



Farm Characteristics	CA-SK-9
Farm Description	A mixed cow-calf and cash crop operation with 85 head of beef cows, utilizing predominantly homegrown feed.
Winter Feeding Ration (lbs/cow/day as fed)	205 days on hay (19 lb), straw (8 lb) and barley grain (6 lb)
Retained Ownership/Replacement Ration (lb/head/day as fed)	Replacement heifers: 205 days on hay (13 lb), straw (6.5 lb) and barley grain (4 lb)
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Environment	
Average Annual Temperature	2.5°C
Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	350-400mm
Ecoregion	Mixed Grassland
Stocking Rate (Animal Unit days per acre)	37
Fertilize Hay (yes/no)	No
Fertilize Pasture (yes/no)	No
Typical Hay Yield (tonnes/acre)	1.6
Grassland Acres (owned+rented)	620
Crop Acres (includes hay) (owned+rented)	316
Bush and other acres	0

Physical Performance Indicators	
Breed	Angus, Simmental
Cow:Bull Ratio	25:1
Bull Culling Rate (%)	20%
Mature Cow Weight (lb)	1,450
Heifer Retention for a steady herd (%)	15%
Cow Death Loss (%)	1.6%
Cow Culling Rate (%)	14.3%
Calves alive after 24hr/100 Cows exposed	90
Calf Death Loss (%) 24 hr to weaning	1%
Calves weaned per 100 cows exposed	87
Total Liveweight Sold per Cow (lb)	576
Weaning Weight (lb)	495
205 day adjusted Weaning Weight (lb)	518
Average Daily Gain pre-weaning (lb)	2.11
Weaning Weight as % of Cow Weight	34%

Production System	
Herd size	85
Days on field feeding (e.g. swath grazing)	0
Days supplemented on pasture	0
Days on full winter feed	205
Calving Start date	March 10
Weaning date	October 08
Sale date	October 08
Retained ownership	Replacements
% of feed purchased	0.7%
% of land in crops	34%
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

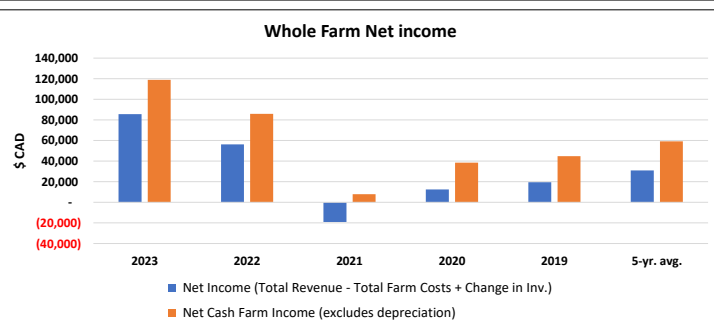
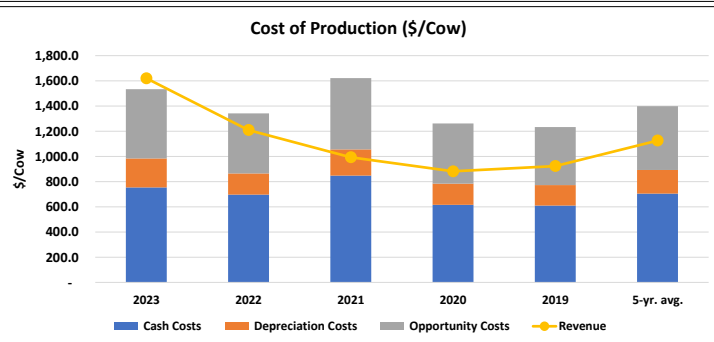
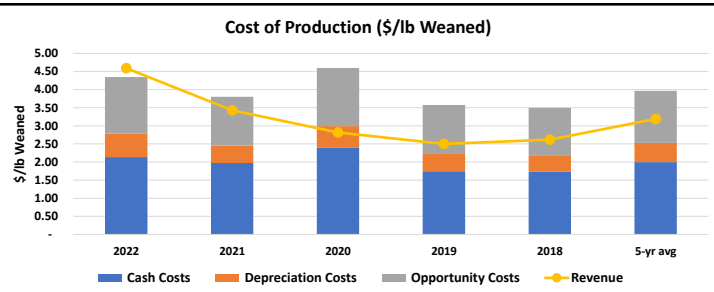
Footnotes:

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	85		Beef Animals Sold from Retained Ownership		N/A		
Paid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	-						
Unpaid Labour (livestock only) (hours)	1,237						
Average wages - paid and unpaid (\$/hr)	25.49						
Revenue		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Market Revenue	5-yr avg	234,286	194,756	115,816	136,032	143,384	164,855
Cow-Calf	55%	137,733	94,313	75,959	74,972	78,485	92,292
Cash Crops	43%	96,554	100,443	39,857	61,059	64,899	72,562
Retained Ownership	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government Payments	2%	-	8,500	8,500	-	-	3,400
Other Farm Revenue †	0%	29	6	-	0	2	7
Total Revenue	100%	234,315	203,261	124,316	136,032	143,386	168,262
Change in Inventory		-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Depreciation		33,200	29,594	26,923	25,971	25,237	28,185
Machinery		23,751	20,648	18,558	17,919	17,322	19,640
Buildings		9,449	8,945	8,365	8,052	7,915	8,545
Quota econ. Accounting		-	-	-	-	-	-
Overhead costs		45,565	45,483	39,742	35,471	37,638	40,780
Land improvement		2,140	2,093	2,000	1,887	1,935	2,011
Machinery Maintenance		12,552	12,600	12,552	11,529	11,986	12,244
Buildings Maintenance		2,034	1,944	1,785	1,728	1,749	1,848
Contract labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Diesel, Gasoline, Natural Gas		7,414	9,208	6,431	4,618	6,676	6,870
Electricity		6,958	4,812	2,919	2,148	2,101	3,788
Water		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm insurance		7,274	7,513	7,133	6,881	6,676	7,096
Disability and accident insurance		-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm taxes and duties		3,705	3,827	3,633	3,505	3,400	3,614
Advisor costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountant & legal fees		1,823	1,883	1,788	1,725	1,673	1,779
Phone & utilities		1,664	1,602	1,500	1,451	1,441	1,532
Other overhead costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wages, rent and interest payments		18,573	19,633	19,631	18,577	16,957	18,674
Paid Labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total land rents		7,978	7,213	6,608	6,314	6,111	6,845
Total Interest on debt		10,595	12,419	13,023	12,262	10,847	11,829
Cow-Calf		16,783	16,119	24,786	13,856	13,161	16,941
Animal purchases		6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333
Purchased feed		5,651	5,065	14,314	3,684	3,130	6,369
Other fixed and var. costs *		4,798	4,720	4,139	3,839	3,698	4,239
Retained Ownership		-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal purchases		-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchased feed		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fixed and var. costs *		-	-	-	-	-	-
Crop and forage		34,512	36,149	32,331	29,650	30,878	32,704
Seed		11,285	9,824	10,121	9,613	10,482	10,265
Fertilizer		20,230	22,597	18,834	16,813	17,317	19,158
Herbicide		2,998	3,728	3,376	3,224	3,079	3,281
Fungicide & Insecticide		-	-	-	-	-	-
Irrigation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract labour		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel costs (crop & forage)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other crop and forage		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Farm Costs (excludes unpaid labour)		148,631	146,977	143,413	123,525	123,872	137,284
Cash Costs (Total Farm Costs - Depreciation)		115,432	117,384	116,490	97,554	98,635	109,099
Depreciation & Opportunity Costs (including unpaid labour)		64,737	61,131	58,460	57,509	56,775	59,722
Total Economic Costs (cash, depr, opportunity)		180,169	178,515	174,950	155,063	155,409	168,821
Profits		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Net Income (Total Revenue - Total Farm Costs + Change in Inv.)		85,684	56,284	(19,097)	12,507	19,515	30,978
Net Cash Farm Income (excludes depreciation)		118,855	85,872	7,826	38,478	44,750	59,156

† 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*	85	85	85	85	85	85
Average male and female calf price (\$/head)	1,808	1,221	978	968	1,002	1,195
REVENUE						
Cow Calf	1,620	1,210	994	882	923	1,126
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	310	223	183	179	197	219
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	1,310	887	711	703	726	867
Government payments	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	40.0
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	1,620	1,210	994	882	923	1,126
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	75
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	157.6	156.2	254.5	122.5	118.3	162
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	251.1	189.4	240.0	190.9	188.7	212
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	112.2	90.7	78.6	48.5	61.1	78
Vet & medicine	34.9	36.0	34.2	33.0	32.0	34
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	32.9	28.5	33.4	28.1	27.0	30
Labour						
Paid Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unpaid Labour	385.8	328.3	422.1	342.2	329.7	362
Total Variable Costs	1,049.0	903.7	1,137.4	839.8	831.3	952
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	87.6	81.3	91.6	79.9	77.2	84
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	79.4	62.0	78.3	63.4	62.2	69
Land Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rented Land	80.3	72.6	66.5	63.5	61.5	69
Own Land	139.9	127.0	116.8	111.8	108.4	121
Capital Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	73.3	73.9	104.1	79.5	69.8	80
Own capital	24.4	21.2	26.9	24.1	22.6	24
Total Capital Costs	484.8	438.0	484.2	422.2	401.8	446
COSTS						
Cash Costs	754.1	696.6	848.1	615.6	609.9	705
Depreciation Costs	229.6	168.6	207.7	168.4	162.5	187
Opportunity Costs	550.1	476.5	565.8	478.1	460.7	506
Total Production Costs	1,533.8	1,341.7	1,621.6	1,262.0	1,233.1	1,398
Profits						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	5-yr. avg.
Short-term profit (cash costs)	866.3	512.9	145.6	266.5	313.5	421
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	636.7	344.3	(62.2)	98.1	151.0	234
Long-term profit (cash + depreciation + opportunity)	86.6	(132.2)	(628.0)	(380.0)	(309.8)	(273)

*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	29,989	29,989	29,989	29,989	29,989	29,989
Average male and female weaning weight (lbs)	495	495	495	495	495	
Average male and female calf price at weaning (\$/lb)	3.65	2.47	1.97	1.96	2.02	2.41
REVENUE						
Cow Calf Operation	4.59	3.43	2.82	2.50	2.62	3.19
Cull animals and slaughter receipts	0.88	0.63	0.52	0.51	0.56	0.62
Breeding livestock receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Sales and transfer to retained ownership enterprise	3.71	2.51	2.01	1.99	2.06	2.46
Government payments	-	0.28	0.28	-	-	0.11
Other returns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cow-Calf Revenue	4.59	3.43	2.82	2.50	2.62	3.19
VARIABLE COSTS						
Animal purchases	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
Feed (purchase feed, fertiliser, seed, pesticides)	0.45	0.44	0.72	0.35	0.34	0.46
Machinery (maintenance, depreciation, contractor)	0.71	0.54	0.68	0.54	0.53	0.60
Fuel, energy, lubricants, water	0.32	0.26	0.22	0.14	0.17	0.22
Vet & medicine	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10
Other inputs cow calf enterprise	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08
Labour						
Paid Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unpaid Labour	1.09	0.93	1.20	0.97	0.93	1.03
Total Variable Costs	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.7
CAPITAL COSTS						
Insurance, taxes	0.25	0.23	0.26	0.23	0.22	0.24
Buildings (maintenance, depreciation)	0.23	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.18	0.20
Land Cost						
Rented Land	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.20
Owned Land	0.40	0.36	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.34
Capital Costs						
Liabilities	0.21	0.21	0.30	0.23	0.20	0.23
Own capital	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.07
Total Capital Costs	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.3
COSTS						
Cash Costs	2.14	1.97	2.40	1.74	1.73	2.00
Depreciation Costs	0.65	0.48	0.59	0.48	0.46	0.53
Opportunity Costs	1.56	1.35	1.60	1.36	1.31	1.43
Total Production Costs	4.35	3.80	4.60	3.58	3.50	3.96
Profits						
Short-term profit (cash costs)	2.46	1.45	0.41	0.76	0.89	1.19
Medium-term profit (cash + depreciation)	1.80	0.98	(0.18)	0.28	0.43	0.66
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