



Farm Characteristics	CA-MT-2
Farm Description	A cow-calf operation producing homegrown feed with some direct farm-gate cow sales of boxed beef
Winter Feeding Ration (lbs/cow/day as fed)	Bale grazing 220 days on haylage (35 lb) and dry hay (15 lb), with mineral (77 g) and salt (64 g).
Retained Ownership/Replacement Ration (lb/head/day as fed)	Bale grazing 220 days on haylage (25 lb) and barley (5 lb), with mineral (65 g) and salt (54 g).
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Environment	
Average Annual Temperature	5 °C
Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	1100-1400 mm
	New Brunswick
Ecoregion	Uplands
Stocking Rate (Animal Unit days per acre)	0.50 cows/acre
Fertilize Hay (yes/no)	No
Fertilize Pasture (yes/no)	No
Typical Hay Yield (tonnes/acre)	2.3
Grassland Acres (owned+rented)	72
Crop Acres (includes hay) (owned+rented)	128
Bush and other acres	0

Physical Performance Indicators	
	Charolais, Simmental, Galloway
Breed	
Cow:Bull Ratio	23:1
Bull Culling Rate (%)	33%
Mature Cow Weight (lb)	1,540
Heifer Retention for a steady herd (%)	6%
Cow Death Loss (%)	1.0%
Cow Culling Rate (%)	7.0%
Calves alive after 24hr/100 Cows exposed	96
Calf Death Loss (%) 24 hr to weaning	5%
Calves weaned per 100 cows exposed	91
Total Liveweight Sold per Cow (lb)	639
Weaning Weight (lb)	599
205 day adjusted Weaning Weight (lb)	570
Average Daily Gain pre-weaning (lb)	2.37
Weaning Weight as % of Cow Weight	39%

Production System	
Herd size	35
Days on field feeding (e.g. swath grazing)	0
Days supplemented on pasture	0
Days on full winter feed	220
Calving Start date	January 01
Weaning date	September 01
Sale date	September 05
Retained ownership	Replacements
% of feed purchased	0.9%
% of land in crops	64%
Annual sales Retained Cattle (head)	N/A
Placement weight (lbs)	N/A
Sale Weight (lbs)	N/A
Days on feed	0
Days on grass	0

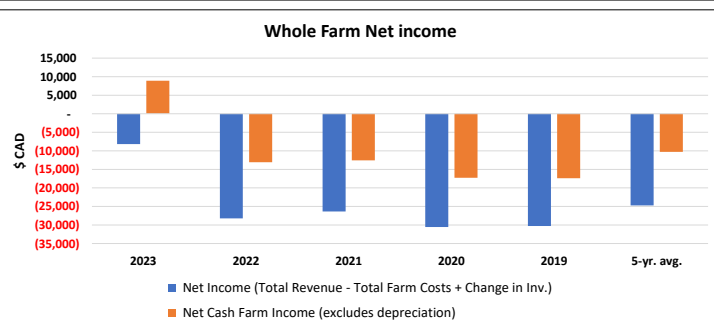
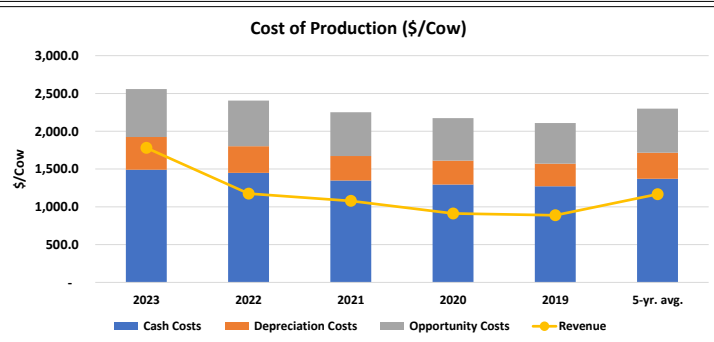
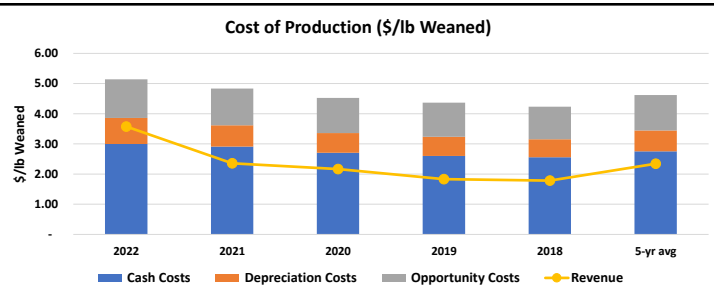
Footnotes:

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)



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Overview							
Operation Maturity	Medium						
Herd Size	35			Beef Animals Sold from Retained Ownership	N/A		
Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	326						
Unpaid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	1,010						
Average wages - paid and unpaid (\$/hr)	17.84						
Revenue		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Market Revenue	5-yr avg	70,775	50,766	45,913	38,497	38,301	48,850
Cow-Calf	84%	62,320	41,103	37,734	31,908	31,081	40,829
Cash Crops	16%	8,455	9,662	8,179	6,588	7,220	8,021
Retained Ownership	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government Payments	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Farm Revenue †	0%	53	24	14	15	21	25
Total Revenue	100%	70,828	50,789	45,927	38,512	38,322	48,875
Change in Inventory		-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Depreciation		17,157	15,197	13,784	13,300	12,907	14,469
Machinery		13,520	11,754	10,564	10,200	9,860	11,179
Buildings		3,638	3,444	3,220	3,100	3,047	3,290
Quota econ. Accounting		-	-	-	-	-	-
Overhead costs		25,238	26,509	22,388	20,131	21,127	23,079
Land improvement		3,504	3,437	3,193	3,030	3,044	3,242
Machinery Maintenance		3,508	3,495	3,452	3,344	3,322	3,424
Buildings Maintenance		1,231	1,192	1,047	974	989	1,087
Contract labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Diesel, Gasoline, Natural Gas		6,536	7,782	4,630	3,045	4,255	5,250
Electricity		-	-	-	-	-	-
Water		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm insurance		2,581	2,666	2,531	2,442	2,369	2,518
Disability and accident insurance		1,520	1,570	1,490	1,438	1,395	1,482
Farm taxes and duties		1,677	1,733	1,645	1,587	1,539	1,636
Advisor costs		85	87	83	80	78	82
Accountant & legal fees		1,427	1,474	1,399	1,350	1,310	1,392
Phone & utilities		1,883	1,812	1,697	1,642	1,630	1,733
Other overhead costs		1,286	1,261	1,220	1,200	1,196	1,232
Wages, rent and interest payments		22,206	22,886	23,083	23,457	22,543	22,835
Paid Labour		6,160	6,363	6,041	5,827	5,653	6,009
Total land rents		1,920	1,808	1,579	1,448	1,426	1,636
Total Interest on debt		14,126	14,716	15,463	16,182	15,463	15,190
Cow-Calf		7,266	7,085	6,607	6,273	6,019	6,650
Animal purchases		1,254	1,254	1,254	1,254	1,254	1,254
Purchased feed		2,468	2,261	1,888	1,624	1,412	1,931
Other fixed and var. costs *		3,544	3,571	3,465	3,395	3,352	3,465
Retained Ownership		-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal purchases		-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased feed		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fixed and var. costs *		-	-	-	-	-	-
Crop and forage		7,158	7,344	6,421	5,897	6,012	6,566
Seed		1,726	1,471	1,419	1,357	1,384	1,472
Fertilizer		3,496	3,974	3,212	2,801	2,904	3,277
Herbicide		92	114	103	99	94	101
Fungicide & Insecticide		247	247	247	247	247	247
Irrigation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel costs (crop & forage)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other crop and forage		1,597	1,537	1,440	1,393	1,383	1,470
Total Farm Costs (excludes unpaid labour)		79,024	79,022	72,283	69,059	68,608	73,599
Cash Costs (Total Farm Costs - Depreciation)		61,867	63,825	58,499	55,759	55,700	59,130
Depreciation & Opportunity Costs (including unpaid labour)		35,178	33,218	31,805	31,321	30,928	32,490
Total Economic Costs (cash, depr, opportunity)		97,045	97,043	90,304	87,080	86,628	91,620
Profits		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Net Income (Total Revenue - Total Farm Costs + Change in Inv.)		(8,196)	(28,233)	(26,356)	(30,548)	(30,286)	(24,724)
Net Cash Farm Income (excludes depreciation)		8,908	(13,059)	(12,586)	(17,263)	(17,399)	(10,280)

† 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)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5 yr. avg.
No. of Cows*	35	35	35	35	35	35
Average male and female calf price (\$/head)	1,897	1,229	1,155	926	927	1,227
REVENUE						
Cow Calf	1,781	1,174	1,078	912	888	1,167
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	189	148	111	135	111	139
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	1,592	1,026	967	777	777	1,028
Government payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	1,781	1,174	1,078	912	888	1,167
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	35.8	35.8	35.8	35.8	35.8	36
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	249.4	242.2	215.2	197.9	193.2	220
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	428.4	352.7	329.1	320.7	305.6	347
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	164.4	180.0	108.7	72.1	98.7	125
Vet & medicine	37.3	38.5	36.5	35.3	34.2	36
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	181.7	170.7	165.8	162.9	159.3	168
Labour						
Paid Labour	155.0	147.2	141.8	138.0	131.1	143
Unpaid Labour	582.3	553.0	533.0	518.5	492.5	536
Total Variable Costs	1,834.3	1,720.2	1,566.0	1,481.3	1,450.4	1,610
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	145.3	141.5	135.7	131.7	125.9	136
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	122.5	107.2	100.2	96.5	93.6	104
Land Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rented Land	48.2	45.3	39.6	36.3	35.8	41
Own Land	53.4	51.2	46.7	44.1	43.7	48
Capital Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	355.1	340.3	363.0	383.1	358.3	360
Own capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Total Capital Costs	724.4	685.5	685.2	691.7	657.3	689
COSTS						
Cash Costs	1,491.4	1,449.9	1,347.9	1,295.4	1,272.2	1,371
Depreciation Costs	431.6	351.6	323.7	315.0	299.3	344
Opportunity Costs	635.7	604.2	579.6	562.6	536.2	584
Total Production Costs	2,558.7	2,405.7	2,251.2	2,173.0	2,107.6	2,299
Profits						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	289.2	(275.6)	(269.8)	(383.7)	(384.2)	(205)
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	(142.5)	(627.1)	(593.4)	(698.7)	(683.4)	(549)
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	(778.1)	(1,231.3)	(1,173.1)	(1,261.3)	(1,219.6)	(1,133)

*Model Maintains a stable herd size

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Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/lb Weaned)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5 yr. avg.
Pounds Weaned	17,421	17,421	17,421	17,421	17,421	17,421
Average male and female weaning weight (lbs)	599	599	599	599	599	
Average male and female calf price at weaning (\$/lb)	3.17	2.05	1.93	1.55	1.55	2.05
REVENUE						
Cow Calf Operation	3.58	2.36	2.17	1.83	1.78	2.34
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	0.38	0.30	0.22	0.27	0.22	0.28
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	3.20	2.06	1.94	1.56	1.56	2.07
Government payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	3.58	2.36	2.17	1.83	1.78	2.34
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.50	0.49	0.43	0.40	0.39	0.44
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.86	0.71	0.66	0.64	0.61	0.70
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.33	0.36	0.22	0.14	0.20	0.25
Vet & medicine	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	0.37	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.34
Labour						
Paid Labour	0.31	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.26	0.29
Unpaid Labour	1.17	1.11	1.07	1.04	0.99	1.08
Total Variable Costs	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.2
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.27
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.21
Land Cost						
Rented Land	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08
Owned Land	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.77	0.72	0.72
Own capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Costs	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4
COSTS						
Cash Costs	3.00	2.91	2.71	2.60	2.56	2.76
Depreciation Costs	0.87	0.71	0.65	0.63	0.60	0.69
Opportunity Costs	1.28	1.21	1.16	1.13	1.08	1.17
Total Production Costs	5.14	4.83	4.52	4.37	4.23	4.62
Profits						
Short-term profit (cash costs)	0.58	(0.55)	(0.54)	(0.77)	(0.77)	(0.41)
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	(0.29)	(1.26)	(1.19)	(1.40)	(1.37)	(1.10)
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