

DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT

1942 Breeders' Program of Work

The county agent's office cooperated with the Dane County Holstein and Guernsey Breeders' Associations in carrying out the following program of work in 1942.

1. Promotion of calf club work.
Breeders furnished 36 registered bull calves to 4-H and F.F.A. members. Said calves were cared for by club member for 8 months, exhibited at the Dane County Junior Fair and sold at public auction. Breeder and club member shared 50-50 in net proceeds of sale. (complete explanation given below).
2. Two hundred and thirty six animals were exhibited at the Dane County Junior Fair and 22 animals exhibited at the junior state fair.

- Better Herd Sire Campaign -

The 4-H and F.F.A. Bull Calf Project

Twenty five interested and progressive breeders of registered Holstein and Guernsey cattle in Dane County again sponsored the bull calf project in 1942.

The 36 bulls in this project were sold at a cooperative sale at Stoughton, Saturday, November 8, for a total of \$5,362.50, or an average of \$149.00 each. The breeder and the 4-H and F.F.A. boys shared equally in the net proceeds of this sale.

The county agent's office has been very glad to cooperate with the breeders in this project for three main reasons:

1. It provides a practical plan for getting better sires into the dairy herds in this county. Each year several of the fathers of these boys have bought the bull which his son had in this project to head his herd of dairy cattle.
2. It provides a profitable project for our 4-H and F.F.A. boys -- thus interesting them in the farm and good livestock.
3. It promotes the breeding and sale of better dairy cattle. The growth of this project is shown in the following figures.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Bulls</u>	<u>Total Sale</u>	<u>Average Price</u>
1940	19	\$1,472.50	\$ 77.50
1941	31	4,003.00	129.00
1942	36	5,362.50	149.00

The Dane County breeders of registered dairy cattle plan to continue this project in 1943.