

# Dairy Cattle

## SAMPLE COSTS TO RAISE DAIRY HEIFERS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

For Holsteins With Initial Calf Weight of 90 Lbs.

0 to 2 months: Weight 90 to 148 lbs.

Milk Subst. for 60 da. less the first 3 da: 45 lbs. @ \$16 CWT	\$ 7.20	_____
Calf concen.: 10 lbs. 1st mo. & 70 lbs. 2nd mo. = 80 lbs. @ \$3.75 CWT	3.00	_____
Alfalfa hay: 75 lbs. @ \$25 per ton	.94	_____
Total feed cost 0-2 mo.	\$ 11.14	_____
Original cost of calf	35.00	_____
Labor	5.00	_____
Veterinarian and veterinary supplies	3.00	_____
Bedding	1.50	_____
Buildings, pens and equipment	1.50	_____
Death loss @ 5%	2.35	_____
Miscellaneous, including interest (48¢)	2.00	_____
<b>Total cost to 2 months</b>	<b>\$ 61.49</b>	_____

2 to 6 months: Weight 148 to 355 lbs.

Concentrate: 400 lbs. @ \$3.75 CWT	\$ 15.00	_____
Hay: 600 lbs. @ \$25 per ton	7.50	_____
Total feed cost 2-6 mo.	22.50	_____
Labor	3.00	_____
Bedding	1.00	_____
Miscellaneous, including interest (\$1.49)	3.50	_____
<b>Total cost: 2 to 6 months</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	_____
<b>Accumulated total cost to 6 months</b>	<b>\$ 91.49</b>	_____

6 to 12 months: Weight 355 to 632 lbs.

Concentrates: 450 lbs. @ \$60 per ton	\$ 13.50	_____
Hay: 2160 lbs. @ \$25 per ton	27.00	_____
Total feed cost 6-12 mo.	\$ 40.50	_____
Labor	4.50	_____
Miscellaneous, including interest (\$3.40)	6.40	_____
<b>Total cost 6 to 12 months</b>	<b>\$ 51.40</b>	_____
<b>Accumulated total cost to 12 months</b>	<b>\$142.89</b>	_____

12 to 24 months: Weight 632 to 1069 lbs.

Hay: 4 tons @ \$25 per ton	\$100.00	_____
Labor (figured on some pasturing)	6.00	_____
Breeding	7.00	_____
Miscellaneous, taxes, rent	6.00	_____
Interest @ 6%	11.78	_____
<b>Total cost 12 to 24 months</b>	<b>\$118.78</b>	_____
<b>Accumulated total cost to 24 months</b>	<b>\$273.67</b>	_____

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