
AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

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 Spring Lamb Budget

Marketed July through October; 1.65 lambs marketed per ewe. This budget assumes that one ram will service 35 ewes and be replaced after two years.

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Total	Calculated Estimate
Receipts							
Lambs	181.5	_____	pounds	\$ 0.95	_____	\$ 172.43	_____
Wool and hides	1	_____	ewe	\$ 10.00	_____	\$ 10.00	_____
Cull ewe and dam	25	_____	pounds	\$ 0.40	_____	\$ 10.00	_____
<i>Total receipts</i>						\$ 192.43	_____
Variable costs							
Feed for lambs ⁽¹⁾							
Corn	6.11	_____	bushel	\$ 3.00	_____	\$ 18.33	_____
Protein pellets	37.95	_____	pound	\$ 0.17	_____	\$ 6.45	_____
Alfalfa	0.05	_____	ton	\$ 140.00	_____	\$ 7.00	_____
Feed for ewe							
Corn	2.7	_____	bushel	\$ 3.00	_____	\$ 8.10	_____
Hay (mixed)	0.22	_____	ton	\$ 120.00	_____	\$ 26.40	_____
Pasture (hay equivalents)	0.44	_____	ton	\$ 45.60	_____	\$ 20.06	_____
Shearing and health program	1	_____	ton	\$ 6.50	_____	\$ 6.50	_____
Marketing, supplies, and miscellaneous expenses	1	_____	ewe	\$ 13.00	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
<i>Total variable costs</i>						\$ 105.85	_____
Fixed costs							
Family labor	6	_____	hour	\$0.00	_____	\$0.00	_____
Ram replacement	1	_____	ewe	\$ 4.50	_____	\$ 4.50	_____
Equipment, buildings, fencing (\$58/ewe over 10 years)	1	_____	year	\$ 5.80	_____	\$ 5.80	_____
<i>Total fixed costs</i>						\$10.30	_____
Total costs						\$ 116.15	_____
Returns							
Net returns over variable costs						\$ 86.58	_____
Net returns						\$ 76.28	_____

1. Feed for lambs includes lambs and replacements fed to 110 pounds.