COMPANY No 889181

A F HOLMES (EATON BRAY) LIMITED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF A F HOLMES (EATON BRAY) LIMITED

The Director presents his report and the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

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The results for the year are set out in the Profit and Loss Account on page 3, summarised as follows

Profit for the year £10643 (1996 - Loss £[2232])

Retained profits to 31 March 1997 carried forward £39789 (1996 - £29146)

The Director does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 March 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the company continued to be dairy farming for part of the year, but milk production ceased during the year and a large part of the dairy herd was sold, and the remainder of the dairy herd will be sold during 1997. A beef suckler herd is being established, and beef production will continue to be the principal activity.

Part of the company's income was derived from leasing of milk quota, following the cessation of milk production.

DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR'S INTERESTS

The sole Director of the company throughout the year was Mr S Holmes, who held 5010 Ordinary shares in the company throughout the year.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The company is entitled to the exemptions available under Sections 246 to 249 of the Companies Act 1985. As set out on page 4, the company is exempt from audit, and the Director has appointed Mr D J Watts FCA as reporting accountant for the purposes of Section 249(2) Companies Act 1985. Also, the accounts do not include a cashflow statement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Registered Office:

Greenside Farm Eaton Bray Dunstable Beds. LU6 2BH

Company No. 889181

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S A DIGBY, Secretary

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

A F HOLMES (EATON BRAY)LIMITED

I present my report on the unaudited accounts of A F Holmes (Eaton Bray) Limited for the year ended 31 March 1997, as set out on pages 3 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

As described on page 4, the company's director is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and he considers that the company is exempt from audit. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable me to report my opinion.

BASIS OF OPINION

My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and my procedures 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 I considereD necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurances expressed in my opinion.

OPINION

In my opinion:

- a). The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under Section 221 Companies Act 1985.
- b). Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - (i) The accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in Section 249C of the Act, and
 - (ii) The company satisfied the conditons for exemption from audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997 as specified in Section 249A(4) of the Act, and did not at any time within that year, fall withou any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in Section 249B(1).

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REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

/ August 1997

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	<u>NOTE</u>	1997 £	<u>1996</u> €
Turnover	2	38966	72467
Cost of sales		(13228)	(23132)
Gross profit		25738	49335
Administrative expenses		(48124)	(52962)
Other operating income		20943	1211
Net operating income / (expenditure)	3	(1443)	(2416)
Other interest received	4	723	226
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activitiesbefore taxation		(720)	(2190)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(215)	(42)
Extraordinary income - surplus on disposal of part of dairy herd	6	11578	
RETAINED PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		10643	(2232)
STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS			
Balance at beginning of year		29146	31378
Retained profit / (loss)		10643	(2232)
Balance at end of year		39789	29146

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1997

	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>1977</u> £	£	<u>1976</u> £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets Intangible assets	7 8		43886		44731 1575
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank	9	14719 3008 23946 41673		10264 7607 9370 27241	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(39770)		(38401)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			1903		(11160)
NET ASSETS			45789		35146
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	11		6000		6000
Profit and loss account			39789		29146
			45789		35146

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR

- a) For the year ended 31 March 1997, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 249A (2) Companies Act 1985
- b) No notice has been deposited under Section 249B (2) Companies Act 1985
- c) The Director acknowledges his responsibility to ensure that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 221 Companies Act 1985, and to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at the end of the financial year, and of the profit or los for the year then ended, in accordance with the requirements of the Act so far as applicable to the company.

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S HOLMES, Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a). The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.
- b). Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: depreciation is provided in respect of fixed assets at the rates shown below:-

Vehicles, machinery and equipment Farm buildings

at 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis at 5% per annum on the straight line basis

c). Amortisation of milk quota

The milk quota is written off at the rate of 10% per annum on the straight line basis

d). Stocks

Stocks are valued by the Director, following the guidelines agreed between the National Farmers Union and the Inland Revenue, as follows

Cattle - at 60% of market value, or cost if lower Hay, straw and silage - at 85% of market value

Other stocks - at cost

TURNOVER

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods and services provided by the company, exclusive of value added tax. The whole of the company's turnover and contribution to profit is derived from the one activity of farming.

3. NET OPERATING INCOME is stated after charging the following:-

		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
		£	£
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8378	4667
	Amount written off milk quota	1575	1575
	Director's emoluments	18367	14767
4.	OTHER INTEREST		
	Bank interest received	620	226
	Other interest and dividend	103	-
		723	228
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1007

5 TAX ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Corporation tax at 24% on the profit for the year £215

(1996 [25%] - £42)

Potential tax liabilities, which are not provided for in these accounts, and which are not expected to crystallise in the future, exist in respect of accelerated capital allowances - £469 (1996 - £227)

6 EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

A substantial part of the dairy herd was disposed of during the year, and the profit on the animals sold during the year, which is not subject to corporation tax, amounted to £11578

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Land & Buildings	Machinery Vehicles etc £	Dairy Herd £	TOTAL £
at beginning of year	37048	31430	15180	83658
Additions		17900		17900
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	37048	44280	4920	86248
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DEPRECIATION				
at beginning of year	16488	22439		38927
Charge for the year disposals	1649	6729		8378
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	18137	24225		42362
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at beginning of year	20560	8991	15180	44731
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8 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
MILK QUOTA at cost				15750
Amounts written off - previous years			14175	
- current year			1575	
				(15750)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1007

9 DEBTORS	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade debtors	296	6702
VAT repayable	2292	905
Prepayments	420	-
	3008	7607
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10 CREDITORS		
Trade creditors	2622	4955
Accruals	1955	1250
Director's current account	27603	28134
Taxation and Social Security	1590	1062
Director's remuneration	6000	3000
	39770	38401
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11 SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised - £1 Ordinary shares	10000	10000
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Issued and fully paid - £1 Ordinary shares	6000	6000
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