



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: Mrs. D. M. Jeffery, who farms West Street Farm, Seavington St. Mary, Somerset, with her eldest daughter Gillian. They both do a full-time job on the farm and Mrs. Jeffery is full of praise for Gillian's work.

WOMEN IN FARMING

A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEAM

THERE IS A FINE mother and daughter team at work on a Somerset farm and they really *do* work, six days a week and sometimes seven in the summer. Mrs. Jeffery is now the farmer of West Street Farm, Seavington St. Mary, near Ilminster—she very bravely took on the job two years ago after the sudden death of her husband, Mr. W. J.

Jeffery. Their three daughters were then aged seventeen, ten and two, and Gillian, the eldest, always enthusiastic about farming, became her mother's "right hand man."

Although Mrs. Jeffery had not done any practical work on the farm she had sufficient knowledge of the running of it to enable her to carry on. She is a tenant

and when she had to take over she relinquished 80 acres, cutting the acreage to 138.

She reduced the West Street registered flock of Dorset Horns and this now numbers thirty-four ewes, fifteen lambs and two rams, a reduction of approximately 100 ewes. The flock was founded over sixty years ago—when her husband's father farmed the land. Her husband was an authority on the breed and just before his death he judged the Dorset Horns at the Royal Show. In 1955 West Street rams were shown for the first time and won the Breed Society's cups for the champion ram and best group of ram lambs. Mrs. Jeffery is anxious to maintain the quality of the stock and is showing again this year.

When the flock was reduced the shepherd agreed to stay on to help over the difficult time. He is leaving this autumn and Mrs. Jeffery and Gillian will take over his work. Gillian shares her mother's interest in flock management and can



THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY: They are both farming-minded, too. Pamela, aged twelve, is already very helpful and Elizabeth, aged four, is blissfully happy out on the farm and can name all the crops grown.



THE DAIRY HERD: The herd numbers thirty-six in milk and forty followers. The dairy unit is in the background and includes cowshed, dairy, calf pens and dutch barn.