

Appleby Farms Limited
Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2001

Registered Number 2027689



Appleby Farms Limited

Directors and Advisors for the year ended 31 December 2001

Executive directors

Lord St Oswald

Lady St Oswald

Secretary and registered office

Lord St Oswald

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2001

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of farming.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 3.

The directors do not recommend the payment of dividend.

Directors and their interests

The directors and their interests in the shares of the company at 31 December 2001, were:

	31 December 2000 and 2001 Ordinary Class 'A' shares of £1 each
Lord St Oswald	100,000
Lady St Oswald	-
	100,000

In accordance with the Articles of Association Lady St Oswald retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers herself for re-election.

As a result of a Settlement in favour of the issue of Lord St Oswald, he has an interest in the ordinary share capital of the company.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Small company exemption

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

By order of the Board

Secretary



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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover		477,349	649,235
Cost of sales		(329,898)	(406,495)
Gross profit		147,451	242,740
Administrative expenses		(127,870)	(156,702)
Operating profit	1	19,581	86,038
Interest receivable and similar income		22,961	28,170
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		42,542	114,208
Taxation	2	(9,266)	(22,200)
Profit for the financial year	8	33,276	92,008

There is no material difference between the result disclosed in the profit and loss account above and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis and a note of historical cost profits and losses is not therefore included in these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 £	2001 £	2000 £	2000 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3		128,025		124,675
Current assets					
Stocks and work in progress		345,707		370,237	
Debtors	4	242,229		177,091	
Cash at bank and in hand		416,108		371,270	
		1,004,044		918,598	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(185,502)		(131,582)	
Net current assets			818,542		787,016
Total assets less current liabilities			946,567		911,691
Provision for liabilities and charges	6		(4,600)		(3,000)
			941,967		908,691
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	7		100,050		100,050
Profit and loss account	8		841,917		808,641
Equity shareholders' funds			941,917		908,641
Non-equity shareholders' funds			50		50
Total amount of shareholders' funds			941,967		908,691

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act.

No notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) in relation to the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

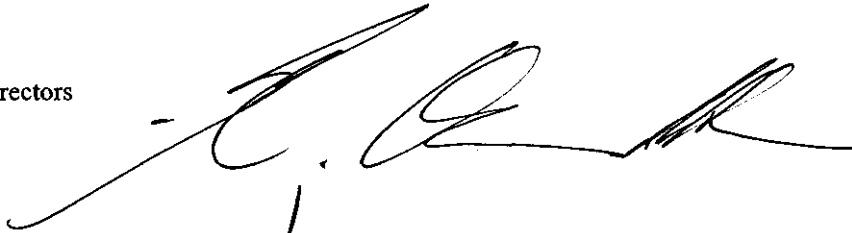
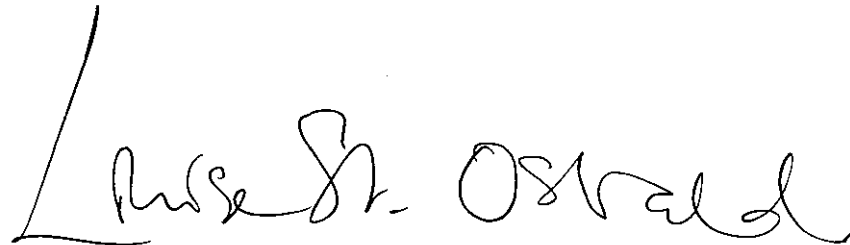
- (1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221; and
- (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller entities.

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 30th September 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:

Directors

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise St. Oswald".

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Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

Turnover is recognised when the economic risks and rewards are transferred to the third party.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is charged by equal annual instalments commencing with the year of acquisition at rates estimated to write off their cost less any residual value over the expected useful lives.

The rates used are as follows:

Farm machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	25%
General equipment	20%
Leasehold property improvements	5%

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Fixed assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at the estimated fair value at the date of inception of each lease or contract. The total finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease or contract in accordance with the straight line method.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax assets and liabilities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Agricultural subsidies

Grants due or received relating to the harvest in the financial year are accounted for on an accruals basis in relation to the proportion of the harvest sold pre year end or held in stock.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001

1 Operating profit

	2001	2000
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after crediting		
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	16,074	35,996
Subsidies receivable	117,784	136,347
Operating lease rentals		
Land	99,875	99,700
Plant and machinery	89,902	38,204
	189,777	137,904
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
Owned	47,875	54,202
Leasehold	1,339	773
	49,214	54,975

2 Taxation

	2001	2000
	£	£
Corporation tax on ordinary activities at 20% (2000: 21%)	7,700	19,100
Deferred taxation	1,600	3,000
Under/(over) provision in prior years	(34)	100
	9,266	22,200

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3 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property improvements £	Farm machinery £	Motor vehicles £	General equipment £	Total £
Cost					
1 January 2001	15,477	306,669	50,294	5,545	377,985
Additions	11,333	19,064	22,000	373	52,770
Disposals	-	(14,026)	(34,681)	(228)	(48,935)
31 December 2001	26,810	311,707	37,613	5,690	381,820
Depreciation					
1 January 2001	5,039	203,194	42,391	2,686	253,310
Charge for year	1,339	37,579	9,404	892	49,214
Disposals	-	(13,971)	(34,633)	(125)	(48,729)
31 December 2001	6,378	226,802	17,162	3,453	253,795
Net book value					
31 December 2001	20,432	84,905	20,451	2,237	128,025
31 December 2000	10,438	103,475	7,903	2,859	124,675

4 Debtors

	2001 £	2000 £
Trade debtors	170,966	145,032
Other debtors	71,263	32,059
	242,229	177,091

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5 Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

	2001 £	2000 £
Bank overdraft	49,519	44,376
Trade creditors	74,026	18,633
Corporation tax	7,700	19,100
Other creditors	54,257	49,473
	185,502	131,582

6 Provision for liabilities and charges

	2001 £	Profit and loss £	2000 £
Deferred taxation	4,600	1,600	3,000

	2001 Provision made £	2000 Provision made £
Corporation tax deferred by Capital allowances	4,600	3,000

7 Called up share capital

	31 December 2000 and 2001 Class 'A'	31 December 2000 and 2001 Class 'B'
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	50

The 'A' ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends and carry voting rights except in certain circumstances set out in the Articles of Association. They carry only 25% of the total voting rights, rank second behind the 'B' ordinary shares after payment of the nominal value of the 'B' shares in a winding up and are entitled to any surplus upon a winding up. They have been classed as equity.

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The 'B' ordinary shares are not entitled to dividends, receive no voting rights except in certain circumstances set out in the Articles of Association when they receive 75% of the total voting rights, rank first in a winding up but do not share in any surplus upon a winding up. They have been classed as non-equity.

8 Profit and loss account

	£
1 January 2001	808,641
Retained profit for the year	33,276
31 December 2001	841,917

9 Contingent liabilities and financial commitments

Lease commitments

The company has a yearly tenancy of certain land and buildings. The tenancy may be terminated by giving not less than twelve calendar months notice in writing expiring at the end of any year of the tenancy. The rent payable is £99,000 per annum.

10 Related party transactions

Nostell Home Farm and Nostell Estate are subject to the common control of Lord St Oswald, a director of the company.

During the year the company entered into the following transactions:

- Supply of contract services of Nostell Home Farm. Supplies amounting to £5,200 (2000 £13,915) were purchased from Nostell Home Farm. The balance outstanding at the year end was £Nil (2000 £3,500) and has been included within "trade debtors".
- Purchase of labour from Nostell Estate, totalling £Nil (2000 £10,014). At 31 December 2001 a balance of £Nil (2000: £6,110) was due to Nostell Estate.

Lord St Oswald has a beneficial interest in Appleby Estates. During the year the company made contracting supplies to Appleby Estates of £1,553 (2000 £10,838). At 31 December 2001 a balance of £16,190 (2000 £9,669) was due from Appleby Estates in respect of the Estate's contribution to the drainage works carried out by the company. This is included within "trade debtors".

In the directors' opinion the above transactions were on normal commercial terms.

11 Ultimate controlling party

Lord St Oswald is the controlling party by virtue of his controlling interest in the company's 'A' ordinary shares.