

1938 has been a very satisfactory year at the County Home. The large family of 200 people have lived together in commendable peace and harmony. A vast amount of work has been done during the year and a number of improvements made.

The remaining lots which the county held in the Fairfield Development have been disposed of and with the use of the terracing outfit of the soil conservation unit, all the streets and alleys of this development have been shaped up and drainage boxes have been provided at the street and alley intersections.

The pest house tract, the Duke farm and the county home lands have all been properly terraced for protection of the soil. All these lands have been put in winter cover crops.

During the year the county has ~~had~~ ^{registered} added two/guernsey bulls, one registered guernsey cow and two registered guernsey heifers to the herd of cattle. Two bull pens have been constructed. Two Kentucky-bred mares for breeding purposes have been purchased with which to raise mule colts for replenishing the work teams.

The county now has a number of registered Berkshire hogs for breeding and during the year several sales of Berkshire pigs have been made.

A number of white leghorn baby chicks were purchased and the county expects to greatly increase the poultry population during the present year.

In improvements to buildings and grounds, the old building for the insane has been remodeled and furnished with new roof, new tile floors and modern plumbing and fixtures, so that this building is now in as good and sanitary condition as the newly completed building for the insane.

Work was begun during the latter part of the year on the painting of the inside of the work house and the outside walls will also be treated.

An extension was built to the storage house for storing the ballot boxes and voting booths. Several other/ out buildings have been painted and one of the corn cribs repaired.

Metal railings have been installed on the east and west porches of the main building for better protection of the inmates.

The county home signs at the two main entrances to the grounds have been rebuilt and re-painted.

Two large circular flower beds have been arranged in the front yard, one planted with variegated tulips and the other with bronze cannas fringed with jonquils. These should be very attractive during the coming season.

During the past year we purchased at one time and with worth-while saving, a year's supply of implement parts, plow ~~castings~~ castings etc., and have provided a room with shelving and pigeon holes properly labeled, providing separate compartments for each class of castings. This not only saves the county money by buying a year's supply at one time, but saves many trips to town and loss of time on the part of men and work teams.

During the summer and fall there were cut and hauled to the County Home 175 cords of wood donated to the county on the stump, and sufficient pine, oak and gum logs were secured from these trees to give us 18,000 ft. of lumber sawed up in varieties to meet our general needs. The only cost to the county was the sawing of the logs.

The county is making every effort to improve the county home lands which have been greatly impoverished during the past two or three decades, ^{*This will be done*} by planting soil-improving crops and carrying out proper methods of crop rotation.

During the year the county home forces and teams have done a great deal of outside work such as hauling coal for the courthouse and miscellaneous hauling for the sewing room, furniture mending project, welfare department, and shaping up the fair grounds for the American Legion.

The county expects to make many improvements on the county home premises during 1939. Application will be made to WPA for grants in the construction of a new mule and feed barn, blacksmith shop, implement sheds, a large feed shed and feed rack for cattle and approximately 6,000 ft. of fencing.

The County Infirmary will be given two coats of paint and the green house will be repaired and overhauled. Pasture hillsides will be planted in lezpedez#a.

During 1938 the county home forces have cultivated 301 acres of land and the following table shows the items that have been produced:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Value</u>
354 bbls. of corn	1,062.00
2819 bundles of tops	142.05
2106 " " fodder	42.12
7000 pounds of cabbage	230.00
558 bu. of tomatoes	558.00
1687 bales of hay	1,687.00
928 gallons of syrup	424.00
28 bales of shucks	28.00
94 bu. of kale, mustard and rape	90.00
84 bu. of garden peas	143.25
75 bu. of cane seed	75.00
60 shocks of corn	60.00
102 bu. of lima beans	153.00
118 bu. of turnip salad	355.00
735 bu. of turnips	367.50
445 doz. roasting ears	89.00
60 doz. carrots	12.00
175 doz. lettuce	87.50
51 bu. peas	202.00
2500 pounds of collards	100.00
1000 bu. of squash	500.00
350 bu. of irish potatoes	700.00
321 bu. of sweet potatoes	321.00
73 bu. of onions	164.25
100 bu. beets	100.00
12 bu. of pimentoes	12.00
6 bu. of sweet pepers	6.00
15 bu. of hot pepers	15.00
58 bu. cucumbers	58.00
10 bu. of okra	10.00
15 bu. of string beans	15.00
8 Berkshire pigs sold	63.50
31 calves killed	310.00
3 cows killed	105.00
71 hogs killed	2,117.50
1197 doz. eggs	352.09
13,032 gallons of milk	5,252.80
93,355 pounds of laundry for County Home, Co. Jail, Health Dept. Work House and Co. Infirmary	6,473.36
175 cords of wood	875.00
18,000 ft. of lumber @ 18.00 per thousand	324.00
58 caskets and cases	580.00
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	\$ 24,261.92
Total Production	
LESS: Fertilizer	632.50
Soda	384.00
Seed	275.45
Rent	458.48
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	\$ 22,511.49

In the above total production are included 26,997 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables put up by the canning factory during the canning season for use during the winter months. The County Home Superintendent plans to pack 50,000 quarts during the 1929 canning season, if gardening seasons are favorable.

In the cost of production, only fertilizers, seed and rents have been considered. Of course there are a great many items which enter into the cost of production such as feed for milk cows, hogs and beef cattle; water and lights for the dairy barn; feed, water and lights to be charged against chicken and egg production; wear of machinery, and parts replaced; gasoline and oil used in farm tractor ^{and trucks;} interest on investments; insurance protection; laundry supplies; casket materials; medicines for stock and insecticides for vegetables; cost of guards and overseers and time of the superintendent, and the cost involved in the use of prison labor. The Board of Commissioners, the Superintendent and Matron of the Home, ^{the physician & nurses,} the ^{and other employees} guards and ~~the~~ laborers are doing everything possible to make the home pleasant and comfortable for the inmates, and as nearly self-supporting as possible.

~~However,~~ The total budget expenditures of the County Home & Farms for the past fiscal year were \$60,343.86, which includes every item of expense. The foregoing table shows a total gross production for the year of \$24,261.92, which is 40% of the total operating expense of the Home & Farms. The Home & Farms last year were therefore 40% self-supporting, which is the highest percentage of self-support ever reached.