

Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- *Not to be Used without Updating*
2025 Estimated Costs and Returns per Animal Unit
Cow-Calf Enterprise
Far West Extension District - 6

Animal Units (AU)	100					
Breeding Females	100					
REVENUE	Head	Quantity Per Head	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Steer	0.430	5.50	CWT	\$395.00	\$934.18	\$93,417.50
Heifer	0.270	5.00	CWT	\$295.00	\$398.25	\$39,825.00
Cull Cow	0.150	12.00	CWT	\$125.00	\$225.00	\$22,500.00
Cull Bull	0.040	18.00	CWT	\$175.00	\$126.00	\$12,600.00
Total Revenue					\$1,683.43	\$168,342.50

VARIABLE COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs						
Miscellaneous						
Trucking		1.00	AU	\$8.46	\$8.46	\$845.50
Marketing Expense		1.00	AU	\$17.97	\$17.97	\$1,796.50
Feed						
12-12 Loose Mineral		50.04	Pound	\$0.60	\$30.02	\$3,002.40
20% Protein Cube		3.6	CWT	\$19.90	\$71.64	\$7,164.00
Vet. Medicine						
Lepto 5-Vibro		2.08	Dose	\$0.78	\$1.62	\$162.20
Dewormer-Avrmeac Pour		15.185	CWT	\$0.26	\$3.95	\$394.81
7way Clostr+Overeat		3.78	Dose	\$0.51	\$1.93	\$192.78
Bull Exam		0.04	Head	\$50.00	\$2.00	\$200.00
Pregnancy Check		1	Head	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$500.00
Fly Control		1	Head	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$16.00
BRD-PI3-BRSV ML		1.7	Dose	\$1.32	\$2.24	\$224.40
Implants-C		0.85	Dose	\$1.90	\$1.61	\$161.33
Dewormer-Albendazole		1.04	Dose	\$3.20	\$3.33	\$332.80
Fuel		1.0	AU	\$23.88	\$23.88	\$2,388.00
Lube (As a % of fuel)		10.0%	Percent	\$23.88	\$2.39	\$238.80
Repairs		1	AU	\$36.05	\$36.05	\$3,604.77
Labor		0.40	Hours	\$15.00	\$6.00	\$600.00
Utilities		1.00	AU	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$100.00
Interest on Credit Line				8.00%	\$15.41	\$1,541.17
Total Variable Costs					\$234.65	\$23,465.46

Planned Returns Above Variable Costs: \$1,448.77 \$144,877.04
Average Calf Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs (\$31.32) CWT

FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Depreciation - Equipment	1	AU	\$92.05	\$92.05	\$9,205.04
Depreciation - Livestock	1	AU	\$146.01	\$146.01	\$14,601.43
Equipment Investment	\$1,477.46	dollars	8.00%	\$118.20	\$11,819.65
Pasture Cost	1	Acres	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$18,600.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$542.26	\$54,226.12
Total Costs				\$776.92	\$77,691.58
Planned Returns to Management, Risk, and Profit:				\$906.51	\$90,650.92
Average Calf Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$114.65 CWT		

Sensitivity Analysis for Example

Example Weaning Percent	Example Gross Sales per Animal Unit	Pounds Produced per Animal Unit	Example Breakeven Calf Pay Weight to Cover Total Cost	Example Average Breakeven Price to Cover Total Cost
91%	\$1,777.48	650	156	\$107.09
88%	\$1,730.45	637	163	\$110.74
85%	\$1,683.43	624	170	\$114.65
82%	\$1,636.40	610	177	\$118.84
79%	\$1,589.37	597	186	\$123.36

Example Male Calf Price	\$395.00
Example Female Calf Price	\$295.00
Example Weighted Average Calf Price (\$/cwt)	\$358.66

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