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# AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

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## Instructions for using the interactive budgets

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to use these forms. If you do not have this program installed on your computer, you can download a free version [here](#).

You can make changes to the interactive PDF budget files for this publication by inputting your own prices and quantities in the green-outlined cells for any item. You will need to click on and add your own estimated price and quantity information to all of the green-outlined cells to complete your customized budget.

The cells outlined in red automatically calculate your revised totals based on the changes you made to the cells outlined in green.

When you are finished, you can print the budget using the green **Print Form** button at the bottom of the form.

You can use the red **Clear Form** button to clear all the information from your budget when you are finished.

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### Sample Budget for Fall - Born Calves - Option D

Bought at 400 pounds in the spring and sold in spring at 850 - 1,000 pounds;  
fed during winter and spring (900 pounds used in this example)

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Amount	Calculated Estimate
<b>Receipts</b>							
Finished animal	886.5	_____	pounds	\$ 1.30	_____	\$ 1,152.45	_____
<b>Variable Costs</b>							
Feeder calf	400	_____	pounds	\$ 1.28	_____	\$ 512.00	_____
Summer and fall grazing periods							
Pasture maintenance	0.5	_____	acre	\$ 40.30	_____	\$ 20.15	_____
Salt and minerals	22	_____	pounds	\$ 6.67	_____	\$ 146.74	_____
Winter and spring feeding							
stubble grazing	0.52	_____	tons	\$ 10.00	_____	\$ 5.20	_____
Hay (mixed grass and legume)	0.73	_____	tons	\$ 180.00	_____	\$ 131.40	_____
Concentrate (32 percent)	800	_____	pounds	\$ 0.15	_____	\$ 120.00	_____
Salt and minerals	32	_____	pounds	\$ 6.67	_____	\$ 213.44	_____
<b>Total feed costs</b>						<b>\$ 636.93</b>	_____
Health						\$ 8.00	_____
Marketing and trucking						\$ 10.00	_____
Supplies and miscellaneous						\$ 1.00	_____
Interest on working capital						\$ 34.74	_____
<b>Total variable costs</b>						<b>\$ 1,202.67</b>	_____
<b>Fixed Costs</b>							
Labor	2	_____	hours	\$ 8.00	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
Building							_____
Fencing - exterior	0.5	_____	acres	\$ 6.25	_____	\$ 3.13	_____
Watering	0.5	_____	acres	\$ 1.00	_____	\$ 0.50	_____
Fencing - interior	0.5	_____	acres	\$ 3.94	_____	\$ 1.97	_____
Interest on investment						\$ 49.02	_____
Insurance						\$ 8.25	_____
Repairs						\$ 16.51	_____
Depreciation						\$ 163.39	_____
<b>Total fixed costs</b>						<b>\$ 258.77</b>	_____
<b>Total costs</b>						<b>\$ 1,461.43</b>	_____
<b>Net returns over variable costs</b>						\$ (50.22)	_____
<b>Net returns over total costs</b>						\$ (308.98)	_____