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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF MARVIN GAUBATZ AND BEVERLY K. GAUBATZ

Upon the Petition of	)	92
MARVIN E. GAUBATZ,	)	
Petitioner-Appellee/	)	Filed April 20, 1988
Cross-Appellant,	)	
And Concerning	)	
BEVERLY K. GAUBATZ,	)	8-76
Respondent-Appellant/	)	87-552
Cross-Appellee.	)	

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Cerro Gordo County (No. 3978),
Ralph W. McCartney, Judge.

Respondent wife appeals and petitioner husband cross-appeals from the
decree dissolving the parties' marriage. **AFFIRMED.**

R. Michael Sweesy, Mason City, for appellant.

Randall E. Nielsen of Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nicholas, Mason City,
for appellee.

Considered by Donielson, P.J., and Sackett and Habhab, JJ.

PER CURIAM

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Respondent wife appeals and petitioner husband cross-appeals from the decree dissolving the parties' marriage. We affirm.

Petitioner, Marvin E. Gaubatz, and respondent, Beverly K. Gaubatz, were married in 1963. They have two children, both of whom are now grown. Marvin is a farmer. During the marriage, Beverly helped with the farm work and kept books for the farming operation.

The parties separated in 1982. Marvin continued to live on the parties' farm and Beverly bought a house in town. In 1983, Marvin began to have serious financial problems with the farming operation, and the parties and their creditors later entered into a series of refinancing transactions affecting most of their property. This marriage dissolution action was brought in 1985. At the time of trial, Marvin was forty-five years old and Beverly was forty-four.

In its dissolution decree, the trial court awarded each party the property in his or her possession and Beverly a property settlement of \$8,000; it directed each party to pay his or her own debts. Beverly has appealed and Marvin has cross-appealed from the decree. Each claims the property division is inequitable. Marvin also claims that the trial court's valuation of the parties' farm is too high.

Our scope of review is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4.

We have reviewed the property division in accordance with those factors set forth in section 598.21(1). See In re Marriage of Hoak, 364 N.W.2d 185, 194 (Iowa 1985). We find the trial court's distribution of the property to be just and equitable and affirm it on appeal. We decline to disturb the valuation placed on the farm by the trial court. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

AFFIRMED.