



AgriProfit\$ Cost & Returns Profiles

Dryland Swath Grazing Southern Alberta

(Fescue Grassland, Mixed Grassland & MoistMixed Grassland)
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Benchmarks

AgriProfit\$ Cost & Returns Profiles give an insight into the productive and economic performance of Alberta cereal, oilseed, forage and grazing crops, reported by soil or grass-type zone.

These benchmark include *AgriProfit\$* field observations from the period of **2008 – 2010**. Averaging over a 3 year span smoothes out extremes in prices, yields and expenses. This gives a better reflection of the crops' intermediate term costs and profit potential.

Regional average performance for the crop is compared to a "top third" management grouping. Fields included in the top management group are drawn from the lowest cost third, as rated by total production cost per unit of output for that crop, in that area, for each of the years.

In addition to the 3-year summary table, a range of charts are included to highlight field level variability in key cost and returns tallies. This further emphasizes the need for producers to know and use their own crop unit costs in managing their businesses.

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AgriProfit\$ Cost & Returns Profiles					
Crop: Dryland Swath Grazing		Total	Top 1/3rd	Total	Top 1/3rd
Zone: Southern Alberta		-- \$ / Acre --		-- \$ / AUM --	
(A)	1. Crop Sales	106.96	113.78	22.41	20.77
	6. Other Revenues	9.91	15.91	2.08	2.90
	Gross Return	116.87	129.69	24.48	23.67
(B)	1. Seed	10.94	10.09	2.29	1.84
	2. Fertilizer	24.05	18.27	5.04	3.33
	3. Chemicals	9.97	6.89	2.09	1.26
	4. Crop Insurance Premiums	6.25	6.16	1.31	1.12
	5. Trucking & Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6. Fuel	4.57	4.28	0.96	0.78
	7. Irrigation Fuel & Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	8. Repairs - Machinery	0.86	0.83	0.18	0.15
	9. Repairs - Buildings	0.62	0.73	0.13	0.13
	10. Utilities & Misc. Expenses	0.81	0.65	0.17	0.12
	11. Custom Work & Specialized Labour	14.49	10.14	3.03	1.85
	12. Operating Interest Paid	0.11	0.13	0.02	0.02
	13. Paid Labour & Benefits	0.78	0.41	0.16	0.07
	14. Unpaid Labour	1.16	1.59	0.24	0.29
	Variable Costs	74.60	60.16	15.63	10.98
(C)	1. Cash/Share Rent & Land Lease	4.32	0.00	0.91	0.00
	2. Taxes, Water Rates, Lic. & Insurance	2.00	2.23	0.42	0.41
	3. Equip. & Bldg. a) Depreciation	1.47	1.31	0.31	0.24
	b) Lease Payments	0.17	0.14	0.04	0.03
	4. Paid Capital Interest	2.76	1.95	0.58	0.36
	Total Capital Costs	10.72	5.63	2.25	1.03
(D)	Cash Costs (B+C-B14-C3)	82.69	62.90	17.32	11.48
(E)	Total Production Costs (B+C)	85.32	65.79	17.87	12.01
(F)	Gross Margin (A-D)	34.18	66.79	7.16	12.19
	Return to Unpaid Labour (A-E+B14)	32.71	65.48	6.85	11.95
	Return to Investment (A-E+C4)	34.31	65.85	7.19	12.02
	Return to Equity (A-E)	31.55	63.90	6.61	11.66
	Return on Investment (%)	1.9	4.5		
	Total Investment (\$/acre)	1,805	1,456		
	Management				
	Average field size (acres)	123.0	125.4		
	Number of Observations	22	8		
	Yield (AUMs/acre)	4.77	5.48		
	Expected Price (\$/AUM)	22.41	20.77		

* Cost and returns profiles include/combine all tenure types ... owned, rented & leased.
** Top 1/3rd selection criteria: Low Total Production Cost / AUM

Descriptive Statistics: Swath Grazing Production - Total Group

Crop: Dryland Swath Grazing
 Zone: Southern Alberta

	Quartiles		Group Average	CV (%)
	Low	High		
Price (\$/AUM)	20.69	26.50	22.41	17.0
Yield (AUM/Acre)	3.18	7.35	4.77	48.6
----- \$ / Acre -----				
Gross Revenue	81.88	186.35	116.87	48.6
Seed, Fert, Chem	41.72	74.80	44.96	52.2
Oth. Variable Costs	20.25	42.89	29.64	43.9
Fixed Costs	5.23	11.72	10.72	144.2
Total Production Costs	70.48	121.86	85.32	42.0
Total Cash Costs	69.54	116.87	82.69	42.6
Gross Margin	6.29	63.21	34.18	139.8
Return to Equity	4.77	60.55	31.55	150.7

