HAILEYWOOD HOME FARM

Haileywood Farm is the Home Farm of the original Haileywood Estate built up between 1908 and 1910, when the main residence was completed. In those days the estate consisted of some 2,000 acres, but is to-day split up by sales into individual farm units. Several hundred acres were gifted by bequest to Reading University, and Haileywood Farm now consists of some 200 acres.

The main farming enterprise is the pedigree Jersey herd, at the moment comprising 43 head, a number of which are prize-winning show cattle.

This is our foundation herd, and it is my hope to build from this a selected herd of upwards of 80 head - with the enthusiastic co-operation of Golden Sovereign, our senior stock bull!

The Jersey breed is accepted as producing the highest quality milk, with an outstanding butterfat content resulting in the rich creaminess which is the hallmark of Channel Island milk. The breed originated on the island of Jersey and is to-day one of the most widespread and popular dairy breeds throughout the world. It is my hope that the Harpslake Herd will eventually contribute its share towards the excellence of the Jersey breed.

In welcoming you to Haileywood to-day, I would like to stress that this is not a model or demonstration farm, and that you will see only the normal routine work that is carried out throughout the year. You are very welcome to roam around any part of the farm or gardens and I and my staff hope that you will enjoy your visit to Haileywood.

Michard Todd