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WOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURE

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Wood County, Wisconsin is located in the heart of America's Dairyland. Its 2536 farms average 133.7 acres each. Soil types range from the Heavy Silt Loam soils, in the northern portion, to the sandy soils of the southern portion of the County. Nine per cent of the total land area is marshes. The Cranberry Industry has developed to the point where Wood County ranks first in cranberry production for the entire State.

Milk is the principal source of farm income, accounting for 59.6% of the total. Livestock products other than milk rank second.

Because of its prominence in dairying, a number of farm organizations are active in the County to provide marketing and educational services.

Wood County is organized as a Soil Conservation District. The members of the Agricultural Committee of the County Board of Supervisors

are the governing body for the District. The Soil Conservation District provides free technical assistance, on the land, to all farmers carrying on soil conserving practices.

The County Agricultural Extension office serves as an information center and a clearing house for County agricultural activities. This office works with the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture in disseminating factual information about, research approved, methods and practices which help with the job of farming. A formal rural youth program and an adult educational program is conducted. Information on any phase of Wood County agriculture, or on County agricultural organizations can be obtained from the Extension Office.

The Wood County Extension Office is located in the Court House, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Phone 3000.