

Farm Characteristics

CA-SK-11a

Farm Description	A commercial and pure bred (Angus) cow-calf operation with 200 cows, utilizing predominantly homegrown feed.
Winter Feeding Ration (lbs/cow/day as fed)	165 days on barley silage(38 lb), hay (10 lb) and greenfeed (9lb)
Retained Ownership/Replacement Ration (lb/head/day as fed)	Yearling bulls: 143 days on barley silage (30 lb), hay (5 lb) and pellets (8 lb)

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Environment	
Average Annual Temperature	2.5° C
Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	350-400
Ecoregion	Mixed Grassland
Stocking Rate (Animal Unit days per acre)	28
Fertilize Hay (yes/no)	No
Fertilize Pasture (yes/no)	No
Typical Hay Yield (tonnes/acre)	1.3
Grassland Acres (owned+rented)	2,686
Crop Acres (includes hay) (owned+rented)	457
Bush and other acres	0

Physical Performance Indicators	
Breed	Angus, Simmental, Hereford, Charolais
Cow:Bull Ratio	33:1
Bull Culling Rate (%)	17%
Mature Cow Weight (lb)	1,600
Heifer Retention for a steady herd (%)	10%
Cow Death Loss (%)	1.3%
Cow Culling Rate (%)	9.0%
Calves alive after 24hr/100 Cows exposed	93
Calf Death Loss (%) 24 hr to weaning	2%
Calves weaned per 100 cows exposed	92
Total Liveweight Sold per Cow (lb)	676
Weaning Weight (lb)	629
205 day adjusted Weaning Weight (lb)	587
Average Daily Gain pre-weaning (lb)	2.45
Weaning Weight as % of Cow Weight	39%

Production System	
Herd size	200
Days on field feeding (e.g. swath grazing)	0
Days supplemented on pasture	0
Days on full winter feed	165
Calving Start date	February 13
Weaning date	October 12
Sale date	March 04
Retained ownership	bulls
% of feed purchased	2.3%
% of land in crops	15%
Annual sales Retained Cattle (head)	8
Placement weight (lbs)	657
Sale Weight (lbs)	1,000
Days on feed	143
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

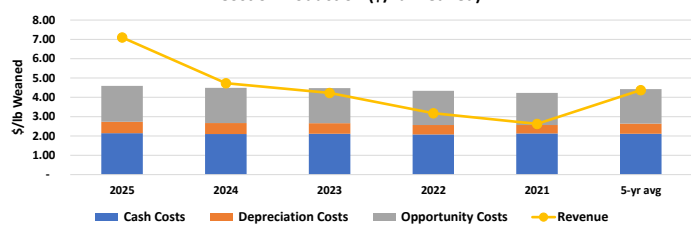
Opportunity Costs = Calculated cost for using own production factors like labour (family working hours * wage for qualified local labour), land (own land * regional land rents) and capital (non-land equity * long-term government bonds interest rate)

Whole Farm Profitability = Market returns (+ coupled payments) (+ decoupled payments) - whole-farm costs +/- changes in inventory +/- capital gains/losses.

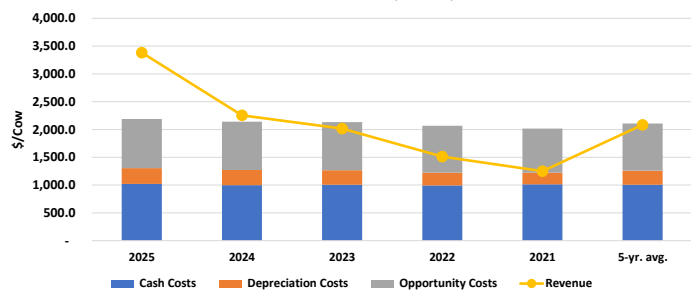
Whole Farm Net Income = Whole farm profitability + depreciation + changes in inventory + capital gains/losses. Known as: 'Net farm income' (Agri Profits, 2018)

Revenue = sales of calves, cull cows, breeding stock, government payments and other revenue applicable to the specific enterprise

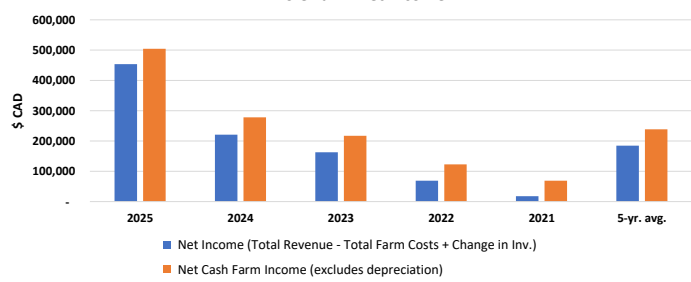
Cost of Production (\$/lb Weaned)



Cost of Production (\$/Cow)



Whole Farm Net income



Whole Farm Overview Page

Overview							
Operation Maturity	Medium						
Herd Size	200						
Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	33						
Unpaid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	4,705						
Average wages - paid and unpaid (\$/hr)	25.40						
Beef Animals Sold from Retained Ownership				8			
Revenue		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Market Revenue	5-yr avg	740,872	499,629	438,836	318,169	265,589	452,619
Cow-Calf	87%	676,619	451,177	403,340	282,673	230,093	408,781
Cash Crops	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retained Ownership	9%	64,252	48,452	35,496	35,496	35,496	43,838
Government Payments	2%	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	8,000
Other Farm Revenue †	2%	10,392	10,244	10,078	10,004	10,007	10,145
Total Revenue	100%	751,263	509,873	448,914	348,174	295,597	470,764
Change in Inventory		12,822	4,729	4,007	-	(1,914)	3,929
Expenses		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Depreciation		63,847	62,106	58,711	53,953	49,495	57,622
Machinery		32,073	31,275	29,531	26,329	23,664	28,575
Buildings		31,774	30,831	29,180	27,624	25,831	29,048
Quota econ. Accounting		-	-	-	-	-	-
Overhead costs		66,874	67,205	68,456	65,036	57,821	65,078
Land improvement		6,458	6,391	5,949	5,467	5,209	5,895
Machinery Maintenance		17,270	17,136	15,164	13,420	13,268	15,252
Buildings Maintenance		3,236	3,192	3,148	3,008	2,758	3,068
Contract labour		5,366	5,366	5,366	5,542	5,262	5,380
Diesel, Gasoline, Natural Gas		6,974	7,100	7,302	8,835	6,434	7,329
Electricity		5,646	6,228	9,878	6,832	4,144	6,546
Water		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm insurance		6,801	6,801	6,801	7,025	6,670	6,820
Disability and accident insurance		1,281	1,281	1,281	1,323	1,256	1,285
Farm taxes and duties		5,640	5,640	5,640	5,825	5,530	5,655
Advisor costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountant & legal fees		1,839	1,839	1,839	1,900	1,804	1,844
Phone & utilities		3,403	3,333	3,256	3,133	2,934	3,212
Other overhead costs		2,959	2,899	2,831	2,725	2,552	2,793
Wages, rent and interest payments		44,560	43,932	46,871	51,015	42,704	45,816
Paid Labour		871	871	871	900	854	874
Total land rents		32,940	31,092	28,482	25,835	24,261	28,522
Total interest on debt		10,749	11,968	17,518	24,279	17,588	16,420
Cow-Calf		58,526	55,639	51,885	48,465	73,556	57,614
Animal purchases		15,532	12,904	9,797	8,025	8,025	10,857
Purchased feed		22,617	22,595	22,209	20,720	47,431	27,114
Other fixed and var. costs *		20,377	20,141	19,879	19,720	18,100	19,643
Retained Ownership		33,743	22,541	21,205	15,538	12,820	21,169
Animal purchases		31,912	20,366	19,163	13,439	10,704	19,117
Purchased feed		1,394	1,743	1,615	1,672	1,716	1,628
Other fixed and var. costs *		437	432	426	427	400	424
Crop and forage		42,628	42,195	43,076	45,463	39,751	42,622
Seed		10,877	11,265	11,163	9,718	10,011	10,607
Fertilizer		17,848	17,152	17,272	18,765	16,327	17,473
Herbicide		1,335	1,324	1,901	2,364	2,141	1,813
Fungicide & Insecticide		792	792	792	792	792	792
Irrigation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract labour		498	498	498	515	489	500
Fuel costs (crop & forage)		7,221	7,191	7,569	9,574	6,492	7,609
Other crop and forage		4,056	3,974	3,881	3,735	3,498	3,829
Total Farm Costs (excludes unpaid labour)		310,178	293,618	290,204	279,469	276,146	289,923
Cash Costs (Total Farm Costs - Depreciation)		246,331	231,512	231,493	225,516	226,652	232,301
Depreciation & Opportunity Costs (including unpaid labour)		183,383	181,641	178,247	173,489	169,031	177,158
Total Economic Costs (cash, depr, opportunity)		429,714	413,153	409,740	399,004	395,682	409,459
Profits		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income (Total Revenue - Total Farm Costs + Change in Inv.)		453,907	220,984	162,718	68,705	17,536	184,770
Net Cash Farm Income (excludes depreciation)		504,541	278,117	217,343	122,654	68,937	238,318

† 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)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5 yr. avg.
No. of Cows*	200	200	200	200	200	200
Average male and female calf price (\$/head)	3,621	2,317	2,157	1,495	1,199	2,158
REVENUE						
Cow Calf	3,383	2,256	2,017	1,513	1,250	2,084
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	412	334	260	191	154	270
Breeding livestock receipts	193	145	98	70	74	116
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	2,778	1,777	1,658	1,152	923	1,658
Government payments	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	40.0
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	3,383	2,256	2,017	1,513	1,250	2,084
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	77.7	64.5	49.0	40.1	40.1	54
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	317.2	314.8	313.2	305.1	424.6	335
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	244.8	238.3	225.4	197.6	179.8	217
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	91.4	93.8	113.7	114.6	76.4	98
Vet & medicine	43.1	42.8	42.4	41.7	38.6	42
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	92.4	90.6	89.6	87.5	79.9	88
Labour						
Paid Labour	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6	4
Unpaid Labour	527.0	521.8	529.8	529.2	490.4	520
Total Variable Costs	1,397.5	1,370.4	1,367.0	1,319.7	1,333.4	1,358
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	66.7	66.3	66.8	67.8	63.6	66
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	155.1	149.2	144.0	131.9	120.2	140
Land Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rented Land	164.3	155.1	142.1	128.9	121.0	142
Own Land	243.1	231.9	214.8	197.6	189.2	215
Capital Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	47.6	52.5	78.0	105.5	74.9	72
Own capital	113.7	115.3	121.0	114.8	113.6	116
Total Capital Costs	790.5	770.2	766.7	746.6	682.5	751
COSTS						
Cash Costs	1,021.3	999.4	1,006.6	992.3	1,014.6	1,007
Depreciation Costs	282.8	272.4	261.5	232.4	208.1	251
Opportunity Costs	883.8	868.9	865.6	841.7	793.2	851
Total Production Costs	2,188.0	2,140.7	2,133.7	2,066.4	2,015.9	2,109
Profits	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	2,361.8	1,256.5	1,010.1	521.0	235.9	1,077
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	2,078.9	984.1	748.6	288.7	27.8	826
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	1,195.1	115.2	(117.0)	(553.0)	(765.4)	(25)

*Model maintains a stable herd size

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Cow-Calf Enterprise (\$/lb Weaned)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5 yr. avg.
Pounds Weaned	95,294	95,294	95,294	95,294	95,294	95,294
Average male and female weaning weight (lbs)	629	629	629	629	629	629
Average male and female calf price at weaning (\$/lb)	5.76	3.68	3.43	2.38	1.91	3.43
REVENUE						
Cow Calf Operation	7.10	4.73	4.23	3.18	2.62	4.37
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	0.86	0.70	0.55	0.40	0.32	0.57
Breeding livestock receipts	0.41	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.16	0.24
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	5.83	3.73	3.48	2.42	1.94	3.48
Government payments	-	-	-	0.21	0.21	0.08
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	7.10	4.73	4.23	3.18	2.62	4.37
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.11
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.67	0.66	0.66	0.64	0.89	0.70
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.51	0.50	0.47	0.41	0.38	0.46
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.19	0.20	0.24	0.24	0.16	0.21
Vet & medicine	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.18
Labour						
Paid Labour	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Unpaid Labour	1.11	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.03	1.09
Total Variable Costs	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.14
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.33	0.31	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.29
Land Cost						
Rented Land	0.34	0.33	0.30	0.27	0.25	0.30
Owned Land	0.51	0.49	0.45	0.41	0.40	0.45
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	0.10	0.11	0.16	0.22	0.16	0.15
Own capital	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
Total Capital Costs	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6
COSTS						
Cash Costs	2.14	2.10	2.11	2.08	2.13	2.11
Depreciation Costs	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.49	0.44	0.53
Opportunity Costs	1.85	1.82	1.82	1.77	1.66	1.79
Total Production Costs	4.59	4.49	4.48	4.34	4.23	4.43
Profits	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	4.96	2.64	2.12	1.09	0.50	2.26
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	4.36	2.07	1.57	0.61	0.06	1.73
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	2.51	0.24	(0.25)	(1.16)	(1.61)	(0.05)

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RETAINED OWNERSHIP		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
No. of beef cattle sold per year		8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>Note: breeding stock sales are in the cow-calf enterprise</i>							
Placement weight (lbs)	657						
Sale Weight (lbs)	1000						
Days on Feed	143						
Average Daily Gain (lbs/day)	2.20						

REVENUE (\$/head Sold)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Market Returns from Retained Ownership	8,031.53	6,056.51	4,437.00	4,437.00	4,437.00	5,479.81
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	8,031.53	6,056.51	4,437.00	4,437.00	4,437.00	5,479.81

Costs (\$/head Sold)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	3,988.98	2,545.74	2,395.43	1,679.82	1,338.00	2,389.60
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	241.75	284.47	268.60	275.95	276.35	269.42
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	690.18	695.01	545.88	612.36	647.19	638.12
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	173.86	186.84	202.70	231.26	175.43	194.02
Vet & medicine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other inputs	158.08	158.31	139.73	158.27	161.78	155.23
Labour						
Paid Labour	10.99	11.26	9.50	12.17	13.11	11.41
Unpaid Labour	1,500.77	1,537.48	1,297.20	1,661.34	1,789.36	1,557.23
Total Variable Costs	6,764.61	5,419.12	4,859.05	4,631.17	4,401.21	5,215.03

CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	103.60	106.09	89.77	114.56	123.18	107.44
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	441.67	439.71	352.51	414.16	438.50	417.31
Land Cost						
Rented Land	9.56	9.02	8.27	7.50	7.04	8.28
Owned Land	14.14	13.49	12.50	11.50	11.01	12.53
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	135.53	154.61	190.99	309.41	251.40	208.38
Own capital	321.14	336.92	293.99	357.61	410.81	344.09
Total Capital Costs	1,025.64	1,059.84	948.01	1,214.73	1,241.93	1,098.03

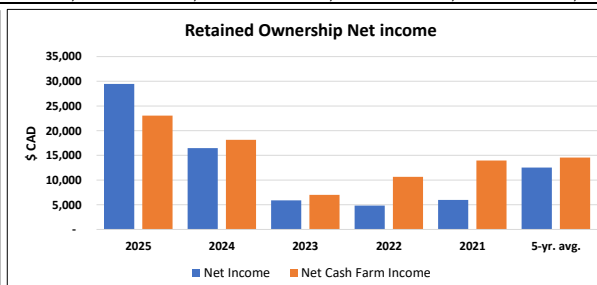
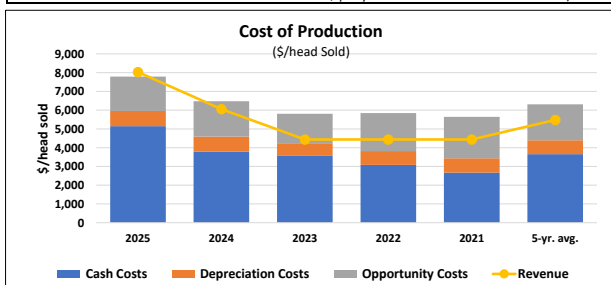
TOTAL COSTS						
Cash Costs	5,148.74	3,788.41	3,563.17	3,085.98	2,672.80	3,651.82
Depreciation Costs	805.46	802.65	640.20	729.47	759.17	747.39
Opportunity Costs	1,836.05	1,887.90	1,603.68	2,030.44	2,211.17	1,913.85
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)	7,790.25	6,478.96	5,807.06	5,845.89	5,643.14	6,313.06

Profits		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)		2,882.79	2,268.09	873.83	1,351.02	1,764.20	1,827.99
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)		2,077.34	1,465.44	233.62	621.55	1,005.03	1,080.60
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)		241.28	(422.46)	(1,370.06)	(1,408.89)	(1,206.14)	(833.25)

Net Income (\$/head sold)		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income		3,684.98	2,059.60	735.37	602.75	747.49	1,566.04
Net Cash Farm Income		2,882.72	2,268.02	873.79	1,332.16	1,745.83	1,820.50

Labour							
Paid Labour	hours per year	3	3	3	4	4	3
Unpaid Labour	hours per year	487	499	421	522	592	504
Return to labour input	\$/hour	28.6	18	(1)	4	8	11
Average wages (paid and calculated)	\$/hour	25	25	25	25	24	25

Net Income (annual total)		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	5-yr. avg.
Net Income	\$ per year	29,480	16,477	5,883	4,822	5,980	12,528
Net Cash Farm Income	\$ per year	23,062	18,144	6,990	10,657	13,967	14,564



NOTE: Feed costs are based on cost of production if homegrown.



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RETAINED OWNERSHIP	\$/lb LW Sold	\$/hd sold	\$/lb gain
REVENUE	2025	2025	2025
Market Returns from Retained Ownership	8.26	8,031.53	25.53
Other Returns (Government payments, by-products)	-	-	-
Total	8.26	8,031.53	25.53
Costs (\$/lb LW Sold)	2025	2025	2025
VARIABLE COSTS			
Animal purchases	4.10	3,988.98	12.68
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.25	241.75	0.77
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.71	690.18	2.19
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.18	173.86	0.55
Vet & medicine	-	-	-
Other inputs	0.16	158.08	0.50
Labour			
Paid Labour	0.01	10.99	0.03
Unpaid Labour	1.54	1,500.77	4.77
Total Variable Costs	6.96	6,764.61	21.50
CAPITAL COSTS			
Insurance, taxes	0.11	103.60	0.33
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.45	441.67	1.40
Land Cost			
Rented Land	0.01	9.56	0.03
Owned Land	0.01	14.14	0.04
Capital Costs			
Liabilities	0.14	135.53	0.43
Own capital	0.33	321.14	1.02
Total Capital Costs	1.06	1,025.64	3.26
TOTAL COSTS			
Cash Costs	5.30	5,148.74	16.37
Depreciation Costs	0.83	805.46	2.56
Opportunity Costs	1.89	1,836.05	5.84
Total Production Costs (excludes own capital)	8.02	7,790.25	24.76
Profits	2025	2025	2025
Margin over operating costs	80.33	354.11	1.13
Short-term profit (cash costs)	2.97	2,882.79	9.16
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	2.14	2,077.34	6.60
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	0.25	241.28	0.77
Net Income	2025	2025	2025
Net Income	3.79	3,684.98	11.71
Net Cash Farm Income	2.97	2,882.72	9.16

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