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# BOYS' and GIRLS' CLUB WORK

## FARM MANAGEMENT CLUB

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## THE FARM MANAGEMENT CLUB

The object of the Farm Management Club is three-fold in that it attempts to teach older boys and young men:

1. The principles of successful farm management and farm organization.
2. How to get the facts of the farm business by keeping simple farm records.
3. How to study the farming business of their locality in order to see how it can be made more profitable.

Each member of the club will keep a farm account book record of his own or his father's farm for a year. He will take an inventory of the livestock, feed and supplies on hand at the beginning and end of the year. He will keep track of the receipts and expenses, will summarize and analyze his record, and compare it with that of other farms in his community.

Each club will meet at least nine times a year (about every six weeks). At each of these meetings some phase of farm management will be studied and discussed. Plans for these demonstration meetings and subject matter literature for study and discussion have been prepared by the Farm Management Demonstrator at the State Agricultural College and will be sent out in advance of the meetings. It is understood that the Farm Management Demonstrator will attend four of these meetings (the second, last and two others) and the county agent or local leader the other five.



## **SUBJECTS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION AT CLUB MEETINGS**

1. Organization meeting at which officers are elected and plans are made for the year's work. The taking of inventories is explained and blanks for that purpose are distributed.
2. Farm management school. Each member fills out a practice account book from dictation. Farm record keeping is explained and individual assistance is given in entering inventories.
3. How crop yields affect profits. Such things as standard varieties, date of seeding, seed testing, seed treatment etc., will be studied.
4. Farm layouts, arrangement of fields and buildings, crop rotation.
5. Relation of type of farming to climate, soil, markets and market facilities, etc.
6. How returns per head of livestock affects profits. Results are presented and such subjects of farm management surveys as the feeding, breeding, housing, care and management of livestock are discussed.
7. How efficiency in the use of labor affects profits.
8. How size of business affects profits.
9. Summarizing and analyzing the account books at the end of the year. A club summary will be made and each farm compared with the average of the group.



## Regulations

1. Membership open to boys and men between the ages of 15 and 21 inclusive.
2. Enrollments close January 1.
3. A club shall consist of not less than ten members and a local leader.
4. Each member shall keep an account book on his own or his father's farm.
5. There will be nine regular meetings of the club during the year. At each of these some phase of farm management will be discussed. Outlines and subject matter literature for these demonstrations will be sent to members every six weeks.
6. Each member studies the literature, attends the meetings, keeps a farm account book, summarizes his record and writes a story, based on his account book record, entitled, "How I can increase my profits next year".
7. This is what is known as a "Senior" Club. State Fair contest rules do not apply. Any premiums, trips, or prizes offered will have to be secured locally.

## Suggested Basis of Achievement

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| Attendance at meetings.....     | 25%  |
| Completeness of record.....     | 25%  |
| Story (analysis of record)..... | 50%  |
| TOTAL.....                      | 100% |