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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 Conventional Meat Bird Flock

50 birds kept to 8 weeks of age and selling 47 birds which includes death loss at 5 pounds dressed weight.

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Amount	Calculated Estimate
Receipts							
Receipts from birds ¹	235	_____	pounds	\$4.00	_____	\$940.00	_____
Variable Costs							
Chicks	50	_____	bird	\$2.75	_____	\$137.50	_____
Feed ²							
Starter	300	_____	pounds	\$0.30	_____	\$90.00	_____
Finisher	300	_____	pounds	\$0.33	_____	\$99.00	_____
Auto, truck, misc. supplies	1	_____	flock	\$15.00	_____	\$15.00	_____
Repairs and maintenance	1	_____	flock	\$10.00	_____	\$10.00	_____
Electricity		_____		\$10.00	_____	\$0.00	_____
Shavings	17	_____	bales	\$6.00	_____	\$102.00	_____
Additional supplies and diagnostics	1	_____	flock	\$10.00	_____	\$10.00	_____
Labor	14	_____		\$10.00	_____	\$140.00	_____
Marketing/advertising	1	_____	flock	\$25.00	_____	\$25.00	_____
Slaughter labor	25	_____	hours	\$10.00	_____	\$250.00	_____
Additional expenses		_____			_____		_____
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Interest on operating costs	1	_____	flock	\$32.85	_____	\$32.85	_____
Total variable costs						\$911.35	_____
Returns above variable costs						\$28.65	_____
Fixed Costs							
Insurance and taxes	1	_____	year	\$21.92	_____	\$21.92	_____
Slaughter equipment	7	_____	years	\$867.00	_____	\$123.86	_____
Building	10	_____	years	\$2,000.00	_____	\$200.00	_____

Equipment	7	_____	years	\$517.00	_____	\$73.86	_____
Manure handling	7	_____	years	\$1,000.00	_____	\$142.86	_____
Repairs and maintenance	1	_____	year	\$43.84	_____	\$43.84	_____
Additional expenses							
Interest	1	_____	year	\$103.02	_____	\$103.02	_____
Total fixed costs						\$709.35	_____
Total fixed costs per flock	3	_____	flocks/yr.	\$839.38	_____	\$236.45	_____

Total costs per flock **\$1,147.80** _____

Net Returns per flock **-\$207.80** _____

Break-even price for variable costs **\$3.88** _____

Break-even price **\$4.88** _____

Break-even yield (pounds) **287** _____

1. Mortality estimated at 5%.

2. Assume birds are housed as day old chicks and slaughtered and sold at 8 weeks of age.

You should monitor local markets and contact suppliers to determine current values for all items contained in this sample budget.

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