



Cost of Raising Replacement Dairy Heifers

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Description:

The Heifer Costs Calculator spreadsheet provides a tool to determine the actual costs of raising replacement heifers on any dairy operation.

User Instructions:

Enable Macros. Use the PSU Heifer Tab at the top to navigate the various sections

Main: Enter General Farm information

Input: Enter Heifer groups, days in groups, and direct and overhead expenses

Summary: Review costs by heifer group (be sure to fill in Input, Feed, Labor, Vet & Breeding, and Bedding sheets)

Feed: Enter rations for various heifer groups to determine feed costs.

Labor: Enter various calf/heifer chores and hours by group

Vet & Breeding: Enter vet and breeding protocols for various heifer groups

Bedding: Enter bedding type, cost, amount used and frequency by heifer group.

References:

original sheet: Authors: M. T. Gabler, P. R. Tozer, A. J. Heinrichs and T. Beck. Development of this spreadsheet supported in part by Elanco Animal Health. Revised 2013 by H. Weeks and T. Beck

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