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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 MARCH 1996
for
MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED



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MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

J A G Maitland
Mrs V M Maitland
K J Maitland
Mrs J Maitland

SECRETARY

K J Maitland

REGISTERED OFFICE

The Old Rectory
South Walks Road
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REGISTERED NUMBER

1205708

ACCOUNTANTS

Perks Simm
Chartered Accountants
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MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of farming.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company in office during the year and their beneficial interests in the issued share capital were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of capital</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
J A G Maitland	Ordinary shares of £1	1	1
Mrs V M Maitland	Ordinary shares of £1	1	1
K J Maitland	Ordinary shares of £1	98	98
Mrs J Maitland	Ordinary shares of £1	-	-

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the above report, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

..... *K J Maitland*
K J Maitland

Approved by the board:

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

**REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED**

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1996 set out on pages 4 to 14.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our examination in accordance with the appropriate standards for reporting accountants issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This examination consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report.

The examination was not an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts. Therefore our examination does not provide any assurance that the accounting records and the accounts are free from material misstatement.

OPINION

In our opinion:

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with those accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
- (c) the company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1).

Perks Simm

PERKS SIMM

Chartered Accountants
The Old Rectory
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Dorset DT1 1DT

Dated:

6th January 1997

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 1996

	Notes	1996 £	£	1995 £	£
TURNOVER	2	260,955		231,314	
Change in stocks of finished goods and work-in-progress		<u>(6,290)</u>		<u>5,687</u>	
		254,665		237,001	
Other operating income		<u>4,803</u>		<u>6,220</u>	
		259,468		243,221	
Raw materials and consumables		<u>119,520</u>		<u>98,368</u>	
		139,948		144,853	
Staff costs	52,225			66,288	
Depreciation	22,032			15,588	
Other operating charges	<u>31,478</u>	<u>105,735</u>		<u>33,607</u>	<u>115,483</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	3	34,213		29,370	
Interest payable and similar charges		<u>15,678</u>		<u>15,402</u>	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		18,535		13,968	
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		<u>528</u>		<u>798</u>	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	17	<u>£18,007</u>		<u>£13,170</u>	

Continuing operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

Total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above financial year.

Historical cost profits

A note of historical cost profits is shown on page 5.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS
for the year ended 31 March 1996

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit for the financial year before taxation	18,535	13,968
Realisation of revaluation surplus on reduction in dairy herd	<u>653</u>	<u>2,123</u>
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>£19,188</u>	<u>£16,091</u>
Historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation	<u>£18,660</u>	<u>£15,293</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 1996

	Notes	1996 £	£	1995 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets					
- owned	4	41,822		42,999	
- hire purchase	5	37,870		49,349	
- finance lease	6	<u>12,803</u>		<u>15,358</u>	
			92,495		107,706
Dairy herd		43,275		44,863	
Revaluation		<u>17,796</u>		<u>18,449</u>	
			<u>61,071</u>		<u>63,312</u>
			153,566		171,018
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	7	52,469		58,759	
Debtors	8	32,068		27,546	
Cash in hand		<u>120</u>		<u>107</u>	
			84,657		86,412
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>140,826</u>		<u>167,124</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(56,169)</u>		<u>(80,712)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			97,397		90,306
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		<u>33,989</u>		<u>44,905</u>
			£63,408		£45,401
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	12	27,600		27,600	
Revaluation reserve	13	17,796		18,449	
Profit and loss account	17	<u>18,012</u>		<u>(648)</u>	
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17		£63,408		£45,401

The directors have taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies in the preparation of the accounts and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1996 continued

The company is entitled to exemption from audit and the directors have taken advantage of this exemption conferred by Section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985 not to have these accounts audited. The directors confirm that no members of the company have requested an audit and that, therefore, no notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of that Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that:

1. the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
2. the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

The accounts were approved
on behalf of Board of Directors

K J Maitland

.....
K J Maitland

Dated: *19-12-96*

The notes form part of these financial statements

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off other tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives.

Computer equipment	- 25% straight line
Buildings	- 4.5% straight line
Improvements to property	- 10% straight line
General equipment	- 15% reducing balance
Dairy installation	- 15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Tractors	- 25% reducing balance

Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period.

The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Stocks

Stocks are valued by the directors at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes cost of purchase and all transport and handling costs. Net realisable value means the estimated proceeds of sale less costs to be incurred in marketing and selling.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit (1995 - profit) before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

Turnover represents amounts invoiced by the company to outside customers excluding value added tax. Turnover also includes transfers to the herd account at the cost of rearing and the profit or loss on replacement of herd animals.

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3. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	1996 £	1995 £
Depreciation - owned assets	8,370	6,792
- assets held on hire purchase	11,479	14,842
- assets held under finance leases	2,412	2,937
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(229)	(8,983)
Directors' remuneration - salaries	£26,800	27,100
Directors' emoluments including estimated value of benefits-in-kind	£32,708	£34,440

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - OWNED

	<u>Computer equipment</u> £	<u>Buildings</u> £	<u>Improve- ments to property</u> £	<u>General equipment</u> £
COST				
As at 1 April 1995	1,488	30,755	33,483	66,276
Additions	3,052	-	-	2,529
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,250)
As at 31 March 1996	4,540	30,755	33,483	67,555
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 1995	737	17,284	19,127	54,608
Charge for year	1,013	1,384	2,714	2,072
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	(867)
As at 31 March 1996	1,750	18,668	21,841	55,813
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 March 1996	£2,790	£12,087	£11,642	£11,742
As at 31 March 1995	£751	£13,471	£14,356	£11,668

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - OWNED continued

	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
COST			
As at 1 April 1995	3,264	15,544	150,810
Additions	1,995	-	7,576
Disposals	-	-	(1,250)
As at 31 March 1996	5,259	15,544	157,136
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 1995	1,815	14,240	107,811
Charge for year	861	326	8,370
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(867)
As at 31 March 1996	2,676	14,566	115,314
NET BOOK VALUE			
As at 31 March 1996	£2,583	£978	£41,822
As at 31 March 1995	£1,449	£1,304	£42,999

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - HELD UNDER HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

	<u>General equipment</u> £	<u>Computer equipment</u> £	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
COST					
As at 1 April 1995	13,500	2,310	15,466	49,500	80,776
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1996	13,500	2,310	15,466	49,500	80,776
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 April 1995	2,025	1,155	6,766	21,481	31,427
Charge for year	1,721	578	2,175	7,005	11,479
As at 31 March 1996	3,746	1,733	8,941	28,486	42,906
NET BOOK VALUE					
As at 31 March 1996	£9,754	£577	£6,525	£21,014	£37,870
As at 31 March 1995	£11,475	£1,155	£8,700	£28,019	£49,349

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - HELD UNDER FINANCE LEASES

	<u>General equipment</u> £	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
COST				
As at 1 April 1995	32,500	4,535	19,000	56,085
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,535)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,535)</u>
As at 31 March 1996	32,500	-	19,050	51,550
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 1995	18,592	4,392	17,743	40,727
Charge for year	2,086	-	326	2,412
Eliminated on disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,392)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,392)</u>
As at 31 March 1996	20,678	-	18,069	38,747
NET BOOK VALUES				
As at 31 March 1996	£11,822	£-	£981	£12,803
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
As at 31 March 1995	£13,908	£143	£1,307	£15,358
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. STOCKS

	1996 £	1995 £
Livestock	23,725	26,600
Growing crops	13,754	11,370
Other stocks	<u>14,990</u>	<u>20,789</u>
	£52,469	£58,759
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1996 £	1995 £
Value added tax	1,676	1,609
Trade debtors	18,010	18,967
Directors' current account	<u>12,382</u>	<u>6,970</u>
	£32,068	£27,546
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The directors' overdrawn current account was in respect of K J Maitland. The maximum overdrawn current account balance in the year was £12,382.

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1996	1995
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	110,501	116,179
Hire purchase and finance leases	9,776	14,757
Trade creditors	14,404	12,502
Accrued expenses	1,969	2,811
Directors' current account	2,428	1,792
Other tax and social security	1,220	11,207
Taxation	528	876
Directors' remuneration unpaid	-	7,000
	<u>£140,826</u>	<u>£167,124</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	1996	1995
	£	£
Loan - Maitlands (Farmers) Limited	23,000	24,140
Hire purchase and finance leases	<u>10,989</u>	<u>20,765</u>
	<u>£33,989</u>	<u>£44,905</u>

The loan above is from Maitlands (Farmers) Limited, a company with certain common directors and a common holder of ordinary shares and carried interest at 11% per annum (gross).

11. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE AND FINANCE LEASES

	1996	1995
	£	£
Amounts payable:		
Within one year	10,900	16,941
Within two to five years	<u>11,593</u>	<u>22,493</u>
	22,493	39,434
Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	<u>1,728</u>	<u>3,912</u>
	<u>£20,765</u>	<u>£35,522</u>
Summary:		
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	9,776	14,757
Between one and five years	<u>10,989</u>	<u>20,765</u>
	<u>£20,765</u>	<u>£35,522</u>

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12. SHARE CAPITAL Authorised

<u>Number</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Nominal value</u>	1996 £	1995 £
100	Ordinary shares	£1	100	100
29,900	Non-voting Non-cumulative Irredeemable Preference shares	£1	<u>29,900</u>	<u>29,900</u>
			£30,000	£30,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Nominal value</u>	1996 £	1995 £
100	Ordinary shares	£1	100	100
27,500	Non-voting Non-cumulative Irredeemable Preference shares	£1	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>
			£27,600	£27,600

The non-voting non-cumulative irredeemable preference shares carry equal rights to dividends as the existing ordinary shares. On winding up they carry the right to repayment of capital of £27,500.

13. REVALUATION RESERVE

	1996 £	1995 £
Surplus on revaluation of dairy herd as at 31 March 1992	18,449	20,572
Realisation of revaluation surplus on reduction in herd	<u>(653)</u>	<u>(2,123)</u>
	£17,796	£18,449

14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Mr I Maitland, a brother of Mr K J Maitland, has made a claim against Maitland Farmers (Loop) Limited and others for rights over certain properties and a cash sum. The directors are of the opinion that no liability will result from the action.

There were no other contingencies at 31 March 1996 or 31 March 1995.

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15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1996 or 31 March 1995.

16. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a non-contributory defined contribution pension scheme covering one of its directors. The scheme funds are administered by trustees and are independent of the company's finances.

The company's contributions are charged against profits in the year in which they are made.

17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	<u>Share capital</u> £	<u>Revaluation reserve</u> £	<u>Profit and loss account</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Opening shareholders' funds at 1 April 1994	27,600	20,572	(15,941)	32,231
Profit for the year	-	-	13,170	13,170
Revaluation surplus realised on reduction on dairy herd	-	(2,123)	2,123	-
Closing shareholders' funds at 31 March 1995	27,600	18,449	(648)	45,401
Profit for the year	-	-	18,007	18,007
Revaluation surplus realised on reduction in dairy herd	-	(653)	653	-
Closing shareholders' funds at March 1996	£27,600	£17,796	£18,012	£63,408

	1996 £	1995 £
Equity interests	35,908	17,901
Non-equity interests	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>
	£63,408	£45,401