

2026 UNL Livestock (Dec) - [Apr] UNL Grow replacement heifers-Southeast Neb sample budget

Nonbreeding enterprise - Economic budget

Category				Herd Total	Per Head (10)
Revenue					
▼ Animal Sales	Weight (lbs)	Head	Price / cwt		
Total Animal Sales				\$0	\$0
▼ Animal Transfers Out (non-cash)	Weight (lbs)	Head	Price / cwt		
Cattle					
Transfer raised heifers to cow herd	1175	10	\$340.00	\$39,950	
Total Animal Transfers				\$39,950	\$3,995
► Additional Revenue				\$0	\$0
Total Gross Revenue				\$39,950	\$3,995
Animal Purchases / Transfers In				Herd Total	Per Head (10)
▼ Animal Purchases		Head	Price / head		
Cattle					
Transfer heifer calves in to grow as replacements		10	\$1995.00	\$19,950	
Total Animal Purchases				\$19,950	\$1,995
▼ Animal Transfers In (non-cash)	Weight (lbs)	Head	Value / head		
Total Animal Transfers In (non-cash)				\$0	\$0
Total Animal Purchases / Transfers In				\$19,950	\$1,995
Net Return Above Animal Purchases / Transfers				\$20,000	\$2,000
Operating Costs				Herd Total	Per Head (10)
▼ Feed		Amount	Price		
Cattle (feed)					
Pasture - SE Nebraska		160 days (ea)	\$1.85 / day	\$2,960	
Prairie hay		4650 lbs (ea)	\$135.00 / ton	\$3,139	
Mineral (winter) SE Neb		84 lbs (ea)	\$0.36 / lb	\$302	
Modified Distiller's (SE Neb)		940 lbs (ea)	\$120.00 / ton	\$564	
Alfalfa hay (SE Nebraska)		1500 lbs (ea)	\$135.00 / ton	\$1,013	
Total Feed Cost				\$7,978	\$798
► Veterinary and Health				\$800	\$80
► Labor				\$1,900	\$190
► Fuel and Energy				\$1,000	\$100
► Repairs and Maintenance				\$1,500	\$150
► Other Materials				\$200	\$20
▼ Custom Services				\$0	\$0
▼ Marketing				\$0	\$0
▼ Other Direct Expenses					

Category

Breeding Expense - A.I. or natural service with bull	\$600	\$60
Total Direct Expenses	\$600	\$60
Operating Costs Subtotal	\$13,978	\$1,398
Interest on Operating Capital	\$1,078	\$108
Total Operating and Animal Costs	\$35,005	\$3,501
Net Return Above Operating and Animal Costs	\$4,945	\$494
Ownership and Overhead Costs	Herd Total	Per Head (10)
General Overhead	\$1500.00	\$150
Facility Cash Costs	\$0	\$0
Vehicle Cash Costs	\$0	\$0
Equipment Depreciation	\$1,500	\$150
Facility Depreciation	\$0	\$0
Equipment Opportunity Cost	\$0	\$0
Facility Opportunity Cost	\$0	\$0
▼ Animal Opportunity Cost		
Animals	\$599	
Total Animal Opportunity Cost	\$599	\$60
Total Ownership Costs	\$3,599	\$360
Total Economic Cost	\$38,604	\$3,860
Net Return Above Total Costs	\$1,346	\$135

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Feed totals for this enterprise

Feed	Price	Amount	Total Cost
Alfalfa hay (SE Nebraska)	\$135.00/ton	7.5 tons	\$1,012.50
Mineral (winter) SE Neb	\$0.36/pound	840 pounds	\$302.40
Modified Distiller's (SE Neb)	\$120.00/ton	4.7 tons	\$564.00
Pasture - SE Nebraska	\$1.85/day	1,600 days	\$2,960.00
Prairie hay	\$135.00/ton	23.25 tons	\$3,138.75
		Total feed cost:	\$7,977.65