
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 Accelerated Lambing Budget (two-year estimate)

Assumes lambing three times in two years with an average of 1.65 born per ewe each lambing and marketing 40-pound lambs during holiday seasons.

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Total	Calculated Estimate
Receipts							
Lambs per ewe (1)	198	_____	pound	\$ 2.25	_____	\$ 445.50	_____
Wool (including government payment)	1	_____	head	\$ 20.00	_____	\$ 20.00	_____
Cull ewe and ram (per ewe) (2)	30	_____	pound	\$ 0.60	_____	\$ 18.00	_____
<i>Total receipts</i>						\$ 483.50	_____
Variable costs							
Feed							
Lambs and replacements	1	_____	head	\$ 125.62	_____	\$ 125.62	_____
Ewe	1	_____	head	\$ 134.04	_____	\$ 134.04	_____
Health program and shearing (x2)	1	_____	head	\$ 13.00	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
Marketing, supplies, and misc.	1	_____	head	\$ 20.00	_____	\$ 20.00	_____
<i>Total variable costs</i>						\$ 292.66	_____
Fixed costs							
Labor charge	10	_____	hours	\$0.00	_____	\$0.00	_____
Ram replacement	1	_____	head	\$ 13.34	_____	\$ 13.34	_____
Equipment and fence	10	_____	year	\$ 1.20	_____	\$ 12.00	_____
Building charge	10	_____	year	\$ 1.00	_____	\$ 10.00	_____
Interest charge					_____	\$ 21.81	_____
<i>Total fixed costs</i>						\$ 57.15	_____
Total costs						\$ 349.81	_____
Returns							
Returns over variable costs						\$ 190.84	_____
Net returns						\$ 133.69	_____

1. Assumes 1.65 lambs per ewe per lambing and includes a 3 percent death loss.

2. Assumes a culling rate of 10 percent per year for two years and 150 pounds per cull ewe.