

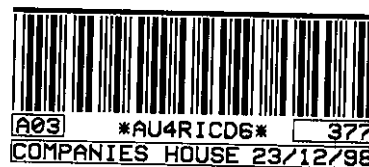
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MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 MARCH 1998



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

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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 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

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

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

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>1998</u>	<u>1997</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	-	-

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

72 J Maitland
K J Maitland

Approved by the board: 11 December 1998

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
TURNOVER	2	210,543	257,920
Change in stocks of finished goods and work-in-progress		<u>606</u>	<u>8,876</u>
		211,149	266,796
Other operating income		<u>17,723</u>	<u>5,683</u>
		228,872	272,479
Raw materials and consumables		<u>102,889</u>	<u>112,483</u>
		125,983	159,996
Staff costs	49,501		52,380
Depreciation	23,326		14,365
Other operating charges	<u>50,483</u>	<u>123,310</u>	<u>44,640</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	3	2,673	48,611
Interest and dividend receivable		<u>267</u>	<u>319</u>
		2,940	48,930
Interest payable and similar charges		<u>16,497</u>	<u>15,479</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		(13,557)	33,451
Exceptional items	4	<u>9,159</u>	<u>-</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(4,398)	33,451
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		<u>(489)</u>	<u>3,943</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	20	<u>£(3,909)</u>	<u>£29,508</u>

Continuing operations

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

Total recognised gains and losses

The company had 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 4.

The notes form part of these financial statements

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

**NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS
for the year ended 31 March 1998**

	1998 £	1997 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year before taxation	(4,398)	33,451
Realisation of revaluation surplus on reduction in dairy herd	<u>-</u>	<u>1,959</u>
Historical cost (loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>£(4,398)</u>	<u>£35,410</u>
Historical cost (loss)/profit for the year retained after taxation	<u>£(3,909)</u>	<u>£31,467</u>

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MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

**BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 1998**

	Notes	£	1998 £	£	1997 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	5		64,001		52,002
Tangible assets					
- owned	6	39,431		45,566	
- hire purchase	7	38,605		50,367	
- finance lease	8	<u>8,121</u>		<u>9,641</u>	
			86,157		105,574
Dairy herd		46,211		38,511	
Revaluation		<u>15,837</u>		<u>15,837</u>	
			<u>62,048</u>		<u>54,348</u>
			212,206		211,924
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	61,951		61,345	
Debtors	10	19,246		23,047	
Cash in hand		<u>120</u>		<u>120</u>	
			81,317	84,512	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>166,568</u>		<u>142,306</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(85,251)</u>		<u>(57,794)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			126,955		154,130
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	36,743		58,554	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	14	<u>1,205</u>		<u>2,660</u>	
			<u>37,948</u>		<u>61,214</u>
			<u>£89,007</u>		<u>£92,916</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	15		27,600		27,600
Revaluation reserve	16		15,837		15,837
Profit and loss account	20		<u>45,570</u>		<u>49,479</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		<u>£89,007</u>		<u>£92,916</u>

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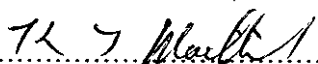
BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1998 continued

The company is entitled to exemption from audit and the directors have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 not to have these financial statements 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 financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 1998 and of its loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and 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


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K J Maitland

Dated: 11-12-98

The notes form part of these financial statements

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 1998

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 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
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 (loss)/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):

	1998 £	1997 £
Depreciation		
- owned assets	10,044	10,928
- assets held on hire purchase	11,762	16,064
- assets held under finance leases	1,520	1,816
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(14,443)
Directors' remuneration - salaries	£16,069	£17,424
Directors' emoluments including estimated value of benefits-in-kind	£23,077	£24,516

4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	1998 £	1997 £
Profit on sale of milk quota	1,449	-
Profit on sale of Dairy Crest shares	<u>7,710</u>	<u>-</u>
	£9,159	£-

The corporation tax charge on the resultant chargeable gains was approximately £1,619.

5. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Milk quota</u> £
Cost and net book value at 1 April 1997	52,002
Addition	25,000
Disposal	<u>(13,001)</u>
Cost and net book value at 31 March 1998	<u>£64,001</u>

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6. 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 1997	4,540	30,755	34,584	70,248
Additions	261	-	2,688	960
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	4,801	30,755	37,272	71,208
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 1997	2,763	20,052	24,597	57,978
Charge for year	1,078	1,384	2,891	1,984
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	3,841	21,436	27,488	59,962
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 March 1998	£960	£9,319	£9,784	£11,246
As at 31 March 1997	£1,777	£10,703	£9,987	£12,270

	<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
COST			
As at 1 April 1997	5,259	18,763	164,149
Additions	-	-	3,909
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	5,259	18,763	168,058
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 1997	3,322	9,871	118,583
Charge for year	484	2,223	10,044
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	3,806	12,094	128,627
NET BOOK VALUE			
As at 31 March 1998	£1,453	£6,669	£39,431
As at 31 March 1997	£1,937	£8,892	£45,566

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7. 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 1997	13,500	2,310	15,466	49,575	80,851
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	13,500	2,310	15,466	49,575	80,851
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 April 1997	5,209	2,309	10,572	12,394	30,484
Charge for year	1,244	-	1,223	9,295	11,762
Elimination on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	6,453	2,309	11,795	21,689	42,246
NET BOOK VALUE					
As at 31 March 1998	£7,047	£1	£3,671	£27,886	£38,605
As at 31 March 1997	£8,291	£1	£4,894	£37,181	£50,367

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - HELD UNDER FINANCE LEASES

	<u>General equipment</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
CAPITALISED VALUE			
As at 1 April 1997	27,560	19,050	46,610
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	27,560	19,050	46,610
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 1997	18,655	18,314	36,969
Charge for year	1,336	184	1,520
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 1998	19,991	18,498	38,489
NET BOOK VALUES			
As at 31 March 1998	£7,569	£552	£8,121
As at 31 March 1997	£8,905	£736	£9,641

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 1998

9.	STOCKS	1998	1997
		£	£
	Livestock	28,100	22,100
	Growing crops	14,655	16,200
	Other stocks	<u>19,196</u>	<u>23,045</u>
		<u>£61,951</u>	<u>£61,345</u>

10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1998	1997
		£	£
	Value added tax	1,793	4,014
	Trade debtors	16,177	17,363
	Directors' current account	1,276	-
	Other debtor	-	500
	Taxation recoverable	<u>-</u>	<u>1,170</u>
		<u>£19,246</u>	<u>£23,047</u>

The directors' current account for K J and Mrs J Maitland was overdrawn at the year end by £1,276. This amount has been cleared since the year end by payment of the unpaid directors' remuneration included in creditors (see note 11).

11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1998	1997
		£	£
	Bank overdraft	120,113	103,520
	Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 13)	11,920	14,059
	Trade creditors	11,121	4,458
	Accrued expenses	2,869	2,024
	Directors' current accounts	212	4,754
	Other tax and social security	1,436	3,258
	Corporation tax	362	1,385
	Milk quota loan (see note 12)	9,891	8,848
	Fertiliser loan	3,644	-
	Unpaid directors' remuneration	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>£166,568</u>	<u>£142,306</u>

The bank overdraft is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	1998	1997
		£	£
	Loan - Maitlands (Farmers) Limited (see note 20)	6,361	6,361
	Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 13)	-	11,920
	Milk quota loan	<u>30,382</u>	<u>40,273</u>
		<u>£36,743</u>	<u>£58,554</u>

The milk quota loan is repayable in monthly instalments over 5 years from November 1996.

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13.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE AND FINANCE LEASES	1998 £	1997 £
	Amounts payable:		
	Within one year	12,491	15,451
	Within two to five years	<u>-</u>	<u>12,491</u>
		12,491	27,942
	Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	<u>571</u>	<u>1,963</u>
		<u>£11,920</u>	<u>£25,979</u>
	Summary:		
	Net obligations repayable:		
	Within one year (note 11)	11,920	14,059
	Between one and five years (note 12)	<u>-</u>	<u>11,920</u>
		<u>£11,920</u>	<u>£25,979</u>
14.	DEFERRED TAXATION	1998 £	1997 £
	The provision is in respect of:		
	Accelerated capital allowances	1,097	2,239
	Timing differences on leased assets	<u>1,381</u>	<u>1,877</u>
		2,478	4,116
	Losses for tax purposes	<u>(1,273)</u>	<u>(1,456)</u>
		<u>£1,205</u>	<u>£2,660</u>

The above represents full provision, calculated at 21% (1997 24%).

15. **SHARE CAPITAL**
Authorised

Number	Class	Nominal value	1998 £	1997 £
100	Ordinary shares	£1	100	100
29,900	Non-voting Non-cumulative Irredeemable Preference shares	£1	<u>29,900</u>	<u>29,900</u>
			<u>£30,000</u>	<u>£30,000</u>

15. **SHARE CAPITAL CONTINUED**
Allotted, issued and fully paid

Number	Class	Nominal value	1998 £	1997 £
100	Ordinary shares	£1	100	100
27,500	Non-voting Non-cumulative Irredeemable Preference shares	£1	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>
			<u>£27,600</u>	<u>£27,600</u>

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

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16. REVALUATION RESERVE

	1998	1997
	£	£
Surplus on revaluation of dairy herd as at 31 March 1992	15,837	17,796
Realisation of revaluation surplus on reduction in herd	-	(1,959)
	<u>£15,837</u>	<u>£15,837</u>

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1998 or 31 March 1997.

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1998 or 31 March 1997.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

98 of the company's 100 issued ordinary shares are held by K J Maitland and he therefore controls the company. The non voting preference shares are held by Maitlands (Farmers) Limited, a company of which J A G Maitland and K J Maitland are directors and of which K J Maitland is a shareholder.

The directors have current accounts with the company and the balances due (from)/to the directors at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	1998	1997
	£	£
J A G & Mrs V Maitland	212	1,345
K J & Mrs J Maitland	(1,276)	3,409
	<u></u>	<u></u>

A loan balance of £6,361 was due to Maitlands (Farmers) Limited at 31 March 1998 (1997 £6,361).

Rent of £12,950 (1997 £8,338) was paid to K J Maitland in the year.

Rent of £212 was paid to Maitlands (Farmers) Limited in the year to 31 March 1997.

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20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Share <u>capital</u> £	Revaluation <u>reserve</u> £	Profit and <u>loss account</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Opening shareholders' funds at 1 April 1996	27,600	17,796	18,012	63,403
Profit for the year	-	-	29,508	29,508
Revaluation surplus realised on reduction in dairy herd	-	(1,959)	1,959	-
Closing shareholders' funds at 31 March 1997	27,600	15,837	49,479	92,916
Loss for the year	-	-	(3,909)	(3,909)
Closing shareholders' funds at 31 March 1998	£27,600	£15,837	£45,570	£89,007
			1998 £	1997 £
Equity interests			61,507	65,416
Non-equity interests			27,500	27,500
			£89,007	£92,916