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In view of the overall recommendations being presented by other members of the department and the experiences we have had with the enterprises in my field, I would like to state a few brief observations.

I believe it is a unanimous opinion that we should reduce the beef herd and put extreme emphasis on quality. This will mean that we must have an outstanding bull to use on the females that we are now raising. I think we should move in the direction of all polled individuals.

We have had unfortunate experiences with hogs from disease, housing, and management respects. I believe that we should initiate another swine enterprise on an economical unit basis, both from a breeding herd and a finishing standpoint. I do not think that we should attempt either to have a breeding herd or a hog finishing operation without adequate modern facilities.

After we have successfully launched a swine program, we should be in a position to start a sheep enterprise. This would give us time to overcome some of the problems encountered with the last sheep that we had. We would need to have separate housing and pasture arrangements.

Lastly, a poultry enterprise could be built. Here the decision should be made whether to confine our efforts on one specialized phase of poultry production which is the definite trend and most economical, or to diversify on a limited, strictly demonstrational basis. Since the purchase of feed mixing equipment would not be practical for a poultry enterprise such as we would have, I feel that all poultry feed should be purchased ready-mixed.