

Registrar

Geoffrey Bates Limited

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 March 2002



Geoffrey Bates Limited

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

THE DIRECTOR

J N Bates

COMPANY SECRETARY

S M Side-Reeves

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THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director has pleasure in presenting his report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2002.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of farming.

THE DIRECTOR AND HIS INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The director who served the company during the year together with his beneficial interests in the shares of the company was as follows:

		At 31 March 2002	At 1 April 2001
J N Bates	Class of share		
	A Ordinary	1,101	1,101
	E Ordinary	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

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

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Signed by



J N Bates
Director

Approved by the director on 27 September 2002

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
year ended 31 March 2002

	<i>Notes</i>	2002 £	2001 £
TURNOVER		131,662	160,283
Cost of sales		105,870	143,755
GROSS PROFIT		25,792	16,528
Administrative expenses		46,591	55,844
Other operating income	1	54	154
OPERATING LOSS	2	20,745	39,162
Interest payable		13,424	18,629
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		34,169	57,791
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	4	—	2,269
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		34,169	55,522

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2002

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	210,167	238,602
Investments	6	5,405	4,565
		<u>215,572</u>	<u>243,167</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		65,437	51,267
Debtors	7	24,183	30,143
		<u>89,620</u>	<u>81,410</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	189,461	151,848
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>99,841</u>	<u>70,438</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		115,731	172,729
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	85,647	108,476
		<u>30,084</u>	<u>64,253</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Deferred taxation	11	202	202
		<u>29,882</u>	<u>64,051</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	14	2,001	2,001
Profit and loss account	15	27,881	62,050
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>29,882</u>	<u>64,051</u>

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 249A(1), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibility for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

These financial statements were approved and signed by the director on 27 September 2002

J N Bates

J N Bates

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

TURNOVER

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Tenant's improvements -	10% Reducing balance
Plant & machinery	- 20% Reducing balance

The Sussex Herd is not depreciated.

STOCKS

The valuation of crops, livestock, cultivations and stores has been professionally determined by the company's agricultural consultants on a basis consistent with previous years. Farm livestock and produce are valued at net realisable value. Other stocks are valued at cost.

HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis.

FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENTS

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

PENSION COSTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(CONTINUED)*

DEFERRED TAXATION

Provision is made, under the liability method, to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences to the extent that it is considered that a net liability may arise.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS year ended 31 March 2002

1. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2002	2001
	£	£
Other operating income	<u>54</u>	<u>154</u>

2. OPERATING LOSS

Operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2002	2001
	£	£
Depreciation	35,533	41,421
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(1,498)</u>	<u>1,162</u>

3. DIRECTOR'S EMOLUMENTS

The director's aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Aggregate emoluments	11,300	11,480
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>—</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	<u>11,300</u>	<u>12,920</u>

The number of directors who are accruing benefits under company pension schemes were as follows:

	2002	2001
	No.	No.
Money purchase schemes	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Taxation

	2002	2001
	£	£
Deferred tax:		
Decrease in deferred tax provision (note 11)		
Capital allowances	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,269)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,269)</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Sussex Herd £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2001	215,183	274,305	22,241	511,729
Additions	—	10,400	200	10,600
Disposals	—	(7,550)	—	(7,550)
At 31 March 2002	<u>215,183</u>	<u>277,155</u>	<u>22,441</u>	<u>514,779</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2001	123,928	149,199	—	273,127
Charge for the year	9,129	26,404	—	35,533
On disposals	—	(4,048)	—	(4,048)
At 31 March 2002	<u>133,057</u>	<u>171,555</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>304,612</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2002	<u>82,126</u>	<u>105,600</u>	<u>22,441</u>	<u>210,167</u>
At 31 March 2001	<u>91,255</u>	<u>125,106</u>	<u>22,241</u>	<u>238,602</u>

Hire purchase and finance lease agreements

Included within the net book value of £210,167 is £14,394 (2001 - £8,992) relating to assets held under hire purchase agreements, and £28,621 (2001 - £49,498) relating to assets held under finance lease agreements. The depreciation charged in the year in respect of assets held under hire purchase agreements amounted to £3,598 (2001 - £2,248), and £7,155 (2001 - £12,374) in respect of assets held under finance lease agreements.

6. INVESTMENTS

	Quotas £
Cost:	
At 1 April 2001	4,565
Additions	840
At 31 March 2002	<u>5,405</u>
Net book value:	
At 31 March 2002	<u>5,405</u>
At 31 March 2001	<u>4,565</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2002 £	2001 £
Trade debtors	17,955	23,702
Other debtors	6,228	6,441
	<u>24,183</u>	<u>30,143</u>

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8. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2002	2001
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	157,172	118,339
Trade creditors	10,513	7,235
Other creditors including taxation and social security:		
PAYE and social security	231	296
VAT	—	1,607
Hire Purchase and finance lease agreements	16,828	22,121
Accruals and deferred income	4,717	2,250
	<u>189,461</u>	<u>151,848</u>

The bank overdraft is secured by a personal guarantee from the director.

The hire purchase creditors are secured by charges over the assets concerned.

9. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2002	2001
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	—	6,686
Hire Purchase and finance lease agreements	9,649	21,152
Other creditors	75,998	80,638
	<u>85,647</u>	<u>108,476</u>

10. COMMITMENTS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE AND FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS

Future commitments under hire purchase and finance lease agreements are as follows:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Hire purchase and finance lease agreements are analysed as follows:		
Current obligations	16,828	22,121
Non-current obligations	9,649	21,152
	<u>26,477</u>	<u>43,273</u>

11. DEFERRED TAXATION

	2002	2001
	£	£
The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the year was:		
Provision brought forward	202	2,471
Profit and Loss Account movement arising during the year	—	(2,269)
Provision carried forward	<u>202</u>	<u>202</u>

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11. DEFERRED TAXATION *(continued)*

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	202	202
	<u>202</u>	<u>202</u>

12. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2002 the company had aggregate annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	2002	2001
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
After more than 5 years	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company was under the control of J N Bates, director and shareholder during this current and the previous year.

The company paid rent in the sum of £1,200 to J N Bates during the year (2001: £1,200).

No further transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	2002	2001
	£	£
1,500 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500	1,500
300 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	300	300
300 C Ordinary shares of £1 each	300	300
300 D Ordinary shares of £1 each	300	300
300 E Ordinary shares of £1 each	300	300
300 F Ordinary shares of £1 each	300	300
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2002		2001	
	No.	£	No.	£
A Ordinary shares	1,101	1,101	1,101	1,101
B Ordinary shares	225	225	225	225
C Ordinary shares	225	225	225	225
D Ordinary shares	225	225	225	225
E Ordinary shares	225	225	225	225
	<u>2,001</u>	<u>2,001</u>	<u>2,001</u>	<u>2,001</u>

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15. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2002	2001
	£	£
Balance brought forward	62,050	117,572
Accumulated loss for the financial year	(34,169)	(55,522)
Balance carried forward	<u>27,881</u>	<u>62,050</u>