

AB-5 Future Farm Summary

Shorten Winter Feeding Period	
Description	Extend grazing season through rotational grazing
Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$8,900 in a portable electric fencing system in the first year Fencing system depreciate by 5% per year Improve stocking rate by 10% from 15 AUs/ac to 16 AUs/ac Shorten full winter feed days by 7% from 184 days to 171 days Add 70 total unpaid family labour hours (assumes additional 3 hours/week required for grazing management, partially offset by reduced labour hours (1.5 hour per day) from a shorter winter feeding period) Calf weaning weights are unaffected by grazing method
Trade-Off Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional labour for rotational grazing Upfront capital or equity position required to invest in new fencing system Additional fencing and labour costs on a per head basis are affected by herd size Stocking rate improvements vary by location, weather and previous grazing management
5-year average vs. baseline year*	
Estimated Change at Whole Farm Level (\$/year)	
Net Income	+\$6,984
Net Cash Farm Income	+\$7,428
Estimated Change at Cow-calf Enterprise (\$/cow)	
Short-term Profits	+\$20
Medium-term Profits	+\$18
Long-term Profits	+\$20

* Changes in profitability come from the practice change as well as debt servicing

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