

COW - CALF PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS 2005 - 2006 ^{1/}

ITEM	UNITED STATES		HEARTLAND		EASTERN UPLANDS	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Dollars Per Bred Cow						
Gross value of production:						
Steer calves	210.21	202.16	246.54	237.28	185.40	180.21
Heifer calves	130.88	125.87	165.33	159.19	147.86	143.86
Yearling steers	129.85	127.26	48.03	46.79	73.63	71.40
Yearling heifers	56.18	55.06	14.77	14.40	32.38	31.43
Other cattle	105.49	93.18	91.62	84.11	82.76	75.41
Total, gross value of production ^{2/}	\$639.19	\$610.57	\$570.87	\$546.67	\$529.51	\$510.32
Operating costs:						
Purchased cattle for backgrounding	84.48	82.87	32.02	31.01	55.77	54.00
Feed:						
Concentrates and other feed	29.31	31.66	28.36	30.50	26.76	28.75
Supplemental feed	16.30	19.21	32.35	39.06	11.68	13.62
Harvested forages	130.24	166.70	183.93	211.58	202.95	229.17
Cropland pasture	15.41	15.27	15.12	15.68	3.39	3.50
Private pasture	101.85	102.20	86.52	86.01	75.23	74.08
Public land	2.55	2.44	0.37	0.39	0.52	0.50
Total, feed costs	\$295.66	\$337.48	\$346.65	\$383.22	\$320.53	\$349.62
Other:						
Veterinary and medicine	24.21	25.86	41.38	44.40	17.47	18.70
Bedding and litter	0.48	0.48	1.48	1.49	0.69	0.70
Marketing	6.58	7.04	4.58	4.90	7.48	8.01
Custom operations	33.68	35.95	43.09	46.19	28.97	31.00
Fuel, lube, and electricity	49.23	52.30	43.19	45.89	36.57	38.85
Repairs	28.21	30.20	31.42	33.66	27.83	29.79
Interest on operating inputs	7.95	11.24	8.86	12.54	7.50	10.60
Total, operating costs	\$530.48	\$583.42	\$552.67	\$603.30	\$502.81	\$541.27
Allocated overhead:						
Hired labor	4.05	4.17	0.65	0.67	3.88	3.97
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	267.45	270.64	231.63	231.59	173.48	175.06
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment ^{3/}	159.86	165.88	321.79	337.39	217.72	225.29
Opportunity cost of land	2.73	2.85	6.23	6.36	2.54	2.60
Taxes and insurance	34.75	37.16	45.59	48.81	33.67	36.00
General farm overhead	67.93	68.42	92.36	93.21	60.48	61.00
Total, allocated overhead	\$536.77	\$549.12	\$698.25	\$718.03	\$491.77	\$503.92
Total, costs listed	\$1,067.25	\$1,132.54	\$1,250.92	\$1,321.33	\$994.58	\$1,045.19
Value of production less total costs listed	-428.06	-521.97	-680.05	-774.66	-465.07	-534.87
Value of production less operating costs	108.71	27.15	18.20	-56.63	26.70	-30.95
Supporting information:						
Bred cows (head) ^{1/}	83	83	51	51	50	50
Calves weaned (head) ^{1/}	71	71	45	45	38	38
Calving season (percent of ranches) ^{1/}						
One	49	49	65	65	19	19
Two	13	13	9	9	23	23
None set	38	38	26	26	58	58
Cost of homegrown harvested forages (percent of total cost) ^{1/ 4/}	84	84	94	94	87	87
Cost of pasture owned:						
Private pasture (percent of total cost) ^{1/ 5/}	72	72	72	72	87	87
Cropland pasture (percent of total cost) ^{1/ 5/}	80	80	76	76	96	96

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