
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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Table 2. Format of a typical livestock enterprise budget

Summary of estimated costs and returns per acre.

Item	Quantity	Unit	Price	Total
Receipts				
Livestock type 1	_____	head	_____	_____
Livestock type 2	_____	cwt.	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Total receipts</i>				_____
Variable Costs				
Cost of livestock	_____	head	_____	_____
Feed				
Grain	_____	pound	_____	_____
Pasture	_____	AUM	_____	_____
Hay	_____	ton	_____	_____
Silage	_____	ton	_____	_____
Other	_____	pound	_____	_____
_____	_____		_____	_____
Other variable costs				
Veterinarian and medicine	_____	head	_____	_____
Breeding	_____	head	_____	_____
Utilities	_____	head	_____	_____
Bedding	_____	ton	_____	_____
Misc. expenses and supplies	_____	head	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Interest on operating capital	_____		_____	_____
<i>Total variable costs</i>				_____
Fixed Costs				
Salaried labor	_____	hour	_____	_____
Equipment	_____	head	_____	_____
Building	_____	head	_____	_____
Management	_____	head	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Total fixed costs</i>				_____
Total Costs				
Returns				
Gross margin (return over variable costs)				_____
Net returns				_____