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2025 Cost of Production

# Beef Replacement Heifer





Guidelines For Estimating  
**Beef Replacement Heifer Costs**  
For Weight Range of 550 - 1200 lbs  
Based on 30 Head

Date: September, 2024

This guide is designed to provide you with planning information and a format for calculating costs of production of a replacement heifer enterprise in Manitoba. General Manitoba Agriculture recommendations are assumed in using feed and veterinary inputs. These figures provide an economic evaluation of the livestock and estimated prices required to cover all costs. Costs include labour, investment and depreciation, but do not include management costs, nor do they necessarily represent the average cost of production in Manitoba.

Replacement heifers generally refers to the feeding of heifer calves from weaning until they are put onto pasture for breeding. An example of a typical replacement heifer operation would be, feed 550 pound heifers to gain 1.25 to 1.75 pounds per day for approximately 200 to 250 days and put on pasture for 120 to 140 days to gain 1.25 to 1.75 pounds per day to produce a 1200 pound bred replacement heifer.

These budgets may be adjusted by putting in your own figures. As a producer you are encouraged to calculate your own costs of production. Good management is assumed in that a balanced ration is being fed, livestock are on a herd health program and handling facilities are included.

This tool is available as an Excel worksheet at:



[\*The Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide\*](#) determine machinery costs.

is also available to help

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**Replacement Heifer Production Cost Summary September, 2024**  
**Based on 30 heifers for weight range 550 to 1200 lbs.**

<b>A. Operating Costs</b>	<u><b>Cost/Head</b></u>	<u><b>Total Cost</b></u>	<u><b>Your Cost</b></u>
<b>1. Feed Costs</b>			
1.01 Ground Barley	\$136.50	\$4,095	_____
1.02 Hay	\$233.13	\$6,994	_____
1.03 Supplement	\$61.60	\$1,848	_____
1.04 Other Feed	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	_____
<b>Total Feed Costs</b>	<b>\$431.23</b>	<b>\$12,937</b>	_____
<b>2. Other Operating Costs</b>			
2.01 Heifer Cost	\$1,942.20	\$58,266	_____
2.02 Breeding Cost	\$45.46	\$1,364	_____
2.03 Straw	\$31.36	\$941	_____
2.04 Veterinary Medicine & Supplies	\$19.20	\$576	_____
2.05 Annual Fuel & Repair Costs	\$8.33	\$250	_____
2.06 Utilities	\$4.37	\$131	_____
2.07 Replacement Heifer Selling Cost	\$58.30	\$1,749	_____
2.08 Insurance	\$15.01	\$450	_____
2.09 Manure Removal	\$11.67	\$350	_____
2.10 Pasture Costs	\$147.50	\$4,425	_____
2.11 Barn & Office Supplies	\$1.20	\$36	_____
2.12 Death Loss	<u>\$27.42</u>	<u>\$823</u>	_____
Subtotal Operating Costs	\$2,743.25	\$82,298	_____
2.13 Operating Interest	<u>\$175.22</u>	<u>\$5,257</u>	_____
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$2,918.47</b>	<b>\$87,555</b>	_____
<b>B. Fixed Costs</b>			
<b>3. Depreciation</b>			
3.01 Buildings	\$16.28	\$488	_____
3.02 Machinery & Equipment	\$50.40	\$1,512	_____
<b>4. Investment</b>			
4.01 Buildings	\$7.96	\$239	_____
4.02 Machinery & Equipment	\$15.12	\$454	_____
4.03 Pasture Land	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	_____
<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	<b>\$89.76</b>	<b>\$2,693</b>	_____
<b>Total Operating and Fixed Costs</b>	<b>\$3,008.23</b>	<b>\$90,248</b>	_____
<b>C. Owners - Labour &amp; Living</b>	<u>\$58.50</u>	<u>\$1,755</u>	_____
<b>Total Cost of Production</b>	<b>\$3,066.73</b>	<b>\$92,003</b>	_____

**Profitability and Breakeven Analysis**

<b>Estimated Farmgate Gross Revenue</b>	<u><b>Total</b></u>
26 Bred Heifers @ \$3600/hd market price	<b>\$93,600</b>
4 Cull Heifers @ \$3300/hd (\$275/cwt) market price	<u><b>\$13,200</b></u>
	<b>\$106,800</b>

	<u><b>Breakeven</b></u>	<u><b>Breakeven</b></u>	
	<u><b>Heifer Calf Purchase</b></u>	<u><b>Bred Heifer Selling</b></u>	
	<u><b>Price (\$/cwt) @</b></u>	<u><b>Price (\$/hd) @</b></u>	
<b>Breakeven Price</b>	<u><b>\$3600/hd market price</b></u>	<u><b>\$350/cwt heifer price</b></u>	
Operating Costs	\$469.77	\$2,859.81	_____
Operating Costs & Labour	\$459.13	\$2,927.31	_____
Operating & Fixed Costs	\$453.45	\$2,963.38	_____
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$442.81</b>	<b>\$3,030.88</b>	_____
<b>Marginal Returns</b>	<u><b>Per Bred Heifer</b></u>	<u><b>Per Cull Heifer</b></u>	<u><b>Total Return</b></u>
Over Operating Costs	\$681.53	\$381.53	\$19,245
Over Operating Costs & Labour	\$623.03	\$323.03	\$17,490
Over Operating & Fixed Costs	\$591.77	\$291.77	\$16,552
<b>Over Total Costs</b>	<b>\$533.27</b>	<b>\$233.27</b>	<b>\$14,797</b>
<b>Estimated Return on Investment (ROI)</b>	<b>16.1%</b>		
<b>Estimated Return on Asset (ROA)</b>	<b>56.5%</b>		

**Cost Summary**

	<u><b>Cost/Heifer/day</b></u>
Summer grazing (based on 140 days)	\$1.05
Winter feed (based on 224 days)	\$1.93
Yardage (based on 224 days)	\$0.91

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## Replacement Heifer Production Costs

### Assumptions

1. This budget outlines the cost of production for a replacement heifer enterprise.
2. Buildings and equipment are valued at new cost.
3. All feed is purchased.

### Herd Profile

Number of Replacement Heifers Purchased	<b>30</b>	head
Number of Bulls	<b>1</b>	bulls
Heifer Mortality Rate	<b>1.00</b>	%
Heifer Purchased Weight	<b>550</b>	lbs
Heifer Calf Price	<b>\$350</b>	/cwt
Days on Feed (feedlot)	<b>224</b>	days
Average Daily Gain (feedlot)	<b>2.00</b>	lbs/day
Replacement Heifer Ending Feedlot Weight	<b>998</b>	lbs
On Pasture Weight	<b>1,000</b>	lbs
Days on Pasture	<b>140</b>	days
Average Daily Gain (pasture)	<b>1.43</b>	lbs/day
Off Pasture Weight	<b>1,200</b>	lbs
Estimated Culling rate Bred Replacement Heifers	<b>12.00</b>	%
Calculated culling rate Bred Replacement Heifers	<b>13.33</b>	% (due to rounding)
Number Bred Heifers Marketed	<b>26</b>	
Number Cull Heifers marketed	<b>4</b>	
Bred Replacement Heifer market value	<b>\$3,600</b>	/head
Cull heifer market price	<b>\$275</b>	/cwt
Cull heifer market value	<b>\$3,300</b>	/head

### Herd Replacement (Bulls)

Bull Replacement Rate	<b>25.0</b>	%
Original Cost	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	/bull
Price Received/Cull Bull	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	/bull

### Pasture Costs

		<u>Usage</u>
Rented Pasture Costs (per head per day)	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>100</b> %
Owned Pasture Land Value (per acre)	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>0</b> %
Owned Pasture Carrying Capacity (acres/head)	<b>2.50</b>	<b>100</b>
Owned Pasture Property Taxes (per acre)	<b>\$10.00</b>	
Pasture checking costs (ie. fuel)	<b>\$225.00</b>	

### Feed Costs

	<u>Market Price</u>	<u>Replacement Heifer Requirement</u>	<u>Days on Feed</u>
Ground Barley	<b>\$4.50</b> /bu	<b>6.50</b> lbs/day	224
Hay	<b>\$115.00</b> /ton	<b>18.10</b> lbs/day	224
Mineral/Rumensin Pre Mix	<b>\$550.00</b> /ton	<b>1.00</b> lbs/day	224
Other Feed #1	<b>\$0.00</b> /ton	<b>0.00</b> lbs/day	<b>0</b>
Other Feed #2	<b>\$0.00</b> /ton	<b>0.00</b> lbs/day	<b>0</b>

FOOTNOTE: 1 bushel (bu) barley = 48 lbs = 21.8 kg  
 1 kilogram (kg) = 2.2046 pounds (lbs)  
 1 tonne (t) = 1,000 kg

**Other Operating Costs****Heifer Purchase Costs**

Buying Commission	\$5.00 /head
Trucking-in	\$1.90 /cwt
Insurance fee	\$1.75 /head

**Straw Bedding**

Heifers number of lbs/day	4.00 /head
Bulls - number of tons/Bull/Year	1.0
Cost/Ton	\$70.00 /ton

**Veterinary Medicine & Supplies****Cattle Medication**

IBR,BVD,PI3,BRSV, Pasteurella	\$5.00 /head
Vitamin A-D	\$0.50 /head
External & Internal Parasites	\$0.72 /head
Blackleg & Haemophilus	\$1.65 /head
Antibiotics	\$0.00 /head

**Herd Health Program****Professional Services**

Total Yearly Hours	1.00 hours
Rate	\$180.00 /hour

**Transportation**

Total Kilometres (round trip)	80.0 km
Rate	\$1.00 /km
Number of Yearly Visits	2

**Annual Fuel & Repair Costs**

Repairs (Machinery, Equipment & Facilities)	\$100.00
Fuel Costs	\$150.00

**Utilities**

Hydro - Rate	\$0.09587 / kWh
12 kWh per heifer	\$34.51
0.25 1000 watt waterer	\$96.64
Total Hydro	\$131.15

**Trucking Cost**

Average Weight	1,200 /lbs per head
Trucking Cost	\$1.90 /cwt

**Marketing Cost**

MBP/NCO Levy \$/Head	\$5.50 /head
Commission on Sales	\$30.00 /head
Market Value	\$300.00 /cwt

**Manure Removal**

Annual Cost for Removal	\$350.00
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**Insurance**

Cost per \$100 Capital Invested in	
a) Livestock	\$0.45 /\$100
b) Building & Equipment	\$0.40 /\$100
Additional Coverage for Liability	\$49.00 /year

**Barn & Office Supplies**

Total yearly expense relating to barn	\$36.00
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Operating Interest Rate **7.50** %  
 Investment Interest Rate **4.00** %

**Feed Requirement Per Bull**

Barley **7.00** lbs/day  
 Days/Year on Barley **120** days  
 Hay (Good Quality) **4.00** tons/yr

**Breeding Costs**

Health Management Costs **\$10.00** /bull  
 Semen Test **\$60.00** /bull

FOOTNOTE: cwt = hundred-weight = 100 lbs

**Capital Costs**

	<b><u>Original</u></b> <b><u>Value</u></b>	<b><u>Salvage</u></b> <b><u>Value</u></b>	<b><u>Useful</u></b> <b><u>Life</u></b>
<b>Buildings, Corrals &amp; Water System</b>			
Windbreak fence	<b>\$800</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Pens	<b>\$800</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Handling Facilities	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Waterers	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Gates	<b>\$300</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Feeders	<b>\$500</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Bunk Feeders	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Well & Pressure System	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Grain Bin	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Landscaping	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,850</b>		
<b>Machinery &amp; Equipment</b>			
Tractors & Loader (\$160,000 @ 4%)	<b>\$6,400</b>	<b>20</b> %	<b>10</b> years
Miscellaneous	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>20</b> %	<b>10</b> years
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>\$29,750</b>		
<b>Labour Costs</b>		<b><u>Total</u></b>	
Feedlot Labour - Hours/heifer		<b>1.00</b>	hours
Pasture Labour - Hours/day		<b>0.25</b>	hours
Labour Rate		<b>\$27.00</b>	/hour

**Replacement Heifer Production Cost Worksheet**

**Assumptions**

1. Feedlot average daily gain (ADG) was assumed to be 2 lbs/day.  
Pasture average daily gain (ADG) was assumed to be 1.43 lbs/day.
2. It was assumed the heifer calves weighed in at 550 lbs shrunk weight, and was raised to 998 lbs (feedlot) and 1200 lbs (pasture).
3. Days on feed was 224 and days on pasture was 140.
4. Investment in facilities and equipment was assumed to handle 30 head.

**A. Operating Costs**

**Your Cost**

**1. Feed Costs**

**1.01 Ground Barley**

	224.00	days on ground barley	
x	6.50	lbs/heifer/day	
÷	48.00	lbs/bu	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$4.50</u>	<u>/bu</u>	
=	<b>\$136.50</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	

**1.02 Hay**

	224.00	days on hay	
x	18.10	lbs/heifer/day	
÷	2000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
=	<b>\$233.13</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	

**1.03 Supplement (Salt, Minerals, Vitamins, Ionophore)**

	224.00	days on supplement	
x	1.00	lbs/heifer/day	
÷	2000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
=	<b>\$61.60</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	

**1.04 Other Feed**

	0.00	days on other feed	
x	0.00	lbs/heifer/day	
÷	2000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
=	\$0.00	/heifer	

	0.00	days on other feed	
x	0.00	lbs/heifer/day	
÷	2000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
=	\$0.00	/heifer	

**Total = \$0.00 /heifer**

**2. Other Operating Costs**

**2.01 Heifer Cost**

Commission	\$5.00	/heifer	
Insurance	\$1.75	/heifer	

Trucking-in	\$1.90	/cwt	
x	550	/heifer	
÷	<u>100</u>	<u>lbs/cwt</u>	
=	\$10.45	/heifer	



Heifer	550	lbs/heifer	_____
x	\$350.00	/cwt	_____
±	<u>100</u>	<u>lbs/cwt</u>	_____
=	\$1,925.00	/heifer	_____
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$1,942.20</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.02 Breeding Costs**

Feed for Bulls

Hay

	4.00	tons good quality	_____
x	\$115.00	/ton	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$15.33	/heifer	_____

Barley

	7.00	lbs barley/bull/day	_____
x	120.00	days	_____
÷	48.00	lbs/bu	_____
x	\$4.50	/bushel	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$2.63	/heifer	_____

Total =	\$17.96	/heifer	_____
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Straw for Bulls

	1.00	tons/bull/year	_____
x	\$70.00	/ton	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$2.33	/heifer	_____

Vet & Medicine for Bulls

	\$60.00	semen test	_____
+	\$10.00	total vet cost/bull	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$2.33	/heifer	_____

Replacement of Bulls

	\$5,000	bull cost	_____
-	\$3,500	bull salvage value	_____
x	25.00	% replacement rate	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$12.50	/heifer	_____

Investment in Bulls

	\$5,000	bull cost	_____
+	\$3,500	bull salvage value	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
x	1.00	bulls	_____
±	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$5.67	/heifer	_____

Pasture Costs for Bulls				
		\$140.00	/bull pasture cost	_____
x		1.00	bulls	_____
÷		<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=		\$4.67	/heifer	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$45.46</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.03 Straw**

	Heifers	4.00	lbs/heifer/day	_____
x		224.00	days on feed	_____
x		<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	_____
=		\$31.36	/heifer	_____

**2.04 Veterinary Medicine & Supplies**

Cattle Medication

		\$5.00	IBR,BVD,PI3,BRSV,Pasteurella	_____
+		\$0.50	Vitamin A-D	_____
+		\$0.72	External & Internal Parasites	_____
+		\$1.65	Blackleg & Haemophilus	_____
+		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>Antibiotics</u>	_____
=		\$7.87	/heifer	_____

Herd Health Program

Professional Services

		\$180.00	/hour charge	_____
x		1.00	hours	_____
÷		<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=		\$6.00	/heifer	_____

Transportation Costs

		\$1.00	/km charge	_____
x		80	kilometres	_____
x		2	visits	_____
÷		<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=		\$5.33	/heifer	_____

<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$19.20</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____
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**2.05 Annual Fuel & Repair Costs**

		\$100.00	repairs	_____
+		\$150.00	fuel costs	_____
÷		<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=		<b>\$8.33</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.06 Utilities**

		\$131.15	cost/year	_____
÷		<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=		<b>\$4.37</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.07 Heifer Selling Cost**

Trucking

		1,200	lbs/heifer	_____
÷		100	lbs/cwt	_____
x		<u>\$1.90</u>	<u>trucking cost/cwt</u>	_____
=		\$22.80	/heifer	_____

MBP levy, selling commission			
+	\$5.50	MBP Levy	_____
<u>+</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>commission</u>	_____
=	\$35.50	/heifer	_____
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$58.30</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.08 Insurance**

	\$29,750	building & equipment investment	_____
x	\$0.40	/\$100 capital	_____
÷	100	/\$100	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$3.97	/heifer	_____
	\$62,750	herd investment	_____
x	\$0.45	/\$100 capital	_____
÷	100	/\$100	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$9.41	/heifer	_____
	\$49.00	additional coverage for liability	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$1.63	/heifer	_____
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$15.01</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.09 Manure Removal**

	\$350	annual removal cost	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$11.67	/heifer	_____

**2.10 Pasture Costs**

Pasture Rental	\$1.00	cost/head/day rental	_____
÷	140	days on pasture	_____
<u>x</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>pasture usage</u>	_____
=	\$140.00	/heifer	_____
Pasture Checking	\$225.00	cost per year	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$7.50	/heifer	_____
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$147.50</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**2.11 Barn & Office Supplies**

	\$36.00	total barn expenses	_____
<u>÷</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	\$1.20	/heifer	_____

**2.12 Death Loss**

	\$1,942.20	heifer cost	_____
+	\$3,600.00	maximum value	_____
-	\$58.30	selling costs	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
<u>x</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>% mortality rate</u>	_____
=	\$27.42	/heifer	_____

**2.13 Operating Interest**

(Operating interest is charged on one half the subtotal operating costs)

	\$1,942.20	heifer cost	_____
+	\$400.53	½ of feed & other costs	_____
x	7.50	% operating interest	_____
x	364.00	days on feed & pasture	_____
÷	<u>365.00</u>	<u>days /year</u>	_____
=	<b>\$175.22</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**Capital Costs**

**Buildings, Corrals & Water System**

Windbreak fence	\$800	_____
Pens	\$800	_____
Handling Facilities	\$2,000	_____
Waterers	\$1,200	_____
Gates	\$300	_____
Feeders	\$500	_____
Bunk Feeders	\$1,250	_____
Well & Pressure System	\$2,000	_____
Grain Bin	\$1,000	_____
Landscaping	<u>\$1,000</u>	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,850</b>	_____

**Machinery & Equipment**

Tractor & Loader	\$6,400	_____
Miscellaneous	<u>\$12,500</u>	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,900</b>	_____

**Total Investment** **\$29,750** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Fixed Costs**

**3. Depreciation** Original Cost - Salvage Value  
Useful Life

**3.01 Buildings**

	\$10,850	original cost	_____
-	\$1,085	salvage value	_____
÷	20.00	years useful life	_____
÷	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	<b>\$16.28</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**3.02 Machinery & Equipment**

	\$18,900	original cost	_____
-	\$3,780	salvage value	_____
÷	10.00	years useful life	_____
÷	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	<b>\$50.40</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**4. Investment** Original Cost + Salvage Value x Investment Rate  
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**4.01 Buildings**

	\$10,850	original cost	_____
+	\$1,085	salvage value	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
÷	<u>30.00</u>	<u>replacement heifers</u>	_____
=	<b>\$7.96</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**4.02 Machinery & Equipment**

	\$18,900	original cost	_____
+	\$3,780	salvage value	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
÷	30.00	replacement heifers	_____
=	<b>\$15.12</b>	<b>/heifer</b>	_____

**4.03 Pasture**

Land	2.50	acres/head	_____
x	\$1,800.00	/acre	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
<u>x</u>	0	pasture usage	_____
=	\$0.00	/heifer	_____

Taxes	2.50	acres/head	_____
x	\$10.00	/acre	_____
<u>x</u>	0	pasture usage	_____
=	\$0.00	/heifer	_____

**Total = \$0.00 /heifer**

**C. Labour**

Feedlot	1.0	hours/heifer	_____
<u>x</u>	\$27.00	/hour	_____
=	\$27.00	/heifer	_____

Pasture	0.25	hours/day pasture	_____
x	140.0	days on pasture	_____
÷	30.00	replacement heifers	_____
<u>x</u>	\$27.00	/hour	_____
=	\$31.50	/heifer	_____

**Total = \$58.50 /heifer**

**Profitability and Breakeven Analysis:**

Breakeven Bred Heifer Price (\$/hd) = (total cost - cull heifer revenue) / # bred heifers sold  
 eg. (\$92,003 - \$13,200) / 26 = \$3,030.88

Breakeven Heifer Price (\$/cwt) = (((gross revenue / # heifers) - (total cost - heifer cost)) / (heifer purchase wt. / 100))  
 eg. ((((\$106,800 / 30) - (\$3,066.73 - \$1,942.2)) / (550 / 100)) = \$442.81

Return on Investment (ROI) = (Gross Revenue - Total Cost) / Total Cost  
 (eg. (\$106,800 - \$92,003) / \$92,003 = 16.1%

Return on Asset (ROA) = ((Margin Over Operating - Labour - Building Depreciation - Machinery Depreciation) / Building, Machinery & Equipment Investment)  
 (eg. ((\$19,245 - \$1,755 - \$488 - \$1,512) / \$29,750) = 56.5%

**Cost Summary:**

Summer Grazing Cost Per Heifer Per Day = pasture cost ÷ days (eg. \$147.50 ÷ 140 = \$1.05)

Winter Feed Cost Per Heifer Per Day = feed cost ÷ days (eg. \$431.23 ÷ 224 = \$1.93)

Yardage Cost Per Heifer Per Day = (\$31.36 straw + \$8.33 fuel & repair + \$4.37 utilities + \$11.67 manure removal + \$16.28 building depreciation + \$50.40 machinery depreciation + \$7.96 building investment + \$15.12 machinery investment + \$58.50 labour) ÷ 224 days = \$0.91

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