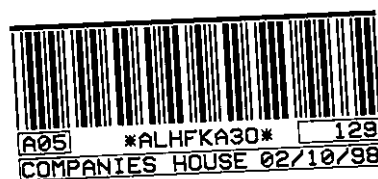


WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITED

ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1998

Company Number: 934310 (England and Wales)



WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITED

AUDITORS REPORT TO WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITED
under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 28th February 1998 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Dexter & Sharpe

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Registered Auditors and Chartered Certified Accountants
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30th September 1998

WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITEDAbbreviated Balance Sheet at 28th February 1998

	Notes	£	1998	£	1997	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>						
Tangible Assets	2)		67285		56365	
<u>Current Assets</u>						
Valuation		74866		79284		
Debtors	3)	39870		51335		
Cash at Bank and in Hand		40782		9055		
		155518		139674		
<u>Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</u>		(116307)		(108962)		
<u>Net Current Assets</u>			39211		30712	
<u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u>			106496		87077	
<u>Provisions for Liabilities and Charges</u>						
Deferred Taxation			(6260)		(2608)	
<u>Net Assets</u>			100236		84469	
<u>Capital and Reserves</u>						
Called Up Share Capital	4)	14000		14000		
Capital Reserves		37214		37214		
Profit and Loss Account		49022		33255		
Shareholders' Funds			100236		84469	

The financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies were approved by the board 30th September 1998 and signed on its behalf.

...*P. J. Pearson*.....

P J Pearson
Director

The notes on pages 3 and 4 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITED**Notes to the Financial Statements**
For the year ended 28th February 1998**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a) Basis of preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Turnover

Turnover comprises the amount receivable for goods and services sold in the year, net of Value Added Tax, and after adjusting for stocks included in opening and closing valuations.

c) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Grain Drier & Store	12.5% reducing balance basis
Implements & Machinery	12.5% reducing balance basis
Tractors and Equipment	30% reducing balance basis
Leased Assets	30% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Harvesters	30% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	12.5% reducing balance basis

d) Leasing and Hire Purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

e) Stock

The valuation of stock is carried out by independent valuers, James Eley and Son, 1 Main Ridge West, Boston, and has been valued at cost of production.

f) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, using the liability method, only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the near future.

WALTER PEARSON AND SONS (FARMS) LIMITEDNotes to the Abbreviated Accounts
For the year ended 28th February 1998g) Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme, and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>
At 1st March 1997	315317
Additions	18568
Disposals	(9700)
At 28th February 1998	324185
<u>Depreciation</u>	
At 1st March 1997	258952
On Disposals	(8073)
Charge for the year	6021
At 28th February 1998	256900
<u>Net Book Values</u>	
At 28th February 1998	67285
At 28th February 1997	56365

3. DEBTORS

Debtors are all due within one year

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	£	£
<u>Authorised:</u>		
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	15000	15000
<u>Allotted:</u>		
Ordinary Shares of £1 each, fully paid	14000	14000