

Farm Characteristics

CA-AB-5

Farm Description	A mixed farm with cow-calf, backgrounding and cash crop production.
Winter Feeding Ration (lbs/cow/day as fed)	51 days of swath grazing followed by 184 days on winter feeding with grain silage (11 lb), straw (6.5 lb), greenfeed (5.6 lb), hay (4.8 lb), barley (3.8 lb), mineral and salt (100 g)
Retained Ownership/Replacement Ration (lb/head/day as fed)	45 day on feed with silage (20 lb), barley (4 lb), oats (2.8 lb), and hay (1 lb).

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Environment	
Average Annual Temperature	0.5°C
Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	350-600 mm
Ecoregion	Peace Lowland
Stocking Rate (Animal Unit days per acre)	22
Fertilize Hay (yes/no)	No
Fertilize Pasture (yes/no)	No
Typical Hay Yield (tonnes/acre)	No
Grassland Acres (owned+rented)	1,853
Crop Acres (includes hay) (owned+rented)	603
Bush and other acres	0

Physical Performance Indicators	
Breed	Angus
Cow:Bull Ratio	25:1
Bull Culling Rate (%)	13%
Mature Cow Weight (lb)	1,275
Heifer Retention for a steady herd (%)	8%
Cow Death Loss (%)	1.9%
Cow Culling Rate (%)	6.0%
Calves alive after 24hr/100 Cows exposed	87
Calf Death Loss (%) 24 hr to weaning	3%
Calves weaned per 100 cows exposed	84
Total Liveweight Sold per Cow (lb)	499
Weaning Weight (lb)	543
205 day adjusted Weaning Weight (lb)	459
Average Daily Gain pre-weaning (lb)	1.83
Weaning Weight as % of Cow Weight	43%

Production System	
Herd size	221
Days on field feeding (e.g. swath grazing)	51
Days supplemented on pasture	0
Days on full winter feed	184
Calving Start date	March 22
Weaning date	January 04
Sale date	February 18
Retained ownership	Background
% of feed purchased	0.7%
% of land in crops	25%
Annual sales Retained Cattle (head)	167
Placement weight (lbs)	546
Sale Weight (lbs)	600-660
Days on feed	45
Days on grass	0

Footnotes:

Cost of Production: Cash Cost + Depreciation + Opportunity Costs

Cash Costs = Cash cost for purchased feed, fertiliser, seeds, fuel, maintenance, land rents, animal purchases, interest on liabilities, wages paid, veterinary costs plus medicine, water, insurance, accounting, etc (excl. Tax)

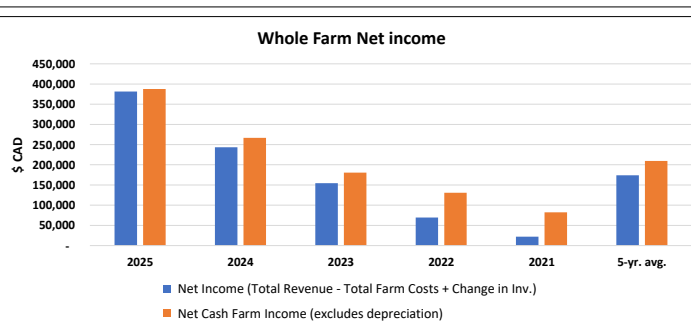
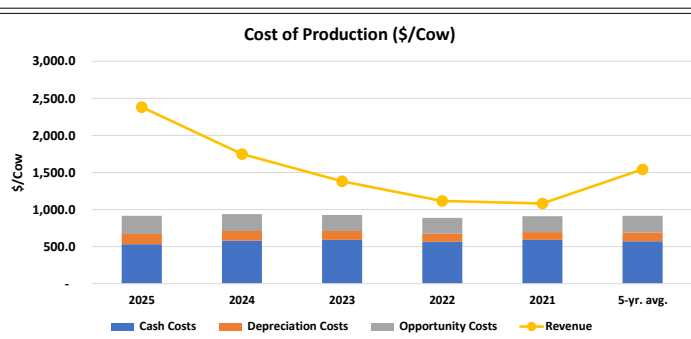
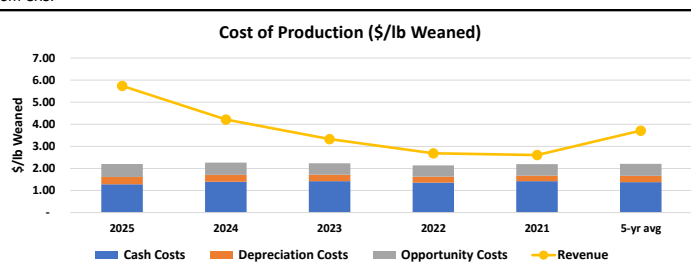
Depreciation = Linear depreciation on machinery and buildings, calculated on replacement values

Opportunity Costs = Calculated cost for using own production factors like labour (family working hours * wage for qualified local labour, land (own land * regional land rents) and capital (non-land equity * long-term government bonds interest rate)

Whole Farm Profitability = Market returns (+ coupled payments) (+ decoupled payments) - whole-farm costs +/- changes in inventory +/- capital gains/losses.

Whole Farm Net Income = Whole farm profitability + depreciation + changes in inventory + capital gains/losses. Known as: 'Net farm income' (Agri Profits, 2018)

Revenue = sales of calves, cull cows, breeding stock, government payments and other revenue applicable to the specific enterprise



Whole Farm Overview Page

Overview							
Operation Maturity	Medium						
Herd Size	221						
Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	337						
Unpaid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	1,957						
Average wages - paid and unpaid (\$/hr)	17.59						
Beef Animals Sold from Retained Ownership							167
Revenue		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Market Revenue	5-yr avg	1,070,844	831,038	663,589	524,880	474,410	712,952
Cow-Calf	46%	526,475	386,605	297,197	223,242	218,353	330,375
Cash Crops	9%	63,694	53,910	77,854	83,915	38,488	63,572
Retained Ownership	44%	480,675	390,523	288,538	217,723	217,569	319,006
Government Payments	1%	-	-	8,177	23,426	20,774	10,475
Other Farm Revenue †	0%	58	43	23	8	2	27
Total Revenue	100%	1,070,902	831,081	671,789	548,314	495,186	723,454
Change in Inventory		68,676	49,865	42,907	1,875	(2,490)	32,167
Expenses		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Depreciation		75,185	73,141	69,140	63,464	57,810	67,748
Machinery		39,206	38,230	36,099	32,185	28,561	34,856
Buildings		35,978	34,910	33,041	31,279	29,249	32,892
Quota econ. Accounting		-	-	-	-	-	-
Overhead costs		31,059	30,112	29,299	28,348	25,977	28,959
Land improvement		-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery Maintenance		18,746	17,765	17,291	16,209	15,357	17,074
Buildings Maintenance		4,252	4,226	3,740	3,310	2,929	3,691
Contract labour		474	474	474	490	465	476
Diesel, Gasoline, Natural Gas		1,787	1,837	1,920	2,412	1,654	1,922
Electricity		100	111	175	121	74	116
Water		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm insurance		379	379	379	392	372	380
Disability and accident insurance		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm taxes and duties		946	946	946	977	928	949
Advisor costs		2,033	2,033	2,033	2,100	1,993	2,038
Accountant & legal fees		1,209	1,209	1,209	1,249	1,186	1,212
Phone & utilities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other overhead costs		1,132	1,132	1,132	1,089	1,020	1,101
Wages, rent and interest payments		32,091	33,521	34,768	34,071	33,276	33,545
Paid Labour		7,932	7,932	7,932	8,193	7,779	7,954
Total land rents		23,793	22,711	21,504	20,397	19,864	21,654
Total Interest on debt		365	2,878	5,331	5,481	5,633	3,938
Cow-Calf		46,444	58,725	60,995	54,374	64,261	56,960
Animal purchases		2,035	1,673	1,322	1,073	933	1,407
Purchased feed		27,177	39,751	39,645	33,076	46,926	37,315
Other fixed and var. costs *		17,232	17,301	20,029	20,225	16,402	18,238
Retained Ownership		493,337	363,067	284,849	216,397	214,047	314,339
Animal purchases		484,209	352,697	271,150	204,048	201,756	302,772
Purchased feed		351	1,330	1,673	1,055	4,186	1,719
Other fixed and var. costs *		8,778	9,039	12,025	11,294	8,105	9,848
Crop and forage		80,176	78,934	81,089	84,217	75,336	79,950
Seed		19,854	20,266	19,617	17,152	16,235	18,625
Fertilizer		28,225	26,620	26,993	30,561	24,896	27,459
Herbicide		5,616	5,567	7,998	9,945	9,008	7,627
Fungicide & Insecticide		2,721	2,721	2,721	2,748	2,721	2,727
Irrigation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract labour		13,375	13,375	13,375	13,815	13,116	13,411
Fuel costs (crop & forage)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other crop and forage		10,385	10,385	10,385	9,995	9,360	10,102
Total Farm Costs (excludes unpaid labour)		758,291	637,500	560,141	480,871	470,706	581,502
Cash Costs (Total Farm Costs - Depreciation)		683,106	564,359	491,001	417,407	412,897	513,754
Depreciation & Opportunity Costs (including unpaid labour)		109,613	107,569	103,569	97,892	92,238	102,176
Total Economic Costs (cash, depr, opportunity)		792,720	671,928	594,569	515,299	505,135	615,930
Profits		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income (Total Revenue - Total Farm Costs + Change in Inv.)		381,287	243,446	154,555	69,318	21,989	174,119
Net Cash Farm Income (excludes depreciation)		387,738	266,679	180,765	130,899	82,288	209,674

† Other Farm Revenue includes: Other enterprises, capital gains and losses as well as calculated interest on savings based on the models previous year profits.

*Other fixed and var. costs includes: veterinary, medicine, maintenance and spare parts, and other/miscellaneous



Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/Cow)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5 yr. avg.
No. of Cows*	221	221	221	221	221	221
Average male and female calf price (\$/head)	2,857	2,077	1,594	1,201	1,189	1,784
REVENUE						
Cow Calf	2,382	1,749	1,382	1,116	1,082	1,542
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	173	140	109	80	68	114
Breeding livestock receipts	18	13	9	6	7	11
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	2,191	1,596	1,227	923	913	1,370
Government payments	-	-	37.0	106.0	94.0	47.4
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	2,382	1,749	1,382	1,116	1,082	1,542
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	9.2	7.6	6.0	4.9	4.2	6
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	229.9	283.9	286.9	263.6	311.5	275
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	170.0	161.8	153.2	144.5	138.1	154
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	22.7	23.3	36.8	38.6	23.6	29
Vet & medicine	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.8	22.6	23
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	40.0	39.2	37.7	37.0	35.2	38
Labour						
Paid Labour	16.6	15.8	15.1	15.7	16.3	16
Unpaid Labour	60.5	57.4	55.0	57.3	59.4	58
Total Variable Costs	571.9	611.9	613.8	585.4	610.8	599
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	9.8	9.7	9.7	10.0	9.6	10
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	56.4	53.9	49.9	47.1	45.2	51
Land Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rented Land	91.6	87.3	82.7	78.6	76.6	83
Own Land	114.2	104.3	97.8	92.3	85.8	99
Capital Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	0.8	5.7	10.3	11.1	12.4	8
Own capital	70.4	66.1	62.3	62.0	69.6	66
Total Capital Costs	343.1	327.1	312.8	301.2	299.1	317
COSTS						
Cash Costs	532.2	580.5	590.6	564.3	590.4	572
Depreciation Costs	137.8	130.6	120.9	110.6	104.8	121
Opportunity Costs	245.0	227.8	215.1	211.6	214.8	223
Total Production Costs	915.0	939.0	926.6	886.5	910.0	915
Profits	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	1,850.0	1,168.8	791.2	551.9	491.6	971
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	1,712.2	1,038.2	670.4	441.2	386.9	850
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	1,467.2	810.4	455.2	229.6	172.1	627

*Model maintains a stable herd size

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Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/lb Weaned)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5 yr. avg.
Pounds Weaned	91,718	91,718	91,718	91,718	91,718	91,718
Average male and female weaning weight (lbs)	543	543	543	543	543	543
Average male and female calf price at weaning (\$/lb)	5.26	3.82	2.93	2.21	2.19	3.28
REVENUE						
Cow Calf Operation	5.74	4.22	3.33	2.69	2.61	3.72
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	0.42	0.34	0.26	0.19	0.16	0.28
Breeding livestock receipts	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	5.28	3.85	2.96	2.22	2.20	3.30
Government payments	-	-	0.09	0.26	0.23	0.11
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	5.74	4.22	3.33	2.69	2.61	3.72
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.55	0.68	0.69	0.64	0.75	0.66
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.37
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.07
Vet & medicine	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09
Labour						
Paid Labour	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Unpaid Labour	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14
Total Variable Costs	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.12
Land Cost						
Rented Land	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.20
Owned Land	0.28	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.24
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
Own capital	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.16
Total Capital Costs	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
COSTS						
Cash Costs	1.28	1.40	1.42	1.36	1.42	1.38
Depreciation Costs	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.25	0.29
Opportunity Costs	0.59	0.55	0.52	0.51	0.52	0.54
Total Production Costs	2.20	2.26	2.23	2.14	2.19	2.21
Profits	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	4.46	2.82	1.91	1.33	1.18	2.34
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	4.13	2.50	1.62	1.06	0.93	2.05
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	3.54	1.95	1.10	0.55	0.41	1.51

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RETAINED OWNERSHIP		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
No. of beef cattle sold per year		167	167	167	167	167	167
<i>Note: breeding stock sales are in the cow-calf enterprise</i>							
Placement weight (lbs)	546						
Sale Weight (lbs)	600-660						
Days on Feed	45						
Average Daily Gain (lbs/day)	2.00						

REVENUE (\$/head Sold)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Market Returns from Retained Ownership	2,878.29	2,338.46	1,727.77	1,303.73	1,302.81	1,910.21
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	2,878.29	2,338.46	1,727.77	1,303.73	1,302.81	1,910.21

Costs (\$/head Sold)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	2,899.45	2,111.96	1,623.65	1,221.85	1,208.12	1,813.01
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	160.97	164.94	173.20	174.70	176.10	169.98
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	146.87	146.40	133.78	113.16	110.16	130.07
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	31.88	33.89	52.19	47.85	29.46	39.06
Vet & medicine	11.17	11.17	11.17	11.53	10.95	11.20
Other inputs	27.58	27.99	26.83	25.64	24.29	26.47
Labour						
Paid Labour	22.90	23.75	22.28	20.45	21.23	22.12
Unpaid Labour	83.48	86.57	81.24	74.56	77.39	80.65
Total Variable Costs	3,384.30	2,606.67	2,124.34	1,689.75	1,657.71	2,292.55

CAPITAL COSTS	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Insurance, taxes	1.72	1.76	1.69	1.62	1.62	1.68
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	59.95	59.33	54.12	48.28	46.73	53.68
Land Cost						
Rented Land	15.64	15.09	14.25	13.32	12.97	14.25
Owned Land	19.49	18.01	16.85	15.64	14.54	16.91
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	1.05	8.62	14.80	13.10	14.72	10.46
Own capital	96.50	98.90	91.16	80.11	90.04	91.34
Total Capital Costs	194.36	201.71	192.87	172.06	180.61	188.32

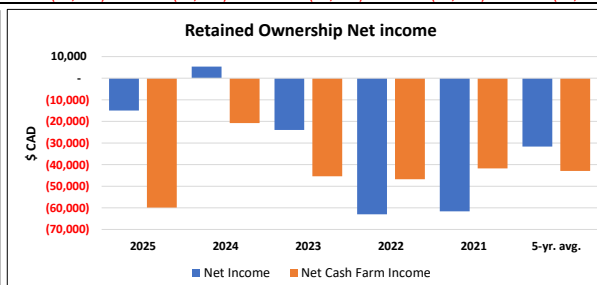
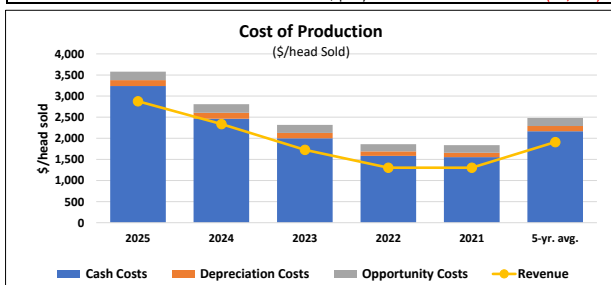
TOTAL COSTS	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Cash Costs	3,236.73	2,462.65	1,999.39	1,583.17	1,552.13	2,166.82
Depreciation Costs	142.46	142.24	128.58	108.32	104.23	125.17
Opportunity Costs	199.47	203.48	189.24	170.31	181.96	188.89
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)	3,578.66	2,808.37	2,317.21	1,861.81	1,838.32	2,480.88

Profits	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	(358.44)	(124.19)	(271.62)	(279.44)	(249.32)	(256.60)
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	(500.90)	(266.43)	(400.20)	(387.77)	(353.55)	(381.77)
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	(700.37)	(469.91)	(589.44)	(558.08)	(535.51)	(570.66)

Net Income (\$/head sold)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income	(89.49)	32.29	(143.38)	(377.10)	(369.10)	(189.36)
Net Cash Farm Income	(358.44)	(124.19)	(271.79)	(280.03)	(249.97)	(256.88)

Labour	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Paid Labour	175	182	171	152	166	169
Unpaid Labour	1,041	1,079	1,013	900	984	1,003
Return to labour input	(81.6)	(48)	(69)	(74)	(63)	(67)
Average wages (paid and calculated)	15	15	15	15	14	15

Net Income (annual total)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income	\$ per year (14,945)	5,392	(23,944)	(62,976)	(61,640)	(31,623)
Net Cash Farm Income	\$ per year (59,859)	(20,740)	(45,389)	(46,765)	(41,745)	(42,900)



NOTE: Feed costs are based on cost of production if homegrown.



RETAINED OWNERSHIP	\$/lb LW Sold	\$/hd sold	\$/lb gain
REVENUE	2025	2025	2025
Market Returns from Retained Ownership	4.53	2,878.29	32.06
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)	-	-	-
Total	4.53	2,878.29	32.06
Costs (\$/lb LW Sold)	2025	2025	2025
VARIABLE COSTS			
Animal purchases	4.56	2,899.45	32.29
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.25	160.97	1.79
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.23	146.87	1.64
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.05	31.88	0.36
Vet & medicine	0.02	11.17	0.12
Other inputs	0.04	27.58	0.31
Labour			
Paid Labour	0.04	22.90	0.26
Unpaid Labour	0.13	83.48	0.93
Total Variable Costs	5.32	3,384.30	37.69
CAPITAL COSTS			
Insurance, taxes	0.00	1.72	0.02
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.09	59.95	0.67
Land Cost			
Rented Land	0.02	15.64	0.17
Owned Land	0.03	19.49	0.22
Capital Costs			
Liabilities	0.00	1.05	0.01
Own capital	0.15	96.50	1.07
Total Capital Costs	0.31	194.36	2.16
TOTAL COSTS			
Cash Costs	5.09	3,236.73	36.05
Depreciation Costs	0.22	142.46	1.59
Opportunity Costs	0.31	199.47	2.22
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)	5.63	3,578.66	39.86
Profits	2025	2025	2025
Margin over operating costs	(0.11)	(0.31)	(0.00)
Short-term profit (cash costs)	(0.56)	(358.44)	(3.99)
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	(0.79)	(500.90)	(5.58)
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	(1.10)	(700.37)	(7.80)
Net Income	2025	2025	2025
Net Income	(0.14)	(89.49)	(1.00)
Net Cash Farm Income	(0.56)	(358.44)	(3.99)

NOTE: Feed costs are based on cost of production if homegrown.