

Table 3.—Number of Cows, Herds, and Organizations\* represented in Effective Seasons' Summaries received. (Basis: All Cows in Milk 100 Days or over.)

	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
Number of organizations .. ..	257	282	270
Number of herds .. .. .	6,663	7,107	6,347
Number of cows .. .. .	245,811	272,554	260,469
Average number of herds per organization	25	25	23
Average number of cows per herd ..	36	38	41
Average number of cows per organization..	956	967	964

\* Including both Group and Association systems, and on basis of sections or units.

In Table 4 groups and associations are classified according to herds and cows. The gradual falling-off in the average size of the associations is naturally expected, in view of the general trend of the movement. A point which calls for comment, however, is the clearly defined falling-off in the size of the groups. Seeing that the Group system depends for economy of operation upon a membership as near as possible to the limits of convenient workability any retrograde trend in membership is undesirable. Conspicuous also is the steady increase in the size of the average herd per group, a desirable trend which probably can be interpreted to signify that more cows are being milked from the same area.

Table 4.—Average Size of Associations and Groups for which Effective Seasons' Summaries on the Basis of all Cows in Milk 100 Days or over were received.

System.	Season.	Average Number of Herds per Association or Group.	Average Number of Cows per Association or Group.	Average Number of Cows per Herd.
Association ..	1926-27	18	408	22
	1927-28	21	414	20
	1928-29	20	401	19
	1929-30	20	363	19
	1930-31	18	333	18
Group ..	1926-27	26	1,127	43
	1927-28	28	1,250	45
	1928-29	29	1,304	44
	1929-30	28	1,288	46
	1930-31	25	1,216	47

The figures in Table 5 are largely as might be expected from the introductory comments to this review. The average yield per cow is down by 12.56 lb. of butterfat, and the remaining production figures are correspondingly lower. It will be noted, however, that the average milking season per cow is unchanged. The number of herds represented in this table is 6,347, of which 4,983 were under Group test and the remainder of 1,364 under Association test.