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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 1955

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This is the fifteenth annual report on vehicles operated by the Institute for Fisheries Research. The same general pattern has been followed as in previous reports to facilitate a comparison with other annual vehicle reports. All tables are self-explanatory. Only the summary (tables 1 and 2) is included in this report. Details for individual units are on file in Ann Arbor with the Institute copy of this report.

In the calendar year of 1955 the Institute replaced only one vehicle with a new one: a 1949 Ford 2-ton stake truck with a 1955 Ford 1½-ton stake truck. In addition, the Institute purchased three new vehicles, all 1955 Ford Ranch Wagons, with license numbers 12-538, 12-539 and 12-540.

The average miles per gallon (14.4 miles) and cost per mile of operation (\$0.036) remained about the same as in 1954. The total mileage driven in 1955 increased by 37,000 miles, mainly as a result of adding three vehicles to the fleet.

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Table 1

Vehicles used by Institute for Fisheries Research during 1955

License number	Total mileage to date	Total cost of operation to date	Year	Make	Body style
12-538**	2,836	63.03	1955	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-539**	3,631	298.86	1955	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-540**	9,732	315.92	1955	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-572	30,353	817.34	1954	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-590	31,759	1,213.35	1952	Chevrolet	1/2-ton Panel
12-596**	14,899	541.83	1955	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-597	32,057	941.16	1952	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-607	48,398	1,490.50	1952	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-616	52,596	1,743.61	1953	Ford	4-Door
12-617	24,969	688.56	1954	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-618	51,815	1,865.69	1951	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-619	52,681	2,038.83	1951	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-621	18,781	512.21	1954	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-629	14,369	455.69	1954	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-630	38,383	1,217.60	1953	Ford	Ranch Wagon
12-632	60,602	2,645.56	1951	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-633	60,607	2,201.51	1951	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-634	56,102	2,164.58	1951	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-635	55,279	1,653.64	1952	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-636	5,576	260.44	1954	Chevrolet	3/4-ton Dump Truck
12-637	70,960	2,005.72	1951	Chevrolet	Coupe
12-652	15,174	1,075.37	1951	Jeep	4WD Pick-up
12-655	35,713	983.63	1954	Chevrolet	Coupe
12-656	33,571	732.90	1954	Chevrolet	Coupe
12-661	48,540	1,476.63	1952	Chevrolet	Sedan Delivery
12-662	21,868	704.60	1954	Chevrolet	Suburban Carryall
12-675*	49,232	2,921.09	1949	Ford	F-6 Stake Truck
12-675	1,612	215.82	1956	Ford	F-500 Stake Truck

* Vehicles turned over to Salvage Department after receiving replacements.

** New vehicles purchased in 1955.

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Table 2

Summary of individual motor vehicle operations for 1955

License number	Gasoline gallons	Cost of gasoline	Oil quarts	Cost of oil	Cost of tires	Cost of repairs misc.exp.	Mileage during 1955	Cost of operation 1955	Miles per gallon of gasoline	Cost per mile
12-538	172.9	55.49	10	5.50	...	2.36	2,836	63.03	16.4	.022
12-539	208.6	68.93	15	7.60	41.00	181.33	3,631	298.86	17.4	.082
12-540	678.0	220.93	15	6.86	36.50	51.63	9,732	315.92	14.3	.032
12-572	1,461.2	462.80	51	24.44	2.50	126.28	24,120	616.02	16.5	.025
12-590	909.6	292.39	40	17.32	2.75	157.98	11,825	470.44	13.0	.039
12-596	1,176.8	372.15	41	19.38	41.02	109.28	14,899	541.83	12.6	.036
12-597	522.6	166.78	19	8.45	64.82	70.74	8,121	310.79	13.0	.038
12-607	573.1	182.20	21	9.07	5.75	37.84	8,450	234.86	14.7	.027
12-616	1,109.0	397.94	50	23.89	27.85	416.76	18,560	866.44	16.7	.046
12-617	1,087.9	343.26	40	21.35	7.75	50.03	16,335	422.39	15.0	.025
12-618	749.4	238.93	26	10.98	3.00	8.25	8,269	261.16	11.0	.031
12-619	820.3	267.04	52	22.25	...	255.19	11,348	544.48	13.8	.047
12-621	989.6	321.16	26	10.90	50.34	48.28	15,051	430.68	15.2	.028
12-629	654.5	207.44	11	4.95	45.54	50.18	9,002	308.11	13.7	.034
12-630	908.2	292.66	31	10.83	47.24	80.29	13,199	431.02	14.5	.032
12-632	1,060.3	333.25	60	24.99	17.70	202.28	13,668	578.22	12.8	.042
12-633	963.0	308.35	89	37.58	66.94	231.41	14,280	644.28	14.8	.045
12-634	569.4	170.66	32	14.40	19.59	53.29	8,622	257.94	15.1	.029
12-635	965.4	306.07	51	24.25	29.81	249.10	13,666	609.23	14.1	.044
12-636	410.0	130.82	13	6.70	3.50	69.26	4,108	214.04	10.0	.052
12-637	560.0	175.56	49	21.13	14.23	105.61	8,130	316.53	14.5	.038
12-652	381.3	123.03	29	11.80	...	212.73	2,373	347.56	06.2	.146
12-655	986.5	307.72	76	32.55	...	254.05	18,274	594.35	18.5	.032
12-656	947.1	302.86	56	30.80	...	69.10	19,082	402.76	20.1	.021
12-661	922.8	297.37	76	34.01	53.56	156.24	15,957	541.18	17.2	.033
12-662	922.3	289.89	31	14.15	16.12	124.50	12,630	444.66	13.6	.035
12-675 (old)	616.0	190.84	15	6.10	3.00	33.53	4,378	233.47	07.1	.053
12-675 (new)	206.0	52.18	5	2.35	4.00	157.29	1,612	215.82	07.8	.133
Totals and averages	21,531.8	\$6,878.70	1,030	\$464.58	\$604.51	\$3,564.81	312,158	\$11,516.07	14.4	.036