

BC-2 Future Farm Summary

Shorten Winter Feeding Period	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 25 AU/ac to 27 AU/ac Shorten full winter feed days by 7% from 210 days to 195 days Add 50 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 Not selling surplus hay production
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	-\$1,442**
Net Cash Farm Income	-\$40
Estimated Change at Cow-calf Enterprise(\$/cow)	
Short-term Profits	+\$2***
Medium-term Profits	-\$3
Long-term Profits	-\$3

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

** No additional revenue from selling surplus hay

*** Driven by reduced capital costs over the five-year period and lower winter feed costs

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