MT-2 Future Farm Summary

	Calving Distribution 1	Calving Distribution 2	AI
Description	Increase weaning weight by shortening calving season to 3 cycles	Increase weaning weight by adjusting to calving distribution of 70-20-10	Implement estrus synchronization and artificial insemination
Assumptions	 Shorten calving season from 78 days to 63 days Change calving distribution from 55-21-15-9 to 60-23-16 over five years Increase heifer weaning weight 2% from 578 to 587 lbs Increase steer weaning weight 2% from 620 to 630 lbs 	 Shorten calving season from 78 days to 63 days Change calving distribution from 55-21-15-9 to 70-20-10 over five years Increase heifer weaning weight 3% from 578 to 595 lbs Increase steer weaning weight 3% from 620 to 638 lbs 	 Increase AI from 0% to 100% Remove bull Add \$50/head fixed-time AI cost to variable cost Conception rate steady with baseline
Trade-Off Considerations	 Cattle price per lb may decrease due to price slide on heavier sale weight Calving seasons can be shortened by pulling the bulls five days earlier each year, this slow change avoids a drop in conception rates. Front loading the calving season can be done by breeding heifers 2-4 weeks ahead of the cow herd. Other options that require a cash investment include: heat synchronizing, artificial insemination and adjusting the cow:bull ratio. 	 Cattle price per lb may decrease due to price slide on heavier sale weight Calving seasons can be shortened by pulling the bulls five days earlier each year, this slow change avoids a drop in conception rates. Front loading the calving season can be done by breeding heifers 2-4 weeks ahead of the cow herd. Other options that require a cash investment include: heat synchronizing, artificial insemination and adjusting the cow:bull ratio. 	 Additional cost for fixed-time Al and reduced income from selling cull bulls offset cost saved on bull purchase and maintenance





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	Calving Distribution 1	Calving Distribution 2	Al			
	5-year average vs. baseline year*					
Estimated Change at Whole Farm Level (\$/year)						
Net Income	+\$2,298	+\$2,514	-\$488			
Net Cash Farm Income	+\$2,297	+\$2,513	-\$489			
Estimated Change at Cow-calf Enterprise (\$/cow)						
Short-term Profits	+\$55	+\$60	-\$14			
Medium-term Profits	+\$54	+\$59	-\$10			
Long-term Profits	+\$53	+\$58	-\$4			

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

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