

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 MARCH 1999



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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REGISTERED NUMBER

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ACCOUNTANTS

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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 1999.

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>1999</u>	<u>1998</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


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K J Maitland

Approved by the board: 23-12-99

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 1999

	Notes	1999 £	1998 £
TURNOVER	2	188,674	210,543
Change in stocks of finished goods and work-in-progress		(3,427)	606
		185,247	211,149
Other operating income		7,578	17,723
		192,825	228,872
Raw materials and consumables		89,343	102,889
		103,482	125,983
Staff costs	47,584		49,501
Depreciation and amortisation	28,729		23,326
Other operating charges	44,726	121,039	50,483
		121,039	50,483
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(17,557)	2,673
Interest and dividend receivable		203	267
		203	267
Interest payable and similar charges		(17,354)	2,940
		14,354	16,497
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		(31,708)	(13,557)
Exceptional items	4	56,775	9,159
		56,775	9,159
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		25,067	(4,398)
Tax on result from ordinary activities		(1,194)	(489)
		(1,194)	(489)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	20	£26,261	£(3,909)
		£26,261	£(3,909)

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 years.

The notes form part of these financial statements

MAITLAND FARMERS (LOOP) LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 1999

	Notes	£	1999 £	£	1998 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	5		57,616		64,001
Tangible assets					
- owned	6	28,768		39,431	
- hire purchase	7	44,108		38,605	
- finance lease	8	6,848		8,121	
			79,724		86,157
Dairy herd		45,652		46,211	
Revaluation		15,837		15,837	
			61,489		62,048
			198,829		212,206
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	58,524		61,951	
Debtors	10	21,565		19,246	
Cash in hand		49		120	
			80,138	81,317	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	129,109		166,568	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(48,971)		(85,251)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			149,858		126,955
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	34,590		36,743	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	14	-		1,205	
			34,590		37,948
			£115,268		£89,007
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	15		27,600		27,600
Revaluation reserve	16		15,837		15,837
Profit and loss account	20		71,831		45,570
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		£115,268		£89,007

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1999 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 1999 and of its profit 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 the Board of Directors

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K J Maitland

Dated: 23-12-99

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 1999

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.

Intangible fixed assets

Amortisation is provided on purchased milk quota at 10% per annum on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost over its estimated useful life.

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 profit/(loss) 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 (LOSS)/PROFIT

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

	1999 £	1998 £
Depreciation		
- owned assets	7,943	10,044
- assets held on hire purchase	11,497	11,762
- assets held under finance leases	1,273	1,520
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,616	-
Amortisation of milk quota	6,400	-
Directors' remuneration - salaries and benefits	£13,382	£16,069
Directors' emoluments including estimated value of benefits-in-kind were:	£19,700	£23,077

4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	1999 £	1998 £
Profit on disposal of interest in property	56,775	-
Profit on sale of milk quota	-	1,449
Profit on sale of Dairy Crest shares	-	7,710
	£56,775	£9,159

No tax charge arose on the resultant chargeable gain in 1999 due to the availability of losses.

The corporation tax charge on the resultant chargeable gains in 1998 was approximately £1,619.

5. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Milk Quota £	Trade Investments £	Total £
Cost and net book value at 1 April 1998	64,001	-	64,001
Additions	-	15	15
Disposals	-	-	-
Cost at 31 March 1999	64,001	15	64,016
Amortisation charge for year	6,400	-	6,400
Net book value at 31 March 1999	£57,601	£15	£57,616

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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 1998	4,801	30,755	37,272	71,208
Additions	349	-	-	2,232
Disposals	-	(13,722)	-	(15,180)
As at 31 March 1999	5,150	17,033	37,272	58,260
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 1998	3,841	21,436	27,488	59,962
Charge for year	1,288	766	2,567	1,292
Eliminated on disposals	-	(13,287)	-	(10,314)
As at 31 March 1999	5,129	8,915	30,055	50,940
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 March 1999	£21	£8,118	£7,217	£7,320
As at 31 March 1998	£960	£9,319	£9,784	£11,246
		<u>Motor vehicles</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
COST				
As at 1 April 1998		5,259	18,763	168,058
Additions		-	-	2,581
Disposals		-	-	(28,902)
As at 31 March 1999		5,259	18,763	141,737
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 1998		3,806	12,094	128,627
Charge for year		363	1,667	7,943
Eliminated on disposals		-	-	(23,601)
As at 31 March 1999		4,169	13,761	112,969
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 March 1999		£1,090	£5,002	£28,768
As at 31 March 1998		£1,453	£6,669	£39,431

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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 1998	13,500	2,310	15,466	49,575	80,851
Additions	17,000	-	-	-	17,000
As at 31 March 1999	30,500	2,310	15,466	49,575	97,851
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 April 1998	6,453	2,309	11,795	21,689	42,246
Charge for year	3,607	-	918	6,972	11,497
As at 31 March 1999	10,060	2,309	12,713	28,661	53,743
NET BOOK VALUE					
As at 31 March 1999	£20,440	£1	£2,753	£20,914	£44,108
As at 31 March 1998	£7,047	£1	£3,671	£27,886	£38,605

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - HELD UNDER FINANCE LEASES

	<u>General equipment</u> £	<u>Tractors</u> £	<u>Totals</u> £
CAPITALISED VALUE			
As at 1 April 1998 and 31 March 1999	27,560	19,050	46,610
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 1998	19,991	18,498	38,489
Charge for year	1,135	138	1,273
As at 31 March 1999	21,126	18,636	39,762
NET BOOK VALUES			
As at 31 March 1999	£6,434	£414	£6,848
As at 31 March 1998	£7,569	£552	£8,121

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9.	STOCKS	1999	1998
		£	£
	Livestock	32,300	28,100
	Growing crops	10,860	14,655
	Other stocks	<u>15,364</u>	<u>19,196</u>
		£58,524	£61,951
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1999	1998
		£	£
	Value added tax	2,021	1,793
	Trade debtors	19,260	16,177
	Directors' current account	-	1,276
	Prepayments	<u>284</u>	<u>-</u>
		£21,565	£19,246
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The directors' current account for K J and Mrs J Maitland was overdrawn at 31 March 1998 by £1,276.

11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1999	1998
		£	£
	Bank overdraft	73,889	120,113
	Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 13)	4,290	11,920
	Trade creditors	12,871	11,121
	Accrued expenses	2,354	2,869
	Directors' current accounts	851	212
	Other tax and social security	2,919	1,436
	Corporation tax	-	362
	Milk quota loan (see note 12)	10,935	9,891
	Fertiliser loan	-	3,644
	Unpaid directors' remuneration	5,000	5,000
	Director's loan	<u>16,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		£129,109	£166,568
		<u> </u>	<u> </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	1999	1998
		£	£
	Loan - Maitlands (Farmers) Limited (see note 20)	6,361	6,361
	Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 13)	8,782	-
	Milk quota loan	<u>19,447</u>	<u>30,382</u>
		£34,590	£36,743
		<u> </u>	<u> </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	1999 £	1998 £
	Amounts payable:		
	Within one year	5,184	12,491
	Within two to five years	<u>9,504</u>	<u>-</u>
		14,688	12,491
	Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	<u>1,616</u>	<u>571</u>
		<u>£13,072</u>	<u>£11,920</u>
	Summary:		
	Net obligations repayable:		
	Within one year (note 11)	4,290	11,920
	Between one and five years (note 12)	<u>8,782</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>£13,072</u>	<u>£11,920</u>
14.	DEFERRED TAXATION	1999 £	1998 £
	The provision is in respect of:		
	Accelerated capital allowances	903	1,097
	Timing differences on leased assets	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,381</u>
		2,065	2,478
	Losses for tax purposes	<u>(2,065)</u>	<u>(1,273)</u>
		<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,205</u>

The above represents full provision, calculated at 20% (1998 21%).

15. **SHARE CAPITAL**
Authorised

Number	Class	Nominal value	1999 £	1998 £
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>

Allotted, issued and fully paid

Number	Class	Nominal value	1999 £	1998 £
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

	1999 £	1998 £
Surplus on revaluation of dairy herd as at 31 March 1992, brought forward and carried forward	£15,837	£15,837

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1999 or 31 March 1998.

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1999 or 31 March 1998.

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

	1999 £	1998 £
Current accounts:		
J A G & Mrs V Maitland	104	212
K J & Mrs J Maitland	747	(1,276)
Loan account:		
J A G Maitland	16,000	-

A loan balance of £6,361 was due to Maitlands (Farmers) Limited at 31 March 1999 and 31 March 1998.

Rent of £12,950 (1998 £12,950) was payable in the year to K J Maitland. Rent of £4,250 (1998 £4,250) was payable in the year to Mrs F A Maitland, the widow of J A G Maitland's brother.

The exceptional item disclosed in note 4 above arose from the disposal of the company's leasehold interest in Loop View bungalow, being 60% of the net proceeds of sale. The remaining 40% of the proceeds went equally to the freehold owners, J A G Maitland and A S Maitland, his nephew.

During the year wages of £700 were paid to Paul Maitland son of K J Maitland.

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20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Share capital £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Opening shareholders' funds at 1 April 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
Profit for the year	-	-	26,261	26,261
Closing shareholders' funds at 31 March 1999	£27,600	£15,837	£71,831	£115,268
			1999 £	1998 £
Equity interests			87,768	61,507
Non-equity interests			27,500	27,500
			£115,268	£89,007