

Bellwork Alg 2A Friday, November 11, 2016

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1st club $y = 98 + 12m$

2nd club $y = 50 + 15m$

$m = \# \text{ months}$

$y = \text{TOTAL COST}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 98 + 12m = 50 + 15m \\ -12m \quad -12m \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 98 = 50 + 3m \\ -50 \quad -50 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 = 3m \\ 3 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

$$m = 16$$

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$c = \# \text{ cows}$
 $d = \# \text{ ducks}$

$$d = 3c + 1$$

$$4c + 2d = 122$$

$$4c + 2(3c + 1) = 122$$

$$4c + 6c + 2 = 122$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10c + 2 = 122 \\ -2 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10c = 120 \\ 10 \quad 10 \end{array}$$

$$c = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{l} d = 3(12) + 1 \\ d = 36 + 1 = 37 \end{array}$$

12 cows
and 37 ducks