



## **Wormsloe Dairy, ca. 1930s**

Cattle ranged Wormsloe from the very first days of the Savannah settlement, but it was not until the antebellum era that the Joneses made concerted dairying efforts on the plantation. George W. Jones imported Devon, Newport, and Alderney cattle in the 1850s. More significant operations came after the war. By the turn of the century, the family ran a modest dairy on site, which supplied cream, cheese, and butter to the Savannah market. To meet the needs of an expanding dairy herd, the De Rennets built a brick dairy house and a concrete silo to store silage for feeding the cattle.

Foremost Dairy Company, which operated dairies in several southern states, leased the Wormsloe dairy herd and facilities during the 1920s and 1930s. Foremost continued to supply dairy products to Savannah, and the arrangement persisted until around 1940. During these years Wormsloe's fields grew a variety of fodder crops, including peas, beans, and corn. Today little remains of the plantation dairy; only a portion of the foundation and the walls of the silo bear testimony to this era of Wormsloe's history.