

**SOUTHWEST REGION  
SMALL COW/CALF BUDGET 2024**

BREED HERD SIZE 76 COW to BULL 15 CALF CROP PERCENT<sup>1</sup> 85%  
CULL RATE 15% REPLACEMENT HEIFER'S KEPT 11

**VALUE OF PRODUCTION**

<u>ANIMALS SOLD</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>PRICE<sup>2,3</sup></u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>VALUE PER COW</u>	<u>NEW VALUE</u>
STEER CALVES	32	500	\$4.30	\$69,445	\$913.75	_____
HEIFER CALVES	21	475	\$3.80	\$37,725	\$496.38	_____
CULL COWS	11	950	\$1.45	\$15,704	\$206.63	_____
CULL BULLS	1	1400	\$1.80	<u>\$2,520</u>	<u>\$33.16</u>	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>\$125,393</b>	<b>\$1,649.91</b>	_____

**VARIABLE COSTS**

1. FEED COSTS	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>QUANTITY/PERCENT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>VALUE PER COW</u>	<u>NEW VALUE</u>
HAY	TON	5.00	\$184	\$920	\$12.11	_____
STATE	AUY	25.0%	\$29.10	\$553	\$7.28	_____
FEDERAL LEASE	AUY	65.0%	\$16.20	\$1,231	\$16.20	_____
PRIVATE(Owned)	AUY	20.0%	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	_____
PRIVATE(Leased Grazing)	AUY	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	_____
SALT & MINERAL	TON	3	\$710	\$1,970	\$25.92	_____
PROTEIN SUPP	TON	3	\$515	\$1,566	\$20.60	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$6,239</b>	<b>\$82.10</b>	_____

**2. OTHER VARIABLE COSTS**

	<u>COST</u>	<u>VALUE PER COW</u>	<u>NEW VALUE</u>
VET AND MEDICINE	\$1,017	\$13.38	_____
LIVESTOCK HAULING	\$312	\$4.10	_____
HIRED LABOR	\$1,500	\$19.74	_____
OPERATING COSTS-EQUIP & MACH	\$1,500	\$19.74	_____
OPERATING COSTS-VEHICLE	\$2,500	\$32.89	_____
RANCH MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$26.32	_____
MARKETING COST <sup>7</sup>	\$3,762	\$49.50	_____
LIVESTOCK PURCHASES	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$78.95</u>	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,590</b>	<b>\$244.61</b>	_____

**3. INTEREST ON VARIABLE COSTS**

SUM OF VARIABLE COSTS X MONTHS BORROWED			
X INTEREST RATE PER MONTH			
ANNUAL INTEREST RATE	8.8%		
NUMBER OF MONTHS BORROWED	6	<b>VALUE PER COW</b>	
	\$1,086	\$14.29	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,916</b>	<b>\$341.00</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,477</b>	<b>\$1,308.91</b>	_____

**OWNERSHIP COSTS**

CASH COSTS	<u>Annual Capital Recovery<sup>4</sup> (At Replacement Valve):</u>	<u>Represents 65% Asset Ownership<sup>5</sup></u>	<u>VALUE PER COW</u>	<u>NEW VALUE</u>
Taxes & Insurance		\$5,161	\$67.91	_____
Overhead		\$1,000	\$13.16	_____
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$6,161</u>	<u>\$81.06</u>	_____
NON CASH COSTS				
Purchased Livestock		\$9,337	\$122.86	_____
Machinery & Equipment		\$5,161	\$67.91	_____
Housing & Improvements		\$35,231	\$463.57	_____
Interest on Retained Livestock <sup>6</sup>		\$8,967	\$117.99	_____
Management & Operation Labor ( 6% of gross returns)		<u>\$7,524</u>	<u>\$98.99</u>	_____
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$66,220</u>	<u>\$871.31</u>	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED COSTS</b>		<b>\$72,381</b>	<b>\$952.38</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL CASH AND VARIABLE COSTS</b>		<b>\$32,077</b>	<b>\$422.06</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>\$98,296</b>	<b>\$1,293.37</b>	_____
<b>RETURN ABOVE TOTAL CASH COSTS</b>		<b>\$93,316</b>	<b>\$1,227.85</b>	_____
<b>RETURN ABOVE TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>\$27,097</b>	<b>\$356.54</b>	_____

**BREAKEVEN CALCULATIONS**

	<u>VARIABLE COSTS</u>	<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>
REQUIRED AVERAGE CALF PRICES CASH COST (cwt)	\$82.29	\$101.85
REQUIRED AVERAGE CALF PRICES TOTAL COSTS(cwt)	\$82.29	\$312.13

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.

**SOUTHWEST REGION  
SMALL RANCH INVESTMENTS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Land Values</b>	<b>Price Per Unit</b>	<b>10 Yr Avg Rate of Return<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Salvage/Cull Value</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>	<b>Livestock Share</b>	<b>Annual Capital Recovery</b>
1,500	Acres of private land	\$600	5.5%	\$900,000	\$900,000			
76	AU Values <sup>1</sup>	\$2,400	5.5%	\$182,400	\$182,400			
<b>Sub Totals</b>				\$1,082,400				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Buildings, Improvements</b>	<b>Price Per Unit</b>						
5	Miles of pipeline	\$4,000	5.5%	\$20,000	\$2,000	25	100	\$1,444
2	Wells	\$20,000	5.5%	\$40,000	\$4,000	25	100	\$2,889
25	Miles of Fence	\$16,000	5.5%	\$400,000	\$40,000	25	100	\$28,887
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
<b>Sub Totals</b>				\$490,000				\$35,231
<b>Number</b>	<b>Machinery &amp; Vehicles</b>	<b>Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Interest Rate<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Salvage/Cull</b>			
1	3/4 ton pickup 4WD	\$45,000	4.8%	\$45,000	\$9,000	7	50	\$3,296
0	3/4 ton pickup 4WD	\$45,000	4.8%	\$0	\$0	7	50	\$0
0	Dozer/Tractor	\$7,000	4.8%	\$0	\$0	7	100	\$0
1	Gooseneck trailer	\$7,000	4.8%	\$7,000	\$1,400	7	100	\$1,026
1	Horse tack	\$4,000	4.8%	\$4,000	\$800	10	100	\$447
1	Misc. equipment	\$3,500	4.8%	\$3,500	\$700	10	100	\$391
<b>Sub Total</b>				\$59,500				\$5,161
<b>Head</b>	<b>Purchased Livestock</b>	<b>Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Interest Rate<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Salvage/Cull</b>			
4	Horses	\$6,500	4.8%	\$26,000	\$9,880	10	100	\$2,532
5	Bulls	\$7,000	4.8%	\$35,467	\$13,477	4	100	\$6,805
<b>9</b>	<b>Total AUYS</b>							
<b>Sub Total</b>				\$61,467				\$9,337
<b>Head</b>	<b>Retained Livestock</b>	<b>Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Interest Rate<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Salvage/Cull</b>		<b>Interest on Investment</b>	
76	Cows	\$2,700	4.8%	\$205,200	\$77,976		\$7,686	
11	Replacement Heifers	\$3,000	4.8%	\$34,200	\$12,996		\$1,281	
<b>85</b>	<b>Total AUYS</b>							
<b>Sub Total</b>				\$239,400	\$90,972		\$8,967	
<b>Total</b>				<u>\$1,932,767</u>			<u>\$49,359</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.

3) A rate of 4.75 percent reflects a typical return on a low-risk investment.