 3¢ Feed peas: 3120 lb. @ 2¢ Pea straw: 6.8 T. @ \$4.00					\$113.40 62.40 27.20		
TOTAL RETURNS					\$203.00		

TABLE XV. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR FIELD PEAS Field III-4.7 Acres-1927

TABLE XVI. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR POTATOES Field IV—5.7 Acres—1927

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Disking	$18.4 \\ 9.0 \\ 4.2 \\ 14.0 \\ 3.2 \\ 63.2 \\ 31.0 \\ 2.3 \\ 158.5 \\ 264.3 \\ 61.1 \\ 11.8 $	41.0 16.0 8,5 42.0 7.2 20.5 41.0 2.6 71.0 .4.5	3.4 3.5 8.7 16.4	\$ 0.42 .22 .14 .38 .44 1.76 .30 	\$ 13.24 6.82 2.67 10.18 2:44 29.09 16.80 1.18 63.40 121.01 31.00 5.20		
Total labor and machinery	641.0	254.3	32.0	\$ 8.40	\$303.03		
Seed potatoes: 5355 lb. @ 2.17¢ per cwt. Sulfur: 700 lb. @ 3.685¢ Lath for tubes Formaldehyde Pumping: 65.5 hours 7 acre-feet from small well @ \$6.78 Interest on value land, \$18.18 per acre @ 6% Taxes @ 91.2¢ per acre							
TOTAL COST	•••••			······	\$523.94		
Returns:							
Extra fancy seed potatoes: 2000 lb. @ 3.5¢ Commercial potatoes: 19000 lb. @ 1.75¢ Rough culls: 2077 lb. @ 1¢ Small seed potatoes: 13813 lb. @ 1¢							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$561.40		

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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Disking Harrowing Rolling Floating Bordering Ditching Fertilizing Seed Irrigation Harvesting Miscellaneous	61.7 27.5 45.5 50.0 59.8 20.5 13.2 19.2 387.5 30.0 23.7	123.0 28.5 91.0 127.8 96.2 17.9 28.8 34.5 42.0	20.7 13.8 4.2	\$ 1.61 .79 1.53 .33 .65 .07 1.78 1.68 	\$ 46.87 20.16 28.83 34.79 34.19 10.06 9.94 12.81 155.00 16.90 9.48		
Total labor and machinery	738.6	589.7	38.7	\$ 9.14	\$379.03		
2700 lb. sulfur @ 03.685¢ 652 lb. seed @ 38¢ Culture: 10 bottles @ 50¢ Pumping cost: 101.8 hours @ 84.8¢ 6 acre-feet water from small well @ \$6.78 Interest on value land, \$18.18 per A. @ 6% Taxes @ 91.2¢ per A.							
TOTAL COST					\$906.37		
Returns:							
6.8 T. hay @ \$7.00							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$527.60		

TABLE XVII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR ALFALFA SEEDING Field V-24.0 Acres-1927

TABLE XVIII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR PEA AND WHEAT HAY

Field I.		Acres	1928
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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Flowing Disking Harrowing Floating Bordering Inoculating seed Seeding Ditching Irrigating Harvesting	85.0 42.1 17.8 53.8 12.2 8.0 21.0 20.8 271.9 93.8	254.2 108.4 52.8 75.5 25.7 78.5	6.0 27.2 7.8 	\$ 1.35 1.64 .20 1.11 .30 1.98 .10 1.43	\$ 60.77 31.72 12.60 33.51 8.30 3.20 17.93 11.35 108.76 46.80		
Total labor and machinery	626.4	595.1	41.9	\$ 8.11	\$334.94		
Seed: Peas, 2544 lb. @ 3¢							
TOTAL COST					\$628 <u>.</u> 47		
Crop returns: Hay: 30.4 T. @ \$6.00 Pasture for sheep: 10 plots					\$182.40 70.50		
TOTAL RETURNS					\$252.90		

IRRIGATED EIGHTY-ACRE DEMONSTRATION FARM

	Man- bours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Plowing	43.0 47.0 17.0 28.0 28.1 10.5 4.0 397.8 124.5 42.8 111.5 12.0	21.8 105.8 51.0 27.8 40.0 4.8 160.5	35.8 11.8 14.0 10.7 .1 .1 13.0 11.5	\$ 1.66 1.83 .13 .56 .82 .98 .04 4.10 7.41 .70	\$ 35.36 35.93 12.03 17.36 19.12 9.18 2.16 159.12 69.95 29.73 45.40 14.00		
Total labor and machinery	866.2	411.7	96.9	\$ 18.23	\$449.34		
Seed wheat: 2184 lb. @ 2¢							
TOTAL COST					\$719.93		
Crop returns: Milling wheat: 14959 lb. @ 1.75¢ Cracked wheat: 5508 lb. @ 2.25¢ Alfalía seed: 650 lb. @ 30¢ Straw: 28143 lb. @ .175¢ Pasture for sheep							
TOTAL RETURNS							

TABLE XIX. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT AND ALFALFA SEED Field II—15.3 Acres—1928

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	Man. hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Plowing Rolling Double disking Harrowing Leveling Floating Cutting and treating seed Planting Ditching Irrigating Cultivating Harvesting Sorting and storing Marketing	9.0 .8 12.5 4.4 20.0 .8.2 104.5 9.5 13.3 152.9 35.0 197.5 130.8 4.8	1.5 19.2 8.6 15.0 19.0 26.4 36.8 57.0	9.0 	\$ 0.35 .03 .57 .07 .30 .26 	\$ 7.55 .50 9.89 3.29 12.28 6.02 41.80 7.33 10.18 61.16 18.19 93.00 53.92 5.12		
Total labor and machinery	703.2	183.5	47.9	\$ 5.84	\$330.23		
Seed potatoes							
TOTAL COST					\$503.40		
Crop returns: Conmercial potatoes: 12875 lb. @ 1.25¢ Seed potatoes: 17846 lb. @ 2½¢ Rough and injured potatoes: 3593 lb. @ 1¢ Feed culls: 10781 lb. potatoes @ .5¢ Pasture for sheep (volunteer peas)							
TOTAL RETURNS							

TABLE XX. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR POTATOES Field III-5.5 Acres-1928

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Disking	15.8 3.8 6.6 7.5 4.5 4.8 13.3 82.7 43.2 28.8 19.2	32.2 7.5 19.9 18.0 26.4 52.0	5.0 	\$ 0.64 .13 .05 .16 .07 .44 .17 .133 2.47 .13	\$ 12.18 2.40 4.68 4.68 2.59 4.16 8.33 33.08 23.81 15.91 7.81		
Total labor and machinery 230.2 156.0 15.9 \$ 5.59 Seed: wheat 624 lb. @ 2¢							
TOTAL COST					\$202.20		
Returns: Certified seed wheat: 6217 @ 3¢ Commercial seed wheat (sold early): 3308 @ 2¢ Feed wheat: 4551 @ 2.25¢ Fine cracked wheat: 768 @ 2¢ Sheep pasture and straw							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$405.56		

TABLE XXI. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT Field IV-5.5 Acres-1928

TABLE XXII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR ALFALFA HAY Field V—24.0 Acres—1928

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Ditching Irrigating Harvesting	17.9 320.4 276.5	14.9	1.0	\$ 0.12 10.18	\$ 9.17 128.16 165.03		
Total labor and machinery	614.8	457.4	1.0	\$ 10.30	\$302.36		
Depreciation of stand, \$20 per A. @ 10% Pumping cost: 195.9 hours Interest on value land, \$19.72 per A. @ 6% Taxes, 24 A. @ 91.2¢							
TOTAL COST							
Crop returns: Alfalfa hay: 81.5 T. @ \$7.00 Pasture for sheep							
TOTAL RETURNS							

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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Disking Harrowing Bordering Seeding Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing	$\begin{array}{c} 25.8\\ 13.5\\ 22.5\\ 13.0\\ 10.8\\ 16.2\\ 242.0\\ 50.8\\ 125.2 \end{array}$	79.8 12.0 16.0 39.0 21.0 63.0 76.5	7.5 11.2 2.5 17.0	\$ 0.66 .42 .46 .20 .95 .07 2.83 10.34	\$ 18.96 10.02 13.94 8.00 9.17 8.65 96.80 29.45 74.87		
Total labor and machinery	519.80	307.30	38.2	\$ 15.93	\$269.86		
Seed: 2545 lb. wheat @ 3¢ Treating seed							
TOTAL COST					\$569.69		
Crop returns: Wheat: 46485 lb. @ 2.25¢ Straw: 51,730 lb. @ .25¢ Pasture							
TOTAL RETURNS							

TABLE XXIV.	SUMMARY	OF COSTS AI	ID RETURNS	FOR	PEAS AND	WHEAT
		Field II-15.3	Acres—1929			

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
Disking Bordering Floating Harrowing Seeding Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing Cleaning	22.8 8.0 18.0 4.5 14.8 12.8 270.5 145.2 174.0 53.0	81.2 12.5 55.2 21.5 42.0 121.0	2.0 9.0 4.5 26.0	\$ 0.66 .16 .36 .22 1.34 .07 	\$ 17.90 5.41 11.16 3.82 12.78 7.34 108.20 63.37 108.74 21.85	
Total labor and machinery	723.60	333.40	41.50	\$ 21.19	\$360.57	
Seed: 1813 lb. wheat						
TOTAL COST			··		\$633.56	
Crop returns: Feed grain: 31844 lb. @ 2.25¢ Seed peas: 2216 lb. @ 3¢ Alfalfa seed: 1040 lb. @ 30¢						
Alfalfa seed : 115 lb. @ 20¢ Straw : 56625 lb. @ .25¢ Pasture					312.00 23.00 141.56 10.00	
TOTAL RETURNS						

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
D. disking	5.0 2.2 7.0 5.5 2.1 68.2 14.5 38.5 22.8	20.0 4.0 13.0 2.5 18.0 28.5	2.2 3.5 2.2 	\$ 0.07 .12 .14 .13 .34 .01 	\$ 4.07 1.88 4.34 3.61 3.04 .85 27.53 8.41 23.63 9.38	
Total labor and machinery 169.3 86.0 12.90 \$ 5.26 Seed: 725 lb. wheat						
TOTAL COST						
Crop returns: Seed wheat: 11394 lb. @ 3¢ Feed wheat: 5580 lb. @ .25¢ Straw: 19500 lb. @ .25¢ Alialia seed: 153 lb. @ 30¢ Pasture						
TOTAL RETURNS						

TABLE XXV. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT Field III-5.5 Acres-1929

TABLE XXVI. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR PEAS AND OATS Field IV-5.5 Acres-1929

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
Plowing D. disking Border Spring-toothing Floating Ditching Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing Cleaning	11.5 6.8 5.5 12.0 6.5 10.9 89.2 67.8 72.8 39.5	20.0 4.0 12.0 33.5 24.0 49.5	11.5 1.8 1.8 3.5 6.0 10.8 	\$ 0.31 .13 .14 .25 .59 .34 	\$ 9.51 5.57 3.46 3.74 7.45 4.39 8.05 35.68 30.14 45.27 16.18	
Total labor and machinery	328.0	143.0	35.4	\$ 9.78	\$169.44	
Seed: 616 lb. peas @ 3¢ 652 lb. oats @ 2¢ Pumping: 66.0 hours Interest on value land, \$26.10 per A. @ 6% Taxes: 5.5 A. @ 91.2¢						
TOTAL COST					\$262.16	
Crop returns: Feed grain: 12374 lb. @ 2.25¢ Peas: 1863 lb. @ 3¢ Straw: 22289 lb. @ .25¢ Alfalia seed: 45 lb. @ 30¢ Pasture						
TOTAL RETURNS						

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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Spring toothing Bordering Floating	16.0 14.5 15.5 9.8 18.5 312.5 60.5 20.5 97.7 227.0	13.5 35.0 16.5 121.0 41.0 241.8	16.0 3.5 7.8	\$ 0.79 .35 .31 .86 .18 	\$ 13.59 8.90 9.63 8.28 9.23 125.00 39.44 12.99 39.08 121.81		
Total labor and machinery	792.5	468.8	27.3	\$ 13.15	\$387.95		
*Seed: 910 lb. wheat @ 2¢							
Crop returns: 92 T. bay @ \$13.50 Pasture							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$1,267.00		

TABLE XXVII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR ALFALFA HAY Field V-24.0 Acres-1929

*Wheat and peas sown to thicken stand.

 TABLE XXVIII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT AND PEAS

 Field I—19.0 Acres—1930

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
Fertilizing Disking Harrowing Bordering Floating Seeding Treating Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing	57.3 35.7 28.0 1.8 11.0 22.0 7.5 6.5 226.8 147.5 104.7	145.0 101.0 62.0 7.0 80.0 99.5 87.5	10.5 12.5 11.0 1.0 21.8	\$ 3.85 .74 .74 .04 .44 1.95 .01 .01 .2.57 11.28	\$ 41.27 29.32 23.14 1.46 9.24 19.25 3.00 3.41 90.72 71.52 70.63	
Total labor and machinery	648.8	590.0	56.8	\$ 21.62	\$362.96	
56 loads manure @ 50¢						
TOTAL COST						
Returns: Mixed feed: 23592 lb. @ 2¢ Mixed straw: 31318 lb. @ .25¢						
TOTAL RETURNS					\$550.14	

TABLE XXIX. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR WHEAT AND ALFALFA SEED Field II-15.3 Acres-1930

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
Fertilizing Disking Bardering Seeding Building ditches Irrigating Harvesting Cleaning	137.0 20.5 22.5 1.8 10.7 8.5 304.5 61.5 75.8 - 33.5	182.0 32.0 38.0 7.0 41.0 10.0 62.0 68.5	12.5 13.0 19.5	\$ 7.74 .60 .72 .04 1.03 .02 2.70 12.37 .30	\$ 80.74 17.00 18.72 1.46 9.53 4.42 121.80 33.50 57.34 13.70	
Total labor and machinery 676.3 440.5 45.2 \$ 25.52 151 loads manure @ 50¢						
TOTAL COST						
Returns: Alfalfa seed: 1200 lb. @ 30¢ Feed wheat: 24830 lb. @ 2¢ Straw: 37530 lb. @ .25¢						
TOTAL RETURNS						

TABLE XXX. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR EXPERIMENTAL PASTURE

Field III-5.5 Acres-1930

	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Plowing D. disking Floating Blading Harrowing Seeding Ditching Irrigating	$ \begin{array}{r} 2.0\\ 12.0\\ 21.0\\ 2.8\\ 9.5\\ 9.0\\ 3.5\\ 65.0\\ \end{array} $	30.0 10.0 21.0 2.5	2.0 4.5 13.5 3.5 2.5	\$ 0.10 .27 .62 .07 .18 .03	\$ 1.70 9.87 15.42 2.59 7.08 3.60 1.68 26.00		
Total labor and machinery	124.8	63.5	26.0	\$ 1.27	\$ 67.94		
Seed Culture: 1 bottle Pumping: 66 hours Interest on the value of land: \$34.95 per A. @ 6% Taxes: 5.5 acres @ 91.2¢							
TOTAL COST							
Charged to experimental work							

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	Man- hours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost		
Plowing Disking Harrowing Floating Treating and cutting seed Planting Ditching Furrowing Cultivating Irrigating Harvesting Sorting and storing	$\begin{array}{c} 31.3\\ 10.7\\ 14.3\\ 14.5\\ 98.0\\ 8.2\\ 3.0\\ 22.5\\ 17.8\\ 133.2\\ 164.5\\ 136.7 \end{array}$	61.5 12.0 35.5 16.5 2.0 22.5 17.8 40.0	10.8 7.7 5.3 14.5 	\$ 1.12 .34 .33 .59 1.40 .01 .35 .47	\$ 24.11 8.90 11.72 12.19 39.20 6.33 1.41 11.60 9.37 53.28 73.88 54.68		
Total labor and machinery	654.7	207.8	43.8	4.61	\$306.67		
Seed: 5800 lb. @ 2.5¢ Corrosive sublimate: 22 oz. @ 25¢ Sulfur: 170 lb. @ 3.9¢ Pumping: 128.0 hours Interest on value land: \$34.95 per A. @ 6% Taxes: 5.5 A. @ 91.2¢							
TOTAL COST							
Returns: Commercial potatoes: 19813 lb. @ 2.25¢ Seed potatoes: 14130 lb. @ 3¢ Cull potatoes: 4658 lb. @ .75¢ Rough and cut potatoes: 1186 lb. @ 1.5¢							
TOTAL RETURNS					\$922.42		

TABLE XXXI. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR POTATOES Field IV-5.5 Acres-1930

TABLE XXXII. SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS FOR ALFALFA HAY Field V-24.0 Acres-1930

	Man- bours	Horse- hours	Tractor- or truck- hours	Machinery cost	Total cost	
Fertilizing Disking Floating Spring-toothing Bordering *Treating seed *Seeding barley *Seeding clover Ditching Irrigating Harvesting Threshing Cleaning	17.5 8.5 14.8 16.2 5.5 2.5 7.5 6.8 8.5 323.5 308.7 33.5 6.0	50.0 34.0 11.0 13.5 5.0 346.5 33.5	14.8 16.2 7.8	\$ 1.31 .12 .60 .81 .10 .73 .53 .01 	\$ 13.31 6.92 12.44 13.77 3.40 1.00 5.23 4.60 3.91 129.40 164.37 24.91 2.45	
Total labor and machinery	Total labor and machinery 759.5 508.5 38.8 \$ 15.54					
20 loads manure @ 50¢ *Seed barley: 1290 lb. @ 3¢ *Yellow blossom sweet clover: 370 lb. @ 11¢ *Yellow blossom sweet clover: 370 lb. @ 11¢ *Gulture: 2 bottles @ 50¢ *Formaldehyde: 1 pt. @ 60¢ Pumping: 277.5 hours 10.6 acre-feet water from small well @ \$6.78 Interest on value land: \$34.95 per A. @ 6% Taxes: 24 A. @ 91.2¢ Depreciation of stand: 24 acres @ \$2.00						
TOTAL COST						
Returns: Alfalfa hay: 122005 @ .5¢ Alfalfa seed: 237 lb. @ 30¢ Barley: 3714 lb. @ 2¢ Straw: 9189 lb. @ .25¢						
TOTAL RETURNS					\$778.38	
*Barley and sweet clower co-						

*Barley and sweet clover sown to thicken stand.

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Machine and size	Make	Initial cost	Year pur- chased	Hours service in 10 years	Rental per hour*	
D: 1 (()	Dender Theat	\$ 250.00	1924	2,400	\$0.135	
Binder, 6 ft.	Deering Ideal	\$250.00	1924	1,200	.042	
Cultivator, 2-horse	John Deere	40.00		400	.024	
Cultivator	Montgomery Ward	7.45	1930	4,800	.039	
Double disk, 6 ft. 18 in	John Deere	136.97	1926		.013	
Disk. 4 ft. double	John Deere	32.00	1928	3,200	.013	
Disk, single-7 ft. 18 in.	John Deere	80.00	1923	2,400		
Disk, single-5 ft. 20 in.	John Deere	65.00	1913	2,400	.035	
Diker, inverted 'V' 7 ft.		7.00	1927	1,600	.005	
Ditcher, 6 ft. 'V'	Martz Special	10.00	1918	2,400	.005	
Ditcher, 5 ft. steel	Martin	50.00	1923	2,400	.028	
Drill, 7-14 double disk.	J. D. Van Brunt	178.23	1923	2,400	.098	
Fanning mill, Size B	Chatham	60.00	1913	4,800	.017	
Fanning null, Size B	Clipper	60.00	1927	4,800	.017	
Float, 8x24 ft.	enpper	15.00	1920 •	1,200	.017	
Float, 6x32 ft.		25.00	1928	800	.040	
	Aschbacher	15.00	1923	2,400	.008	
Fresno, small	Montgomery Ward	26.50	1925	2,400	.015	
Fresno, large		92.33	1927	800	.148	
Fertilizer sower, 8 it	John Deere		1913	600	.007	
Harrow, spike-tooth	·····	30.00	1913	1,000	.012	
Hay slips, 7x15		8.50		800	.162	
Hay derrick	Mormon	100.00	1928		.107	
Manure spreader, Size C	John Deere	195.50	1925	2,400	.053	
Mower, high lift	John Deere	91.78	1926	2,400		
Plow, sulky two-way	Syracuse, J. D	99.91	1923	4,800	.028	
Plow, walking, 14 in	Syracuse, J. D	18.94	1923	4,800		
Plow, shovel	Oliver	5.00	1913	1,200	.005	
Plow, shovel	Montgomery Ward	4.75	1930	400	.016	
Plow tractor 2-12 gang_	John Deere	96.38	1928	2,400	.052	
Potato planter, Hoover Potato digger, Hoover	John Deere	105.67	1927	800	.172	
Potato digger, Hoover	John Deere	122.69	1927	1,200	.133	
Potato digger, shaker	John Deere	25.50	1925	1,600	.021	
Rake, hay 10 ft. Mt. Wh.	John Deere	61.22	1927	2,400	.034	
Rack, hay, 8x16 ft	,	15.00	1924	2,400	.008	
Reaper, self-rake	McCormick	100.00	1913	1,200	.108	
Roller, 8 ft.	Western Land	63.35	1924	2,400	.034	
Separator, 22x32	Adv. Rumely	1.075.75	1923	2,400	.582	
Tractor, 9-18 gas.	Case	360.00	1924	3,600	.130	
Truck, 1 ton	International	250.00	1928	3,600	.091	
Truck	Ford. Model A	785.77	1930	3,600	.284	
Wagon, Moline, 31 old	Moline	60.00	1919	3,200	.025	
Weeder, blade, 8 ft		31.36	1923	2,400	.017	
weeder, blade, o it	Snider	31.30	1923	2,400	.017	
Transan fuel lubrication	n interest and depres	intion nor he			\$0.40	
Tractor: fuel, lubrication	i, interest and depred	had depres	ation per	hour	.40	
International truck : fue	i, interest interes	i, and deprec	actor, per		.50	
Ford truck : fuel, lubrica	ation, interest, and de	epieciation, pe	noui		.007	
Motor for fanning mill, p	per nour				.40	
Man labor, per hour					.10	
Horse and harness, per horse-hour						

TABLE XXXIII. BASIS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT CHARGES

*6 percent interest on average value, and depreciation based on estimated number of hours service in ten years.