

SK-6 Future Farm Summary

Creep Feed	
Description	Add a creep feed period and increase weaning weight
Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weaning weight increase by 30 lbs to 716 for heifers, 760 for steers • Heifer prices down from \$173.22/cwt (6-700lb weight category) to \$167.67/cwt (7-800lb weight category) • Steer price steady at \$198.59/cwt (7-800 lb weight category) • Creep feed for 77 days, from July 20 till wean on Oct 5 • Calves are still with cows, consume an average of 6 lbs of dry matter from a mixed grain ration with 27% oats, 63% barley, 10% protein supplement • Creep feed ration: 1.8 lbs Oats (90% DM), 4.2 lbs barley (90% DM) and 0.6 lbs protein supplement • Use homegrown barley, increase barley for feed acreage by 5 acre, reduce barley for sell acreage by 5 acre • Purchase feed oats at \$192/tonne and protein supplement at \$4,409/tonne
Trade-Off Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional feed cost and feeding facility • Intake of creep feed can be variable • Poor feed efficiency under certain conditions • Cattle buyers may discriminate against extra fleshing
5-year average vs. baseline year*	
Estimated Change at Whole Farm Level (\$/year)	
Net Income	+\$11,952**
Net Cash Farm Income	+\$14,314**
Estimated Change at Cow-calf Enterprise Level (\$/cow)	
Short-term Profits	-\$7
Medium-term Profits	-\$8
Long-term Profits	-\$9

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

** Mainly driven by reduced interest payment on debt over the five-year period

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