

**NORTHWEST REGION  
LARGE COW/CALF BUDGET**

BREED HERD SIZE **140**      COW to BULL **20**      CALF CROP PERCENT<sup>1</sup> **78%**  
 CULL RATE **15%**      REPLACEMENT HEIFER'S KEPT **21**

**VALUE OF PRODUCTION**

|               | QUANTITY   | WEIGHT | PRICE <sup>2</sup> | VALUE           | VALUE PER COW   |           |
|---------------|------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|               |            |        |                    |                 |                 | NEW VALUE |
| STEER CALVES  | 55         | 510    | \$1.08             | \$30,074        | \$214.81        |           |
| HEIFER CALVES | 34         | 485    | \$1.03             | \$16,785        | \$119.89        |           |
| CULL COWS     | 37         | 900    | \$0.47             | \$15,651        | \$111.79        |           |
| CULL BULLS    | 1          | 1200   | \$0.57             | \$684           | \$4.89          |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>126</b> |        |                    | <b>\$63,194</b> | <b>\$451.38</b> |           |

**VARIABLE COSTS**

|                         | UNITS | QUANTITY/PERCENT | PRICE   | COST     | VALUE PER COW |           |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-----------|
|                         |       |                  |         |          |               | NEW VALUE |
| <b>1. FEED COSTS</b>    |       |                  |         |          |               |           |
| HAY                     | TON   | 25.00            | \$140   | \$3,500  | \$25.00       |           |
| STATE                   | AUY   | 45.0%            | \$25.08 | \$0      | \$0.00        |           |
| FEDERAL LEASE           | AUY   | 35.0%            | \$16.20 | \$2,268  | \$16.20       |           |
| PRIVATE(Owned)          | AUY   | 20.0%            | \$0.00  | \$0      | \$0.00        |           |
| PRIVATE(Leased Grazing) | AUY   | 0.0%             | \$96.00 | \$13,440 | \$96.00       |           |
| SALT & MINERAL          | TON   | 4.00             | \$230   | \$920    | \$6.57        |           |
| PROTEIN SUPP            | TON   | 9.00             | \$250   | \$2,250  | \$16.07       |           |
| OTHER                   |       | 0.00             | \$0     | \$0      | \$0.00        |           |
|                         |       |                  |         | \$22,378 | \$159.84      |           |

**2. OTHER VARIABLE COSTS**

|                              | COST     | VALUE PER COW | NEW VALUE |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| VET AND MEDICINE             | \$1,680  | \$12.00       |           |
| LIVESTOCK HAULING            | \$631    | \$4.51        |           |
| HIRED LABOR                  | \$0      | \$0.00        |           |
| OPERATING COSTS-EQUIP & MACH | \$2,500  | \$17.86       |           |
| OPERATING COSTS-VEHICLE      | \$3,000  | \$21.43       |           |
| RANCH MAINTENANCE            | \$2,400  | \$17.14       |           |
| BEEF CHECKOFF                | \$88     | \$0.63        |           |
| OTHER                        | \$2,500  | \$17.86       |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | \$12,799 | \$91.42       |           |

**3. INTEREST ON VARIABLE COSTS**

|   |      |               |          |
|---|------|---------------|----------|
| SUM OF VARIABLE COSTS X MONTHS BORROWED |      |               |          |
| X INTEREST RATE PER MONTH               |      |               |          |
| ANNUAL INTEREST RATE                    | 6.5% |               |          |
| NUMBER OF MONTHS BORROWED               | 6    | VALUE PER COW |          |
|   |      | \$1.143       | \$8.17   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            |      | \$36,320      | \$259.43 |
|   |      | \$26,873      | \$191.95 |

**OWNERSHIP COSTS**

|   | Annual Capital Recovery <sup>4</sup> (At Replacement Value): | Represents 65% Asset Ownership <sup>5</sup> | VALUE PER COW | NEW VALUE |
|---|--|---|---------------|-----------|
| <b>CASH COSTS</b>                                   |  |   |               |           |
| Taxes & Insurance                                   |  | \$4,862                                     | \$34.73       |           |
| Overhead  |  | \$2,100                                     | \$15.00       |           |
|   |  | \$6,962                                     | \$49.73       |           |
| <b>NON CASH COSTS</b>                               |  |   |               |           |
| Purchased Livestock                                 |  | \$4,544                                     | \$32.45       |           |
| Machinery & Equipment                               |  | \$4,862                                     | \$34.73       |           |
| Housing & Improvements                              |  | \$16,213                                    | \$115.81      |           |
| Interest on Retained Livestock <sup>6</sup>         |  | \$8,970                                     | \$64.07       |           |
| Management & Operation Labor ( 6% of gross returns) |  | \$1,612                                     | \$11.52       |           |
|   |  | \$36,201                                    | \$258.58      |           |
| <b>TOTAL FIXED COSTS</b>                            |  | \$43,163                                    | \$308.31      |           |
| <b>TOTAL CASH AND VARIABLE COSTS</b>                |  | \$43,283                                    | \$309.16      |           |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>                                  |  | \$79,484                                    | \$567.74      |           |
| <b>RETURN ABOVE TOTAL CASH COSTS</b>                |  | \$19,911                                    | \$142.22      |           |
| <b>RETURN ABOVE TOTAL COSTS</b>                     |  | (\$16,290)                                  | (\$116.36)    |           |

**BREAKEYEN CALCULATIONS**

|  | VARIABLE COSTS | TOTAL COSTS |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| REQUIRED AVG. CALF PRICES CASH COST (cwt)  | \$66.86        | \$79.67     |
| REQUIRED AVG. CALF PRICES TOTAL COSTS(cwt) | \$66.86        | \$146.31    |

1) Calf crop is defined as the actual number of calves sold divided, by the total number of cows (assuming all cows were exposed).

2) Prices represent 2004 price projections from Cattle Fax, Doanes reports for New Mexico feeder cattle cash prices

3) Market prices include commissions, brand inspections, beef council, yardage, feed, and insurance

4) Annual capital recovery is the method of calculating depreciation and interest recommended by the National Task Force on Commodity Costs and Returns Measurement Methods

5) The 35% reduction in asset values which represent a mix of new and used machinery.

6) Interest on average investment.

**NORTHWEST REGION  
LARGE RANCH INVESTMENTS**

| Number            | Land Values                | Price Per Unit | 10 Yr Avg<br>Rate of Return | Purchase<br>Price  | Salvage/Cull<br>Value | Useful<br>Life | Livestock<br>Share | Annual Capital<br>Recovery |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 6000              | Acres of private land      | \$80           | 3.9%                        | \$480,000          | \$480,000             |                |                    |                            |
| 350               | AU Values <sup>1</sup>     | \$2,400        | 3.9%                        | \$840,000          | \$840,000             |                |                    |                            |
| <b>Sub Totals</b> |                            |                |                             | \$1,320,000        |                       |                |                    |                            |
| Number            | Buildings, Improvements    | Price Per Unit |                             |                    |                       |                |                    |                            |
| 13                | Miles of pipeline          | \$2,000        | 3.9%                        | \$26,000           | \$2,600               | 25             | 100                | \$1,583                    |
| 5                 | Wells                      | \$11,000       | 3.9%                        | \$55,000           | \$5,500               | 25             | 100                | \$3,350                    |
| 65                | Miles of Fence             | \$2,500        | 3.9%                        | \$162,500          | \$16,250              | 25             | 100                | \$9,897                    |
| 1                 | Corrals/Working Facilities | \$10,000       | 3.9%                        | \$10,000           | \$1,000               | 30             | 100                | \$553                      |
| 1                 | Barns & Shop               | \$15,000       | 3.9%                        | \$15,000           | \$1,500               | 30             | 100                | \$830                      |
| <b>Sub Totals</b> |                            |                |                             | \$268,500          |                       |                |                    | \$16,213                   |
| Number            | Machinery & Vehicles       | Price Per Unit | Interest Rate <sup>3</sup>  | Price              | Salvage/Cull          |                |                    |                            |
| 1                 | 3/4 ton pickup 4WD         | \$28,000       | 6.5%                        | \$28,000           | \$5,600               | 7              | 50                 | \$2,224                    |
| 0                 | 3/4 ton pickup 4WD         | \$30,000       | 6.5%                        | \$0                | \$0                   | 7              | 50                 | \$0                        |
| 0                 | Tractor                    | \$5,000        | 6.5%                        | \$0                | \$0                   | 7              | 100                | \$0                        |
| 2                 | Gooseneck trailer          | \$4,000        | 6.5%                        | \$8,000            | \$1,600               | 7              | 100                | \$1,271                    |
| 1                 | Horse tack                 | \$5,000        | 6.5%                        | \$5,000            | \$1,000               | 10             | 100                | \$621                      |
| 1                 | Misc. equipment            | \$6,000        | 6.5%                        | \$6,000            | \$1,200               | 10             | 100                | \$746                      |
| <b>Sub Total</b>  |                            |                |                             | \$47,000           |                       |                |                    | \$4,862                    |
| Head              | Purchased Livestock        | Price Per Unit | Interest Rate <sup>3</sup>  | Price              | Salvage/Cull          |                |                    |                            |
| 10                | Horses                     | \$1,500        | 6.5%                        | \$15,000           | \$5,700               | 10             | 100                | \$1,664                    |
| 7                 | Bulls                      | \$2,000        | 6.5%                        | \$14,000           | \$5,320               | 4              | 100                | \$2,880                    |
| 21                | <b>Total AUYS</b>          |                |                             |                    |                       |                |                    |                            |
| <b>Sub Total</b>  |                            |                |                             | \$29,000           |                       |                |                    | \$4,544                    |
| Head              | Retained Livestock         | Price Per Unit | Interest Rate               | Price              | Salvage/Cull          |                |                    | Interest on Investment     |
| 140               | Cows                       | \$1,100        | 6.5%                        | \$154,000          | \$58,520              |                |                    | \$7,894                    |
| 21                | Replacement Heifers        | \$1,000        | 6.5%                        | \$21,000           | \$7,980               |                |                    | \$1,076                    |
| 156               | <b>Total AUYS</b>          |                |                             |                    |                       |                |                    |                            |
| <b>Sub Total</b>  |                            |                |                             | \$175,000          | \$66,500              |                |                    | \$8,970                    |
| <b>Total</b>      |                            |                |                             | <u>\$1,839,500</u> |                       |                |                    | <u>\$30,045</u>            |

1) The interest rate of 3.9% used to calculate the capital recovery cost is the USDA-ERS's ten year average long-run rate of return to production assets for New Mexico.

2) For intermediate assets an interest rate of 6.50% was used.

3) A rate of 6.50 percent reflects a typical return on a low -risk investment (30 YR Treasury Bond)