

*Beef cattle*

A STOCKER STEER OPERATION IN FRESNO COUNTY  
SAMPLE COSTS

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Total Value

Per Steer

INVESTMENT REQUIRED

Land - 4,000 acres rangeland @ \$65	\$260,000	\$520.00
Buildings and Corrals (excluding owners house)	10,000	20.00
Fencing - 20 miles @ \$750	15,000	30.00
Stock Watering Facilities	6,000	12.00
Equipment - pickup, 1½ ton truck, trailer, tractor and misc. tools	8,000	16.00
Stock - 3 horses @ \$250	750	1.50
 Total Investment	 \$299,750	 \$599.50

ESTIMATED INCOME

495-675 lb. steers @ \$.24 (1% mortality, 1½ lbs. per day gain)	\$ 80,190	\$160.38
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CASH COSTS

Stock - 500-450 lb. weaners @ \$.26	\$ 58,500	\$117.00
Feed - C.S.M., salt and hay	3,750	7.50
Labor		
Operator	2,000	4.00
Hired	250	.50
Maintenance and repair	1,000	2.00
Vet and Medicine	250	.50
Misc. (fuel, office, etc.)	450	.90
Taxes		
500 steer calves	750	1.50
Land	2,400	4.80
Equipment and facilities	250	.50
 Total Cash Costs	 \$ 69,600	 \$139.20

NON-CASH COSTS

Depreciation		
Fences @ 5%	\$ 750	1.50
Equipment @ 10%	800	1.60
Buildings @ 5%	500	1.00
Watering facilities @ 5%	300	.60
Interest		
Buildings, equipment, facilities @ 6% of ave. value	1,170	2.34
Stock - 6 mo. @ 6%	1,755	3.51
Land - @ 4% of total	10,400	20.80
 Total Non-cash Costs	 \$ 15,675	 \$ 31.35

TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION \$ 85,275 \$ 170.55

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SUMMARY	Total Value	Per Steer
Total Income	\$ 80,190	\$160.38
Total Costs	85,275	170.55
Management Income	- 5,085	- 10.17
Net Farm Income (Add operators labor and interest on investment)	10,240	20.48
Capital Return = 2.75% on \$299,750 (less operators labor)	8,240	16.48

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