

1980 FARM FLOCK SHEEP INCOME AND COSTS

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Sample costs and income are based on current prices. Assumes a small farm flock located on irrigated pasture stocked at 8 ewes per acre for approximately 7½ months with the remainder of the feed being purchased.

Itemized Costs Per Ewe

Item	Cost Per Ewe	Your Cost
FEED: Grain \$170 per ton; Hay \$120 per ton		
<u>Ewes:</u> January-February = 60 days lactation; .8 pounds grain and 4.5 pounds hay per day	\$ 23.88	
March-October 15 = 230 days pasture; Rent price = \$120 per acre per year	11.70	
October 15-November = 45 days hay; 4.2 pounds per day	11.34	
December = 30 days pre lambing; .5 pounds grain and 4.5 pounds hay per day	9.38	
Total.....	\$ 56.26	
<u>Lambs:</u> 60 days - 1 pound grain per lamb per day	5.10-10.20	
Pasture (22 percent of rent)	3.30- 6.60	
Total.....	\$8.40-16.80	
<u>EWES:</u> 17% replacement per year @ \$100 per ewe	\$ 17.00	
<u>HEALTH:</u> Vibriosis 30¢, Bluetongue 15¢, Tetanus 25¢, Worming (2X TBZ 85¢, 2X Tramisol \$1.17), Epididymitis \$1.50 per ram, other (variable)	\$ 5.00	
<u>RAMS:</u> 1 - \$400 ram per 50 ewes x 4 years' service	\$ 2.00	
<u>SHEARING:</u> \$1.75 per head plus 25¢ for sacks	\$ 2.00	
<u>TAGGING:</u> 75¢ per head	\$.75	
<u>EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS:</u>	\$ 1.00	
<u>BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES:</u>	\$ 7.00	
<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>	\$99.41-107.81	