

● Hilbrohi

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increase was brought about solely through changes in feeding and management.

farm? Plans for increasing the milking herd to 100 cows or more and a program of "Zero Grazing" is in the works.

Forty acres of alfalfa has been seeded in oats to be



REPAIRING WORN MACHINERY occupies much of the time of the new owners of Hilbrohi Farm. Eugene Brown, one of the three partners, puts the finishing touches on a paint job on one of the tractors purchased with the farm. The new owners are taking advantage of the wet weather to put the machinery in shape for the busy seasons ahead.

—L. F. Photo

chopped and green fed during the summer. Established alfalfa has been topdressed and will be fed green-chopped or made into hay as needed.

The grain program will include 150 acres of corn for grain and 50 acres for silage. Another 40 acres is in growing barley which will be used in the grain ration next winter.

With the cows stabled in a loose housing barn, the partners plan to purchase some straw but will shred corn stalks for use as bedding.

At present, cows are on pasture, but when the program is in full swing, only dry cows and bred heifers will be pastured. The milking herd will be fed silage or green-chopped grass with legume hay the year round.

To handle the increased

herd and greater feed requirements, Hilbrohi will have two new buildings by late summer. A 20x50 upright silo with unloader will be constructed in July and a 130 foot by 48 foot pole barn will join the silo before winter. Present barn space will be converted to dry cow and young stock stables.

As the herd increased, the partners hope to work into a purebred Holstein herd. At present time there are 22 head of registered stock in the herd. As grades are culled from the herd, they will be replaced with purebred animals.

As soon as ground is dry enough to plow, corn ground will be turned and the seeding and phase of the cropping system will begin. In the meantime the new owners are

machinery, equipment and fences which had been neglected by the former owners.

Hilbrohi is a family operation. With the three young men helping with the milking and feeding chores, and with three sons and three daughters coming along to help a few years, (Browns have three children, Hilshers two and Hights have one child) the partnership is on the way to seeing a dream come true.

But these young men (2 to 5 years old) are not starry-eyed visionaries. They know that they can make their dream come true only if the extension of the farm is a reality. If present records are an indication they are willing to work hard as necessary to make Hilbrohi a dairy farm worth of a dream.

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16000	15729	9.2	3.74	2.34
27000	26190	8.4	3.61	2.23
5700	5610	9.	3.61	2.13
11000	10615	8.6	3.71	2.21
20000	19243	9.1	3.86	2.29
10160	10160	9.0	4.02	2.35
10500	10500	9.0	3.62	2.20
30000	29436	9.3	4.21	2.38

— Summary —

Total Birds Started	130,200
Total Birds Marketed	127,483
Mortality	2,717
% Mortality	2.08%

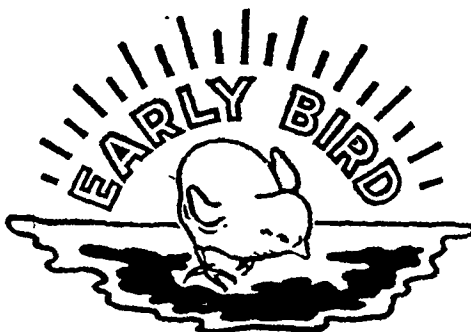
— Averages —

Age	9.2
Weight	3.797
Conversion	2.266
Flock Size	16,275

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