

## DAIRY - HERD TESTING.

### PROGRESS OF THE KAUPOKONUI ASSOCIATION.

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THE Kaupokonui Cow-testing Association (Taranaki) was organized and the work started in the year 1910. The results obtained so far indicate this to be one of the most successful organizations of its kind—success assured by a spirit of enthusiasm among all the members. After two years' work under the general control of the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, the Kaupokonui Co-operative Dairy Company thought so highly of its testing association that it approached the Department to appoint an officer to specially continue the work—salary and expenses to be paid by the company. This was carried out, and has proved satisfactory to all concerned. It is pleasing to note that the neighbouring Joll Co-operative Dairy Company is now running a large association on similar lines, and, judging by recent inquiries, other companies are likely to follow suit.

During the past six years a great deal has been written about the value of cow-testing, but the writer feels confident that the Kaupokonui records quoted below will help to convince many non-testing farmers of the benefits gained by association members in this district who consistently test their herds.

The following figures show the increase in butter-fat gained by members who have tested continually from the season 1910-11 to that of 1915-16:—

Herd.	1910-11.		1915-16.		Increase per Cow in Six Years.
	Number of Cows.	Herd Average Butter-fat.	Number of Cows.	Herd Average Butter-fat.	
		lb.		lb.	lb.
1	26	183.00	25	305.38	122.38
2	88	229.66	65	348.80	119.24
3	67	230.82	37	371.38	140.56
4	48	219.48	46	261.08	41.60
5	51	205.22	63	272.44	67.22
6	35	217.91	35	281.48	63.57
Herds' average	315	228.76	271	306.94	90.01