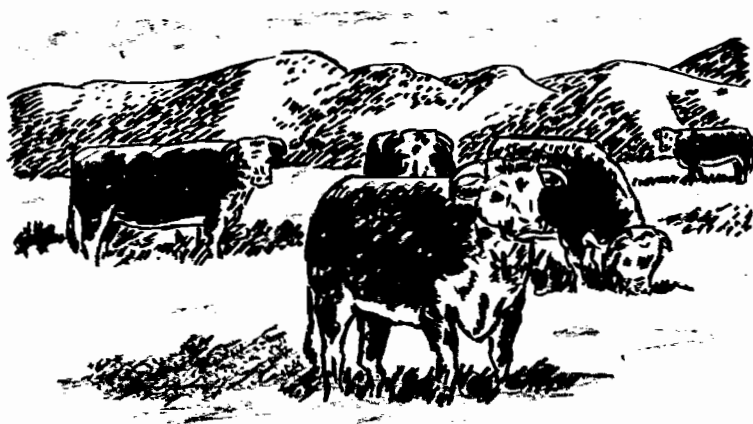


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The following data is one of a series that is being compiled on Stanislaus County livestock enterprises. There has been much interest shown by the people in the county in just what investment is required, expenses and income expected from various types of enterprises. These data are based on the actual cost of production on typical ranches on the west side of Stanislaus County. We believe they are accurate but because of all the variables involved they must be used only as a basic guide.

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Size of operation -- 500 steers

Calendar of operations -- October 1 to June 1 -- 240 days

Supplemental feeding: October 1 to January 1
April 1 to June 1

Death loss -- 2 per cent

<u>Investment Requirement</u>	<u>Life Depreciation</u>
2 saddle horses	\$ 400.00
1 horse trailer	300.00
1 bobtail truck (1/2 of \$4500)	2,250.00
1 squeeze	400.00
1 sprayer	400.00
5 self-feeders	375.00
*500 steers @ 650 lbs. - 325,000 lbs. @ 18 1/2 cents per pound	60,125.00
	\$ 64,250.00

* Based on actual price for steers purchased fall of 1956.

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Expenses

Land rental 500 head @ 15 acres/head = 7,500 acres @ 1.50	\$ 11,250.00
Supplemental feed (salt controlled mix) 500 lbs./day @ 3¢	2,250.00
50 tons of hay @ 22.00/ton	1,100.00
Labor: 1 man, 8 months @ 350.00	2,800.00
Transportation of man @ 50.00/month	400.00

Supplies (extra salt and hay for horses)	150.00
Repairs and maintenance (corrals, fences, windmill, etc.)	400.00
Veterinary and medicine 50¢/head	200.00
Weed control (loco weed)	500.00

Taxes: assessed \$30/head rate \$5/\$100	750.00
Insurance (fire, compensation, Social Security)	450.00
500 steers @ 650 lbs. = 325,000 lbs. @ 18 1/2 cents/lb.	60,125.00
Interest on cattle at 6 per cent for 8 mos.	2,400.00
Depreciation	
Interest on equipment @ 6 per cent	125.00
	\$ 83,645.00

Income

* Sold 490 head @ 880 lbs. -- 431,200 lbs. @ 20¢	\$ 86,240.00
	Expenses
	83,645.00
Net Income	\$ 2,595.00

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NOTE: In almost every case this is just one phase of a cattle operation on the west side. The steers will either go into a feed lot, to irrigated pasture or to stubble after they come off this range land in June.

* Selling price June 1957.

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650
230

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