COMPANY NO. 889181

A F HOLMES (EATON BRAY) LIMITED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

DAVID J WATTS FCA

White Wheels Aston Abbotts AYLESBURY Bucks. HP22 4LU

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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 1998

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

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

Loss for the year £(3320) (1997 - Profit £10643)

Retained profits to 31 March 1998 carried forward £36469 (1997 - £39789)

The Director does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 March 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the company throughout the year continued to be livestock farming. The remainder of the dairy herd was sold during the year, and a beef suckler herd is being established, the first cows being introduced toward the end of the year.

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

S A DIGBY, Secretary

26 August 1998

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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 1998, 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 conditions for exemption from audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1998 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).

DAVID J WATTS FCA

White Wheels Aston Abbotts AYLESBURY Bucks. HP22 4LU

REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

28 August 1998

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

	<u>NOTE</u>	1998 £	<u>1997</u> £
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Turnover	2	11314	38966
Cost of sales		(5379)	(13228)
Gross profit		5935	25738
Administrative expenses		(43347)	(48124)
Other operating income		29424	20943
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Net operating income / (expenditure)	3	(7988)	(1443)
Other interest received	4	1121	723
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		(6867)	(720)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5		(215)
Extraordinary income - surplus on disposal of dairy herd	6	3547	11578
RETAINED LOSS / PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(3320)	10643 ======
STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS			
Balance at beginning of year		39789	29146
Retained loss / profit		(3320)	10643
Balance at end of year		36469 ======	39789 =====

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1998

	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>1998</u> £	£	<u>1997</u> £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		34932		43886
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank	8	10824 1409 12365 24598		14719 3008 23946 41673	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(17061)		(39770)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		*	7537		1903
NET ASSETS			42469		45789
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	10		6000		6000
Profit and loss account			36469		39789
			42469		45789

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR

- a) For the year ended 31 March 1998, 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 loss for the year then ended, in accordance with the requirements of the Act so far as applicable to the company.

SHOLMES Director

S HOLMES, Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

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). 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

2. 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:-

		1998 £	1997 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6756	8378
	Amount written off milk quota	-	1575
	Director's emoluments	18073	18367
4.	OTHER INTEREST		
	Bank interest received	760	620
	Other interest and dividends	361	103
		1121	723
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

5 TAX ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Corporation tax for the year NIL

(1997 [24%] - £215)

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 - £452 (1997 - £469)

6 EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

The balance 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 £3547

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land &	Machinery	Dairy	Beef	
	Buildings	Vehicles etc	<u>Herd</u>	Herd	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
at beginning of year	37048	44280	4920		86248
Additions		843		2430	843
Disposals		(4556)	(4920)		(9476)
	37048		0	2430	77615
DEPRECIATION					
at beginning of year	18137	24225			42362
Charge for the year	1649	5107			6756
Disposals		(4005)			(4005)
	19786	25327			45113
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NET BOOK VALUES					
at end of year	17262	15240	0	2430	32502
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at beginning of year	18911	20055	4920	0	43886
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8 DEBTORS		<u>1998</u>			<u>1997</u>
Trade debtors		458			296
VAT repayable		506			2292
Prepayments		445			420
		1409			3008
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

	<u>1998</u> £	<u>1997</u> €
9 CREDITORS	~	
Trade creditors	1023	2622
Accruais	1200	1955
Director's current account	6839	27603
Taxation and Social Security	1999	1590
Director's remuneration	6000	6000
	17061	39770
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10 SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised - £1 Ordinary shares	10000	10000
		=
Issued and fully paid - £1 Ordinary shares	6000	6000
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