

COW - CALF PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS 2008 - 2009 ^{1/}

ITEM	UNITED STATES		HEARTLAND		EASTERN UPLANDS	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Dollars Per Bred Cow						
Gross value of production:						
Calves	301.27	289.62	391.52	379.56	273.40	261.76
Stockers and Yearlings	76.38	70.14	43.49	40.61	53.26	50.45
Other cattle ^{2/}	80.79	72.08	79.07	70.55	59.15	51.79
Total, gross value of production	\$458.44	\$431.84	\$514.08	\$490.72	\$385.81	\$364.00
Operating costs:						
Feed:						
Purchased feed	77.37	75.26	103.20	100.27	64.23	62.46
Homegrown harvested feed	172.90	150.83	302.59	248.02	212.46	184.22
Grazed feed	101.01	97.99	98.41	97.10	80.02	77.78
Total, feed costs	\$351.28	\$324.08	\$504.20	\$445.39	\$356.71	\$324.46
Other:						
Cattle for backgrounding	34.86	33.58	51.11	50.22	19.97	19.11
Veterinary and medicine	19.40	21.09	29.43	32.05	17.69	19.26
Bedding and litter	0.38	0.42	0.33	0.35	0.55	0.60
Marketing	9.53	10.37	9.61	10.46	9.93	10.81
Custom services	8.74	9.51	9.33	10.16	6.51	7.07
Fuel, lube, and electricity	43.53	28.77	46.92	31.04	39.84	26.38
Repairs	30.58	31.32	49.03	50.32	26.07	26.78
Interest on operating capital	4.12	0.67	5.79	0.91	3.95	0.63
Total, operating costs	\$502.42	\$459.81	\$705.75	\$630.90	\$481.22	\$435.10
Allocated overhead:						
Hired labor	30.99	32.11	13.59	13.66	16.55	17.04
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	330.42	339.29	368.52	381.34	416.36	423.18
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment ^{3/}	209.88	215.27	244.76	251.41	229.32	235.47
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	0.17	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.18	0.18
Taxes and insurance	17.20	18.67	24.58	26.73	18.10	19.69
General farm overhead	29.78	30.28	28.51	29.05	25.58	26.07
Total, allocated overhead	\$618.44	\$635.79	\$680.17	\$702.40	\$706.09	\$721.63
Total, costs listed	\$1,120.86	\$1,095.60	\$1,385.92	\$1,333.30	\$1,187.31	\$1,156.73
Value of production less total costs listed	-662.42	-663.76	-871.84	-842.58	-801.50	-792.73
Value of production less operating costs	-43.98	-27.97	-191.67	-140.18	-95.41	-71.10
Supporting information:						
Beef cows on farm or ranch head per farm ^{1/}	100	101	63	63	78	78
Cows and heifers calving (head per farm) ^{1/}	86	86	59	59	63	63
Calves weaned (head per farm) ^{1/}	71	72	49	49	51	51
Calf weaning weight (pounds per head) ^{1/}	500	500	493	493	500	500
Calves sold (head per farm) ^{1/}	55	55	46	46	40	40
Stockers and Yearlings sold (head per farm) ^{1/}	10	11	4	4	6	6

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