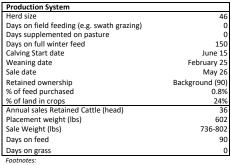
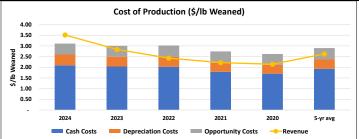


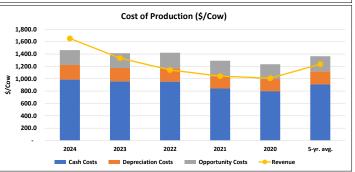
Farm Characteristics	CA-MT-5
Farm Description	A cow-calf and backgrounding operation producing home-grown feed.
Winter Feeding Ration (lbs/cow/day as fed)	150 days graze standing corn (16 lb dry matter), supplemented by grass silage (15 lb), and hay (10 lb)
Retained Ownership/Replacement Ration (lb/head/day as fed)	Backgrounder: 90 days on hay (20 lb)
Disclaimer:	This benchmark is based on 4 farms of data; outliers were excluded as required.Canfax Research Services (CRS) tries to provide quality information, but we make no claims, promises, or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information. CRS does not guarantee and accepts no legal liability arising from or connected to, the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of any material contained in our publications. Reproduction and/or electronic transmission of this publication, in whole or in part, is strictly forbidden without written consent from CRS.

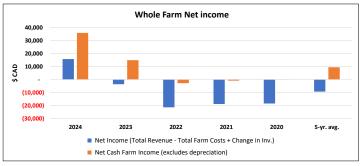
Environment	
Average Annual Temperature	6°C
Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	1000-1600mm
	Nova Scotia Highland
Ecoregion	Ecoregion
Stocking Rate (Animal Unit days per acre)	124
Fertilize Hay (yes/no)	no
Fertilize Pasture (yes/no)	no
Typical Hay Yield (tonnes/acre)	2.0
Grassland Acres (owned+rented)	129
Crop Acres (includes hay) (owned+rented)	72
Bush and other acres	103

Physical Performance Indicators	
	Hereford, Angus,
Breed	Simmental
Cow:Bull Ratio	31:1
Bull Culling Rate (%)	28%
Mature Cow Weight (lb)	1,400
Heifer Retention for a steady herd (%)	15%
Cow Death Loss (%)	0.3%
Cow Culling Rate (%)	14.0%
Calves alive after 24hr/100 Cows exposed	94
Calf Death Loss (%) 24 hr to weaning	2%
Calves weaned per 100 cows exposed	93
Total Liveweight Sold per Cow (lb)	727
Weaning Weight (lb)	596
205 day adjusted Weaning Weight (lb)	494
Average Daily Gain pre-weaning (lb)	2.00
Weaning Weight as % of Cow Weight	43%









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,

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

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



Whole Farm Overview Page

Operation Maturity Herd Size Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	Medium 46	D f A ! I -					
Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	40		· Cald from Datain	od Ownorchin	36		
	842	beel Allilliais	Sold from Retaine	ed Ownership	30		
Unpaid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	399						
Average wages - paid and unpaid (\$/hr)	16.26						
Revenue		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. av
Market Revenue	5-yr avg	162,519	129,090	102,431	94,339	91,562	115,988
Cow-Calf Cash Crops	49% 0%	76,026	61,358	52,528	47,951	46,384	56,84
Retained Ownership	51%	86,492	67,732	49,903	46,389	45,178	59,13
Government Payments	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Farm Revenue +	0%	6	1	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	100%	162,525	129,090	102,431	94,339	91,562	115,98
Change in Inventory		3,621	2,784	959	-	(897)	1,29
Expenses		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. av
Depreciation		23,800	21,329	19,559	18,031	17,620	20,06
Machinery		9,914	8,187	7,117	6,397	6,184	7,56
Buildings		13,886	13,143	12,442	11,634	11,436	12,50
Quota econ. Accounting		-	-	-	-	-	-
Overhead costs		25,262	24,043	23,136	20,408	19,244	22,419
Land improvement		2,927	2,727	2,522	2,224	2,104	2,50
Machinery Maintenance		10,620	9,398	8,317	7,360	7,084	8,55
Buildings Maintenance		1,983	1,961	1,899	1,668	1,550	1,81.
Contract labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Diesel, Gasoline, Natural Gas		1,306	1,576	1,876	1,116	728	1,32
Electricity		625	596	529	460	464	53
Water		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm insurance		2,764	2,764	2,855	2,711	2,615	2,74
Disability and accident insurance		898	898	927	880	849	89
Farm taxes and duties		2,278	2,278	2,353	2,234	2,155	2,26
Advisor costs		178	178	184	175	169	17
Accountant & legal fees		987	987	1,019	968	933	97
Phone & utilities		696	680	654	613	593	64
Other overhead costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wages, rent and interest payments		22,325	23,496	22,516	20,910	20,381	21,92
Paid Labour		14,641	14,641	15,123	14,358	13,850	14,52
Total land rents		3,675	3,490	3,303	3,130	3,031	3,32
Total Interest on debt		4,009	5,365	4,090	3,422	3,499	4,07
Cow-Calf		14,215	12,904	12,234	10,040	9,218	11,72
Animal purchases		7,222	5,672	4,694	4,000	4,000	5,11
Purchased feed		1,952	1,927	1,727	1,455	1,256	1,66
Other fixed and var. costs *		5,042	5,306	5,814	4,585	3,962	4,94
Retained Ownership		58,882	47,888	41,713	38,674	37,806	44,99
Animal purchases		58,289	47,297	41,111	38,095	37,258	44,41
Purchased feed		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fixed and var. costs *		594	592	603	578	548	58
Crop and forage		5,961	5,863	5,664	5,169	4,893	5,51
Seed Fertilizer		2,514 1,196	2,404	2,102 1,352	1,979	1,893 1,006	2,17 1,17
Herbicide		1,196	1,210 158	1,352	1,127 178	1,006	1,17
Fungicide & Insecticide		-	-	-	-	- 1	-
Irrigation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract labour Fuel costs (crop & forage)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other crop and forage		2,142	2,092	2,013	1,885	1,824	1,99
Total Farm Costs (excludes unpaid labour)		150,446	135,525	124,823	113,232	109,160	126,63
Cash Costs (Total Farm Costs - Depreciation	1)	126,646	114,196	105,264	95,201	91,540	106,56
Depreciation & Opportunity Costs (includin		30,281	27,811	26,040	24,512	24,101	26,54
Total Economic Costs (cash, depr, opportur		156,927	142,006	131,304	119,714	115,642	133,11
Profits		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. av
Net Income (Total Revenue - Total Farm Costs +	Change in Inv.)	15,701	(3,650)	(21,433)	(18,893)	(18,495)	(9,35

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





 $^{{}^{\}bullet} Other fixed and var. costs includes: veterinary, medicine, maintenance and spare parts, and other/miscellaneous$

Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/Cow)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5 yr. avg.
No. of Cows*	46	46	46	46	46	46
Average male and female calf price (\$/head)	1,549	1,270	1,111	1,031	984	1,189
REVENUE						
Cow Calf	1,653	1,334	1,142	1,042	1,008	1,236
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	386	306	248	214	215	274
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	1,267	1,028	894	828	794	962
Government payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	1,653	1,334	1,142	1,042	1,008	1,236
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	157.0	123.3	102.0	87.0	87.0	111
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	216.6	210.4	198.4	176.6	164.3	193
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	204.3	177.9	170.5	152.0	147.6	170
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	25.6	28.0	32.0	22.1	18.0	25
Vet & medicine	20.2	20.2	20.9	19.8	19.1	20
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	101.5	107.7	120.6	94.6	81.1	101
Labour						
Paid Labour	145.6	148.1	167.0	158.6	154.0	155
Unpaid Labour	62.2	63.3	71.3	67.8	65.8	66
Total Variable Costs	933.1	878.9	882.8	778.5	736.9	842
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	81.4	82.0	88.3	83.8	81.1	83
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	157.9	152.8	158.4	147.0	144.4	152
Land Cost	-	-	-	-	-	
Rented Land	72.6	68.9	65.3	61.9	59.9	66
Own Land	101.5	96.4	91.1	85.3	81.9	91
Capital Costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Liabilities	39.9	54.3	45.2	37.8	38.9	43
Own capital	77.6	80.6	90.3	96.8	91.1	87
Total Capital Costs	530.8	535.0	538.5	512.5	497.4	523
COSTS						
Cash Costs	985.8	957.9	952.5	841.9	799.5	908
Depreciation Costs	236.8	215.7	216.0	199.2	196.0	213
Opportunity Costs	241.3	240.2	252.7	249.8	238.8	245
Total Production Costs	1,463.8	1,413.8	1,421.2	1,291.0	1,234.2	1,365
Profits	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	666.9	376.0	189.4	200.5	208.9	328
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	430.2	160.3	(26.6)	1.2	12.9	116
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity) *Model Maintains a stable herd size	188.9	(80.0)	(279.3)	(248.6)	(225.9)	(129)

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However, a per unit cost provides producers with their break-even cost, allowing them to compare with posted market prices for their calves' average weight category. This break-even price will depend on the percentage of calves weaned that year from the cow herd. The higher percent weaned, the lower per pound the break -even price will be





Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/lb Weaned)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5 yr. avg.
Pounds Weaned	21,654	21,654	21,654	21,654	21,654	21,654
Average male and female weaning weight (lbs)	596	596	596	596	596	596
Average male and female calf price at weaning (\$/lb)	2.60	2.13	1.87	1.73	1.65	2.00
REVENUE						
Cow Calf Operation	3.51	2.83	2.43	2.21	2.14	2.63
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	0.82	0.65	0.53	0.46	0.46	0.58
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	2.69	2.18	1.90	1.76	1.69	2.04
Government payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	3.51	2.83	2.43	2.21	2.14	2.63
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	0.33	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.18	0.24
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.46	0.45	0.42	0.38	0.35	0.41
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.43	0.38	0.36	0.32	0.31	0.36
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.05
Vet & medicine	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.20	0.17	0.21
Labour						
Paid Labour	0.31	0.31	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.33
Unpaid Labour	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14
Total Variable Costs	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.8
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.18
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.34	0.32	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.32
Land Cost						
Rented Land	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14
Owned Land	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.19
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.09
Own capital	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.19
Total Capital Costs	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
COSTS						
Cash Costs	2.09	2.03	2.02	1.79	1.70	1.93
Depreciation Costs	0.50	0.46	0.46	0.42	0.42	0.45
Opportunity Costs	0.51	0.51	0.54	0.53	0.51	0.52
Total Production Costs	3.11	3.00	3.02	2.74	2.62	2.90
Profits	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	1.42	0.80	0.40	0.43	0.44	0.70
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	0.91	0.34	(0.06)	0.00	0.03	0.25
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	0.40	(0.17)	(0.59)	(0.53)	(0.48)	(0.27)

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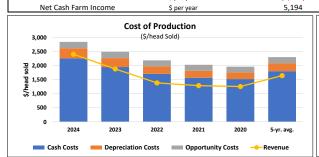
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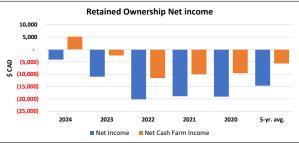
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RETAINED OWNERSHIP		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
No. of beef cattle sold per year		36	36	36	36	36	36
Note: breeding stock sales are in the cow-calf en							
Placement weight (lbs)	602						
Sale Weight (lbs)	736-802						
Days on Feed	90						
Average Daily Gain (lbs/day)	2.00						
REVENUE (\$/head Sold)		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
Market Returns from Retained Ownership		2,402.57	1,881.44	1,386.21	1,288.57	1,254.94	1,642.74
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)		-	-	-	-		_
Total Revenue		2,402.57	1,881.44	1,386.21	1,288.57	1,254.94	1,642.74
Costs (\$/head Sold)		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
VARIABLE COSTS							.,
Animal purchases		1,619.13	1,313.80	1,141.97	1,058.21	1,034.94	1,233.61
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	24.33	23.33	21.82	20.10	19.29	21.77
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contract		309.37	261.19	210.91	187.90	180.00	229.87
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	•	29.09	32.26	32.87	21.53	16.17	26.38
Vet & medicine		10.20	10.20	10.53	10.04	9.65	10.12
Other inputs		34.33	33.64	31.59	30.00	28.56	31.63
Labour							
Paid Labour		220.59	217.47	206.66	196.11	187.90	205.75
Unpaid Labour		94.23	92.90	88.28	83.77	80.27	87.89
Total Variable Costs		2,341.28	1,984.80	1,744.63	1,607.67	1,556.78	1,847.03
CAPITAL COSTS		2,541.20	1,504.00	1,744.03	1,007.07	1,550.70	1,047.03
		60.97	60.19	57.64	54.70	52.44	57.19
Insurance, taxes				195.97			
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)		239.10	224.34	195.97	181.69	176.18	203.46
Land Cost							
Rented Land		9.35	8.88	8.35	7.92	7.66	8.43
Owned Land		13.08	12.41	11.66	10.91	10.48	11.71
Capital Costs							
Liabilities		60.40	79.68	55.89	46.75	47.47	58.04
Own capital		116.71	117.60	110.94	119.04	110.54	114.97
Total Capital Costs		499.62	503.09	440.44	421.00	404.78	453.79
TOTAL COSTS							
Cash Costs		2,258.29	1,948.17	1,706.92	1,568.66	1,521.23	1,800.65
Depreciation Costs		358.58	316.81	267.28	246.28	239.05	285.60
Opportunity Costs		224.03	222.91	210.88	213.73	201.29	214.57
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)		2,840.90	2,487.89	2,185.07	2,028.67	1,961.56	2,300.82
Profits		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg
Short-term profit (cash costs)		144.28	(66.73)	(320.71)	(280.09)	(266.29)	(157.91)
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)		(214.31)	(383.54)	(587.99)	(526.38)	(505.33)	(443.51)
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportu	inity)	(438.33)	(606.45)	(798.86)	(740.10)	(706.62)	(658.08)
Net Income (\$/head sold)		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
Net Income		(113.62)	(306.19)	(561.34)	(526.38)	(530.24)	(407.55)
Net Cash Farm Income		144.27	(66.73)	(320.71)	(280.09)	(266.29)	(157.91)
Labour							
	nours per year	472	465	428	428	425	444
Unpaid Labour	nours per year	216	213	196	196	195	203
	\$/hour \$/hour	(6.5) 16	(16) 16	(29) 17	(27) 16	(25) 16	(21) 16
Net Income (annual total)		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	5-yr. avg.
	per year	(4,090)	(11,023)	(20,208)	(18,950)	(19,089)	(14,672)
Net Cash Farm Income	per year	5,194	(2,402)	(11,545)	(10,083)	(9,586)	(5,685)





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RETAINED OWNERSHIP	\$/lb LW Sold	\$/hd sold	\$/lb gain
REVENUE	2024	2024	2024
Market Returns from Retained Ownership	3.10	2,402.57	13.75
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)	-	-	-
Total	3.10	2,402.57	13.75
Costs (\$/lb LW Sold)	2024	2024	2024
VARIABLE COSTS			
Animal purchases	2.09	1,619.13	9.27
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.03	24.33	0.14
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.40	309.37	1.77
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.04	29.09	0.17
Vet & medicine	0.01	10.20	0.06
Other inputs	0.04	34.33	0.20
Labour			
Paid Labour	0.28	220.59	1.26
Unpaid Labour	0.12	94.23	0.54
Total Variable Costs	3.02	2,341.28	13.40
CAPITAL COSTS			
Insurance, taxes	0.08	60.97	0.35
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.31	239.10	1.37
Land Cost			
Rented Land	0.01	9.35	0.05
Owned Land	0.02	13.08	0.07
Capital Costs			
Liabilities	0.08	60.40	0.35
Own capital	0.15	116.71	0.67
Total Capital Costs	0.64	499.62	2.86
TOTAL COSTS			
Cash Costs	2.91	2,258.29	12.92
Depreciation Costs	0.46	358.58	2.05
Opportunity Costs	0.29	224.03	1.28
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)	3.66	2,840.90	16.26
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Profits	2024	2024	2024
Margin over operating costs	7.80	27.45	0.16
Short-term profit (cash costs)	0.19	144.28	0.83
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	(0.28)	(214.31)	(1.23)
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	(0.56)	(438.33)	(2.51)
Net Income	2024	2024	2024
Net Income	(0.15)	(113.62)	(0.65)
Net Cash Farm Income	0.19	144.27	0.83

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