

**SOUTHWEST REGION
MEDIUM COW/CALF BUDGET 2025**

BREED HERD SIZE 180 COW to BULL 15 CALF CROP PERCENT1 85%
CULL RATE 15% REPLACEMENT HEIFER'S KEPT 27

VALUE OF PRODUCTION

	QUANTITY	WEIGHT	PRICE ^{2,3}	VALUE	VALUE PER COW	NEW VALUE
STEER CALVES	77	500	\$4.25	\$162,563	\$903.13	_____
HEIFER CALVES	50	475	\$3.85	\$90,523	\$502.91	_____
CULL COWS	27	900	\$1.40	\$34,020	\$189.00	_____
CULL BULLS	1	1200	\$1.75	\$2,100	\$11.67	_____
TOTAL	154			\$289,206	\$1,606.70	_____

VARIABLE COSTS

		UNITS	QUANTITY/PERCENT	PRICE	COST	VALUE PER COW	NEW VALUE
1. FEED COSTS							
	HAY	TON	18.00	\$184	\$3,312	\$18.40	_____
	STATE	AUY	30.0%	\$29.10	\$1,571	\$8.73	_____
	FEDERAL LEASE	AUY	60.0%	\$16.20	\$2,916	\$16.20	_____
	PRIVATE(Owned)	AUY	10.0%	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	_____
	PRIVATE(Leased Grazing)	AUY	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	_____
	SALT & MINERAL	TON	7	\$710	\$4,665	\$25.92	_____
	PROTEIN SUPP	TON	14	\$515	\$6,953	\$38.63	_____
TOTAL					\$19,417	\$107.87	_____

2. OTHER VARIABLE COSTS

	COST	VALUE PER COW	NEW VALUE
VET AND MEDICINE	\$2,387	\$13.26	_____
LIVESTOCK HAULING	\$732	\$4.06	_____
HIRED LABOR	\$7,500	\$41.67	_____
OPERATING COSTS-EQUIP & MACH	\$3,500	\$19.44	_____
OPERATING COSTS-VEHICLE	\$4,500	\$25.00	_____
RANCH MAINTENANCE	\$7,500	\$41.67	_____
MARKETING COST ⁷	\$7,230	\$40.17	_____
PURCHASED LIVESTOCK	\$12,000	\$66.67	_____
TOTAL	\$45,349	\$251.94	_____

3. INTEREST ON VARIABLE COSTS

SUM OF VARIABLE COSTS X MONTHS BORROWED				
X INTEREST RATE PER MONTH				
ANNUAL INTEREST RATE			8.75%	
NUMBER OF MONTHS BORROWED			6	VALUE PER COW
			\$2,833	\$15.74

	\$67,599	\$375.55	_____
TOTAL	\$221,607	\$1,231.15	_____

OWNERSHIP COSTS

Annual Capital Recovery ⁴ (At Replacement Valve):		Represents 65% Asset Ownership ⁵		VALUE PER COW	NEW VALUE
CASH COSTS					
Taxes & Insurance			\$9,818	\$54.55	_____
Overhead			\$2,000	\$11.11	_____
Total			\$11,818	\$65.66	_____
NON CASH COSTS					
Purchased Livestock			\$13,277	\$73.76	_____
Machinery & Equipment			\$9,818	\$54.55	_____
Housing & Improvements			\$35,628	\$197.93	_____
Interest on Retained Livestock ⁶			\$21,238	\$117.99	_____
Management & Operation Labor (6% of gross returns)			\$17,352	\$96.40	_____
Total			\$97,314	\$540.63	_____

TOTAL FIXED COSTS	\$109,132	\$606.29	_____
TOTAL CASH AND VARIABLE COSTS	\$79,417	\$441.21	_____
TOTAL COSTS	\$176,731	\$981.84	_____
RETURN ABOVE TOTAL CASH COSTS	\$209,789	\$1,165.49	_____
RETURN ABOVE TOTAL COSTS	\$112,475	\$624.86	_____

BREAKEVEN CALCULATIONS

	VARIABLE COSTS	TOTAL COSTS
REQUIRED AVERAGE CALF PRICES CASH COST (cwt)	\$90.63	\$106.47
REQUIRED AVERAGE CALF PRICES TOTAL COSTS(cwt)	\$90.63	\$236.94

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 2025 for New Mexico Clovis livestock auction prices, from Oct. to Dec.

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.

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Number	Land Values	Price Per Unit	10 Yr Avg Rate of Return ¹	Purchase Price	Salvage/Cull Value	Useful Life	Livestock Share	Annual Capital Recovery
3,500	Acres of private land	\$600	5.5%	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000			
180	AU Values ¹	\$2,400	5.5%	\$432,000	\$432,000			
Sub Totals				\$2,532,000				
Number	Buildings, Improvements	Price Per Unit						
12	Miles of pipeline	\$4,000	5.5%	\$48,000	\$4,800	25	100	\$3,466
4	Wells	\$20,000	5.5%	\$80,000	\$8,000	25	100	\$5,777
45	Miles of Fence	\$7,500	5.5%	\$337,500	\$33,750	25	100	\$24,373
1	Corrals/Working Facilities	\$10,000	5.5%	\$10,000	\$1,000	30	100	\$670
1	Barns & Shop	\$20,000	5.5%	\$20,000	\$2,000	30	100	\$1,341
Sub Totals				\$495,500				\$35,628
Number	Machinery & Vehicles	Price Per Unit	Interest Rate ^{2,3}	Price	Salvage/Cull			
1	3/4 ton pickup 4WD	\$45,000	4.8%	\$45,000	\$9,000	7	50	\$3,296
1	1 ton pickup 4WD	\$45,000	4.8%	\$45,000	\$9,000	7	50	\$3,296
0	Dozer/Tractor	\$5,000	4.8%	\$0	\$0	7	100	\$0
2	Gooseneck trailer	\$7,000	4.8%	\$14,000	\$2,800	7	100	\$2,051
1	Horse tack	\$6,000	4.8%	\$6,000	\$1,200	10	100	\$671
1	Misc. equipment	\$4,500	4.8%	\$4,500	\$900	10	100	\$503
Sub Total				\$114,500				\$9,818
Head	Purchased Livestock	Price Per Unit	Interest Rate ^{2,3}	Price	Salvage/Cull			
4	Horses	\$6,500	4.8%	\$26,000	\$9,880	10	100	\$2,532
8	Bulls	\$7,000	4.8%	\$56,000	\$21,280	4	100	\$10,745
12	Total AUYS							
Sub Total				\$82,000				\$13,277
Head	Retained Livestock	Price Per Unit	Interest Rate ^{2,3}	Price	Salvage/Cull			Interest on Investment
180	Cows	\$2,700	4.8%	\$486,000	\$184,680			\$18,204
27	Replacement Heifers	\$3,000	4.8%	\$81,000	\$30,780			\$3,034
200	Total AUYS							
Sub Total				\$567,000	\$215,460			\$21,238
Total				<u>\$3,791,000</u>				<u>\$66,685</u>

1) The interest rate of 5.45% used to calculate the capital recovery cost is the USDA-ERS's ten year average long-run rate of return to production assets for the United States.

2) An interest rate of 4.75% was used based on long-term U.S. Treasury rate for intermediate assets.