

Figure 1. Steer feeder price line

Week of July 29, 2005 – These were the medium to large No. 1

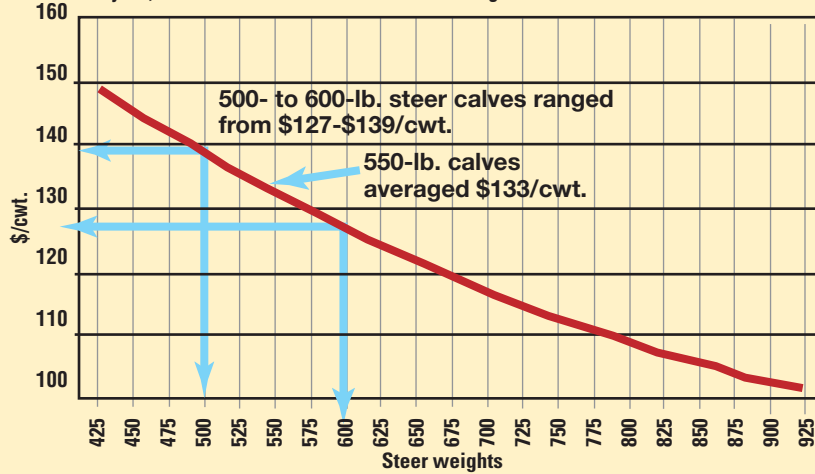


Figure 2. Calculated basis – July 29, 2005

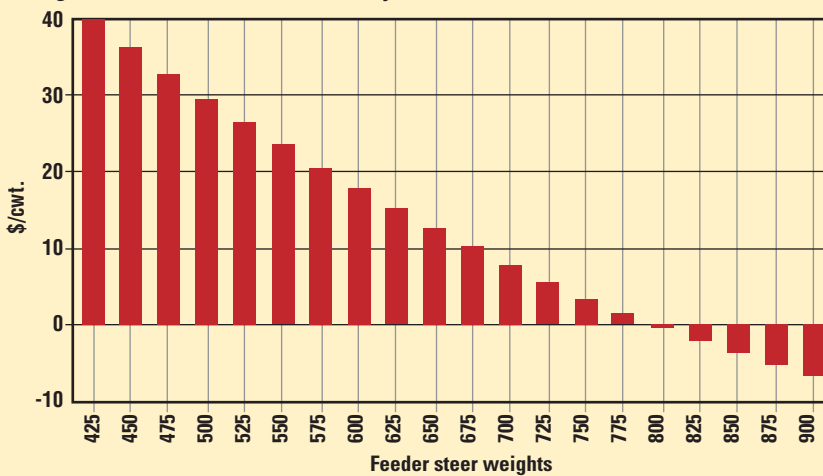


Figure 3. Suggested planning prices

lbs.	Jan '04	Mar '04	Spring '04	Fall '04	Jan '05	Mar '05	Spring '05	Fall '05	Jan '06	Mar '06	Spring '06	Fall '06
425	\$148	\$130	\$129	\$148	\$138	\$138	\$151	\$147	\$143	\$138	\$137	\$144
500	\$136	\$122	\$119	\$136	\$127	\$128	\$142	\$136	\$133	\$128	\$127	\$134
600	\$125	\$111	\$107	\$125	\$116	\$116	\$131	\$125	\$122	\$116	\$116	\$122
700	\$118	\$101	\$97	\$118	\$107	\$108	\$120	\$115	\$111	\$106	\$106	\$112
800	\$116	\$90	\$89	\$116	\$102	\$102	\$110	\$106	\$103	\$98	\$97	\$104
900	\$118	\$80	\$82	\$118	\$99	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$96	\$92	\$91	\$98
Slaughter	\$87	\$84	\$82	\$81	\$87	\$89	\$92	\$84	\$83	\$85	\$88	\$83
	Feb '04	Mar '04	Apr '04	Oct '04	Feb '05	Mar '05	Apr '05	Nov '05	Jan '06	Mar '06	Apr '06	Nov '06

Figure 4. Traditional marketing alternatives (2005 calves)

Marketing strategy	Buy/sell margin	Cost of gain (COG)	Profit/head
1. Sell at weaning	xxxxx	\$79	\$169
2. Bckg high ADG	-\$26	\$0.51	-\$31
3. Fin bckg steers	-\$23	\$0.54	-\$67
4. Grow & finish	-\$47	\$0.47	-\$45
5. Winter grow feeder '06	-\$28	\$0.65	\$3
6. '05 steers on grass '06	-\$12	\$0.35	\$8
7. Fin grass steer '06	-\$20	\$0.43	-\$12