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INTRODUCTION

This report presents projected costs and returns for dairy and associated forage crop production in Louisiana for 2010. Data for this report are based on Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station research results and selected surveys. The procedure used in this report was to apply new machinery and other current input price data to production practice data. This report is organized as follows: Tables 1 - 2 present dairy production and summaries of costs and returns for each of the enterprises examined in this report. Tables 3 reports breakeven selling prices for each of the products produced from these enterprises.

Budgets in this publication are presented in two sections. The first section (tables with 'A' designation) presents budgets showing a summary of estimated costs and returns for each enterprise. The second section (tables with 'B' designation) presents cost budgets showing detailed costs and labor requirements by operation for each enterprise. The detailed cost budgets are presented in the same sequence and bear the same table numbers for each enterprise presented in the first section.

Expenses are itemized as fixed and direct, and returns above direct and total specified expenses are also calculated. Each of the budgets incorporates overhead costs as a residual claimant. The total overhead costs for a firm are related to tenure and size of business. The overhead costs included in this report are estimated on a per acre basis, and thus are included in enterprise budgets on a per acre of land use basis. Land use for dairy is calculated as acres of open permanent pasture plus acres used for silage or summer annual forages. Since livestock enterprises are combinations of both crop and livestock production activities and some pasture crops are double cropped, particular attention is called to the accounting procedures used. No overhead is charged to forage production activities. Therefore, overhead costs appear directly as a residual cost in dairy enterprise budgets.

A land opportunity cost is charged. This is interpreted as the amount that would be charged for the land if it were being rented to another producer. It assumes that pasture is rented at \$30/acre.

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## DAIRY PRODUCTION BUDGETS

Budgets showing projected costs and returns for two feeding programs for dairy production are presented (Tables 4-5). Production practices and feeding programs are based on unpublished surveys of Louisiana dairy producers and consultation with panels of dairy farmers, the managers of the LSU dairy herds and Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Dairy Specialists. The higher production level approximates the average production level for Louisiana DHIA herds. The lower production level approximates the average production level for Louisiana commercial dairy herds. These budgets are presented to indicate anticipated costs and returns for average and above average producers and should not be interpreted as representative of all Louisiana dairy producers.

Table 3 shows breakeven selling prices for milk for five production levels for each production situation presented. Breakeven selling prices are presented for two levels of costs:

- (1) Breakeven selling prices required to recover direct cash expenses excluding labor and interest on operating capital.
- (2) Breakeven selling prices required to recover total specified expenses.

Particular note should be made that Total Specified Expenses do not include land and overhead costs. Therefore, prices higher than those shown in Table 3 would be required before any return to investment in overhead and land would be realized. These income estimates also do not include MILC payments.

## FORAGE CROP BUDGETS

A cost budget is presented for corn-silage production typical of Louisiana dairies (Table 6). A hay harvest situation is presented that reflects harvest technology used by producers (Tables 7). Production cost budgets are also shown for establishment and production of winter and summer forages for herds in Louisiana (Tables 8-13). Production practices are based on survey data supplemented with information obtained by consultation with Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Agronomists and Dairy Specialists.

The sizes of machines assumed in the budgets are representative of the majority of dairy producers. Dairy farmers operating large crop farms experience lower labor requirements and slightly lower machinery costs by taking advantage of larger land preparation equipment. The machinery information presented in the appendix can be used to adjust machinery costs and labor requirements for budgets presented in this report to fit a particular farm situation.

## SUMMARY OF COSTS AND RETURNS

Summaries of estimated costs and returns and breakeven selling prices for the dairy situations included in this report are presented in Table 3. Above average dairy production shows returns above direct costs for 2010 (Tables 3 and 7).

Breakeven selling prices presented in this report (Table 3) represents the cost per unit of output at alternative yield levels. A price higher than the breakeven price would have to be received before the operator would receive a positive net return. Breakeven prices have been presented for direct costs (a close approximation of cash costs for most producers) and for total specified costs, which represent all costs except land, overhead and risk for the business. Therefore, owner-operators would need a price above the breakeven price before a positive return to land, overhead and risk would be realized.

Table 1. Summary of Estimated Costs and Returns Per Head for and Dairy Production, Louisiana, 2010.

Enterprise Description	Total Income	Total Direct Costs	Returns Above Direct Costs	Total Fixed Costs	Total Specified Costs a/	Returns Above Specified Costs
Dairy, Average Production, Pasture-Hay a/	2470.22	2357.71	112.51	424.98	2782.69	-312.47
Dairy, Above Avg. Production, Pasture-Hay-Silage b/	2894.97	2560.49	334.48	435.49	2995.98	-101.01

a/ Based on 13,500 lbs of milk per cow with raised replacements. Milk valued at \$16.25 per cwt; cull cows, cull heifer and bull calves at \$43, \$100 and \$25 per cwt, respectively.

b/ Based on 160,000 lbs of milk per cow with raised replacements. Prices assumed same as above.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Costs Per Acre and Per Ton for Selected Forage Crops, Louisiana, 2010. a/

Enterprise Description	Yield Per Acre	Total Direct Costs Per Acre	Fixed Costs Per Acre	Total Specified Costs Per Acre	Total Specified Costs Per Ton
<b>HARVESTED FORAGES:</b>					
Corn Silage - 4 Row, Alluvial Soils	13.7 tons	459.04	32.17	491.21	35.85
Hay Harvest, Large Round Bale	1.5 tons	31.80	17.70	49.50	33.00
<b>ESTABLISHMENT (PERMANENT PASTURES):</b>					
Coastal Bermudagrass	-	195.62	23.56	219.18	
Common Bermudagrass	-	130.36	15.68	146.04	
<b>SUMMER PASTURES:</b>					
Native Pasture, All Areas	-	2.99	1.34	4.33	
Improved Pasture, for Dairy	-	153.60	25.77	179.37	
Summer Temporary Pasture for Dairy	-	146.50	17.54	164.04	
<b>PREPARED SEEDBED:</b>					
Ryegrass, All Areas	-	113.59	8.43	122.02	
Wheat, Ryegrass, Clover for Dairy	-	240.74	22.02	262.76	

a/ Includes all costs except land, management, overhead and risk.

Table 3. Breakeven Selling Prices for Milk, Selected Production Levels, Louisiana, 2010.

Enterprise Description	Production Levels				
	-20%	-10%	Base a/	10%	20%
Dollars per Cwt.					
<b>PRICES REQUIRED TO RECOVER DIRECT COSTS:</b>					
Dairy, Pasture-Hay, Average Production	19.27	17.13	15.42	14.02	12.85
Dairy, Pasture-Hay-Silage, Above Average Production	17.70	15.73	14.16	12.87	11.80
<b>PRICES REQUIRED TO RECOVER TOTAL SPECIFIED COSTS: b/</b>					
Dairy, Pasture- Hay, Average Production	23.21	20.63	18.56	16.88	15.47
Dairy, Pasture- Hay- Silage, Above Average Production	21.10	18.76	16.88	15.35	14.07

a/ Base yield levels for milk production were 13,500 and 16,000 lbs per cow for average and above average producers, respectively.

b/ Includes all costs except land, management, overhead and risk.

c/ These breakeven prices assume no market loss payments.

Table 4.A Estimated Costs and Returns per Cow,  
Dairy Herds, Average Production, Pasture-Hay  
Feeding System, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Milk	cwt	16.25	135.0000	2193.75	_____
Cull cow	cwt	43.00	3.2400	139.32	_____
Cull dairy heifer	cwt	100.00	0.2600	26.00	_____
Bull calves	cwt	25.00	0.4500	11.25	_____
Avg. Non-rBST Prm.	cwt	0.54	135.0000	72.90	_____
Avg Quality Incentiv	cwt	0.20	135.0000	27.00	_____
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				<b>2470.22</b>	_____
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>CUSTOM</b>					
Hauling cattle	head	7.00	0.7300	5.11	_____
Hauling milk	cwt	0.85	135.0000	114.75	_____
Breeding fees	dol	17.50	2.5000	43.75	_____
<b>FEED</b>					
Dairy feed 16% (D&H)	ton	255.00	0.6000	153.00	_____
Dairy feed 16%	ton	230.00	1.7000	391.00	_____
Dairy feed 22%	ton	260.00	1.7500	455.00	_____
Calf grower/starter	ton	400.00	0.0600	24.00	_____
Milk replacer	cwt	100.00	0.0100	1.00	_____
<b>HIRED LABOR</b>					
Livestock labor	hour	9.60	36.3400	348.86	_____
<b>OTHER</b>					
Promotion & Mkt	dol	0.15	135.0000	20.25	_____
CWT Deduction	dol	0.10	135.0000	13.50	_____
Mkt. checkoff	head	1.50	0.7300	1.09	_____
Supplies & misc.	dol	1.00	70.0000	70.00	_____
Utilities	dol	1.00	60.0000	60.00	_____
Marketing comm.	dol	0.05	176.5700	9.71	_____
Medication	dol	1.00	90.0000	90.00	_____
<b>PASTURE CROPS</b>					
Hay from pasture	ton	21.20	1.6200	34.34	_____
Winter pasture	acre	240.74	0.8200	197.40	_____
Summer pasture	acre	146.50	0.1700	24.90	_____
Imp. grass pasture	acre	153.60	1.0000	153.60	_____
Native pasture	acre	2.99	0.2300	0.68	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.60	1.8600	17.85	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	hour	9.60	0.9000	8.64	_____
Dairy facility	hour	9.60	1.8800	18.04	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.30	7.1803	16.51	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	gal	2.30	2.2500	5.17	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	cow	1.01	1.0000	1.01	_____
Tractors	cow	2.18	1.0000	2.18	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	cow	2.53	1.0000	2.53	_____
Dairy facility	head	60.10	1.0000	60.10	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	cow	13.67	1.0000	13.67	_____
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				<b>2357.71</b>	_____
<b>RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				<b>112.50</b>	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	cow	1.85	1.0000	1.85	_____
Tractors	cow	14.53	1.0000	14.53	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	cow	6.27	1.0000	6.27	_____
Dairy bull	head	130.00	0.0100	1.30	_____
Dairy cow	head	123.50	1.0000	123.50	_____
Dairy heifer < 500	head	52.00	0.4500	23.40	_____
Dairy heifer > 500	head	130.00	0.3000	39.00	_____
Imp. grass pasture	acre	25.77	1.0000	25.77	_____
Native pasture	acre	1.34	0.2300	0.30	_____
Summer pasture	acre	17.54	0.1700	2.98	_____
Winter pasture	acre	22.02	0.8200	18.05	_____
Hay from pasture	ton	11.80	1.6200	19.11	_____
Dairy facility	head	148.88	1.0000	148.88	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				<b>424.98</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				<b>2782.69</b>	_____
<b>RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				<b>-312.47</b>	_____
<b>ALLOCATED COST ITEMS</b>					
Overhead (Owner) 08	acre	98.55	1.0000	98.55	_____
<b>RESIDUAL RETURNS</b>				<b>-411.02</b>	_____
Land ( oppor. cost )	acre	42.00	1.0000	42.00	_____
<b>RESIDUAL RETURNS</b>				<b>-453.02</b>	_____



Table 5.A Estimated Costs and Returns per Cow,  
Dairy Herds, Above Average Production,  
Pasture-Hay-Silage Feeding System, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Milk	cwt	16.25	160.0000	2600.00	_____
Cull cow	cwt	43.00	3.2400	139.32	_____
Cull dairy heifer	cwt	100.00	0.2600	26.00	_____
Bull calves	cwt	25.00	0.4500	11.25	_____
Avg Quality Incentiv	cwt	0.20	160.0000	32.00	_____
Avg. Non-rBST Prm.	cwt	0.54	160.0000	86.40	_____
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				2894.97	_____
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>CUSTOM</b>					
Hauling cattle	head	7.00	0.7300	5.11	_____
Hauling milk	cwt	0.85	160.0000	136.00	_____
Breeding fees	dol	17.50	2.5000	43.75	_____
<b>FEED</b>					
Dairy feed 16% (D&H)	ton	255.00	0.6000	153.00	_____
Dairy feed 16%	ton	230.00	1.7000	391.00	_____
Dairy feed 22%	ton	260.00	1.7500	455.00	_____
Calf grower/starter	ton	400.00	0.0600	24.00	_____
Milk replacer	cwt	100.00	0.0100	1.00	_____
<b>HIRED LABOR</b>					
Livestock labor	hour	9.60	36.3400	348.86	_____
<b>OTHER</b>					
Promotion & Mkt	dol	0.15	160.0000	24.00	_____
CWT Deduction	dol	0.10	160.0000	16.00	_____
Mkt. checkoff	head	1.50	0.7300	1.09	_____
Supplies & misc.	dol	1.00	70.0000	70.00	_____
Utilities	dol	1.00	60.0000	60.00	_____
Marketing comm.	dol	0.05	176.5700	9.71	_____
Medication	dol	1.00	90.0000	90.00	_____
<b>PASTURE CROPS</b>					
Corn silage	ton	33.50	7.2500	242.87	_____
Hay from pasture	ton	21.20	1.0000	21.20	_____
Winter pasture	acre	240.74	0.6300	151.66	_____
Summer pasture	acre	146.50	0.1900	27.83	_____
Imp. grass pasture	acre	153.60	0.7100	109.05	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.60	1.4080	13.51	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	hour	9.60	0.9000	8.64	_____
Silo	hour	9.60	3.5600	34.17	_____
Dairy facility	hour	9.60	1.8800	18.04	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.30	5.2192	12.00	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	gal	2.30	2.2500	5.17	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	cow	2.00	1.0000	2.00	_____
Tractors	cow	1.57	1.0000	1.57	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	cow	2.53	1.0000	2.53	_____
Silo	ton	0.34	8.9000	3.02	_____
Dairy facility	head	60.10	1.0000	60.10	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	cow	18.54	1.0000	18.54	_____
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<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				2560.49	_____
<b>RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				334.47	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	cow	2.97	1.0000	2.97	_____
Tractors	cow	10.43	1.0000	10.43	_____
Self-Propelled Eq.	cow	6.27	1.0000	6.27	_____
Silo	ton	1.73	8.9000	15.39	_____
Dairy bull	head	130.00	0.0100	1.30	_____
Dairy cow	head	123.50	1.0000	123.50	_____
Dairy heifer < 500	head	52.00	0.4500	23.40	_____
Dairy heifer > 500	head	130.00	0.3000	39.00	_____
Imp. grass pasture	acre	25.77	0.7100	18.29	_____
Summer pasture	acre	17.54	0.1900	3.33	_____
Winter pasture	acre	22.02	0.6300	13.87	_____
Hay from pasture	ton	11.80	1.0000	11.80	_____
Dairy facility	head	148.88	1.0000	148.88	_____
Corn silage	ton	2.35	7.2500	17.03	_____
				-----	
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				435.49	_____
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>					
				2995.99	_____
<b>RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				-101.02	_____
<b>ALLOCATED COST ITEMS</b>					
Overhead (Owner)08	acre	160.73	1.0000	160.73	_____
<b>RESIDUAL RETURNS</b>					
Land ( oppor. cost )	acre	27.00	1.0000	27.00	_____
<b>RESIDUAL RETURNS</b>				-288.75	_____

Table 6.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Corn Silage,  
Alluvial Soils, Custom Cut Haul Pack, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
CUSTOM					
Fertilizer truck	acre	4.50	1.0000	4.50	_____
Direct Cut	ton	6.00	13.7000	82.20	_____
Hauling Silage	mile	0.20	13.7000	2.74	_____
Kernal Processing	ton	1.50	13.7000	20.55	_____
Inoculants	ton	1.00	13.7000	13.70	_____
Silage Packing	ton	1.50	13.7000	20.55	_____
FERTILIZER					
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	201.0000	84.42	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	76.0000	29.64	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	94.0000	45.12	_____
HERBICIDE					
Atrazine 4L	pt	2.52	4.0000	10.08	_____
Lasso 4EC	pt	3.30	4.0000	13.20	_____
INSECTICIDE					
Counter 15G	lbs	2.26	5.0000	11.30	_____
SEED					
Corn seed	thou	2.72	29.0000	78.88	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	1.0278	9.86	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	7.6696	17.64	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	4.59	1.0000	4.59	_____
Tractors	acre	3.03	1.0000	3.03	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	7.02	1.0000	7.02	_____
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				459.04	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	11.98	1.0000	11.98	_____
Tractors	acre	20.18	1.0000	20.18	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				32.17	_____
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				491.21	_____

Table 7.A Estimated Costs per Ton, Hay Harvested from Pasture,  
Round Baler, One and One-Half Ton Yield per Cutting,  
Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
OTHER					
Twine	ton	0.75	1.0000	0.75	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	0.8229	7.89	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	2.8146	6.47	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	ton	4.86	1.0000	4.86	_____
Tractors	ton	0.82	1.0000	0.82	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	ton	0.39	1.0000	0.39	_____
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				21.20	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	ton	6.32	1.0000	6.32	_____
Tractors	ton	5.47	1.0000	5.47	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				11.80	_____
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				33.00	_____

Table 8.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Coastal Bermudagrass  
Establishment, Non-Alluvial Soils, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>FERTILIZER</b>					
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	69.0000	28.98	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	48.0000	18.72	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	48.0000	23.04	_____
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	0.3500	12.25	_____
<b>HERBICIDE</b>					
2,4-D	pt	2.08	1.5000	3.12	_____
Grazon P+D	pt	4.94	2.0000	9.88	_____
<b>SEED</b>					
Coastal sprig	bu	3.00	20.0000	60.00	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.60	1.3887	13.33	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.30	5.3610	12.33	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	acre	6.35	1.0000	6.35	_____
Tractors	acre	1.63	1.0000	1.63	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	6.28	1.0000	6.28	_____
				-----	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				195.92	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	12.71	1.0000	12.71	_____
Tractors	acre	10.85	1.0000	10.85	_____
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<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				23.56	_____
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<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				219.49	_____

Table 9.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Common Bermudagrass  
Establishment, Non-Alluvial Soils, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>FERTILIZER</b>					
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	69.0000	28.98	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	48.0000	18.72	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	48.0000	23.04	_____
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	0.3500	12.25	_____
<b>SEED</b>					
Common bermuda seed	lbs	4.10	5.0000	20.50	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.60	0.9733	9.34	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.30	3.7575	8.64	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	acre	3.50	1.0000	3.50	_____
Tractors	acre	1.14	1.0000	1.14	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	4.24	1.0000	4.24	_____
				-----	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				130.36	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	8.07	1.0000	8.07	_____
Tractors	acre	7.60	1.0000	7.60	_____
				-----	
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				15.68	_____
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<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				146.04	_____

Table 10.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Annual Maintenance of Native Pastures, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
DIRECT EXPENSES					
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	0.1680	1.61	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	0.4323	0.99	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	0.19	1.0000	0.19	_____
Tractors	acre	0.11	1.0000	0.11	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	0.07	1.0000	0.07	_____
				-----	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				2.99	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	0.59	1.0000	0.59	_____
Tractors	acre	0.74	1.0000	0.74	_____
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TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				1.34	_____
				-----	
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				4.33	_____

Table 11.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Annual Maintenance of Summer Improved Permanent Pastures, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
DIRECT EXPENSES					
CUSTOM					
Fertilizer truck	acre	4.50	3.0000	13.50	_____
FERTILIZER					
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	174.0000	73.08	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	52.0000	20.28	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	65.0000	31.20	_____
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	0.1300	4.55	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	0.3360	3.22	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	1.2970	2.98	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	0.39	1.0000	0.39	_____
Tractors	acre	0.39	1.0000	0.39	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	3.98	1.0000	3.98	_____
				-----	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				153.60	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	1.19	1.0000	1.19	_____
Tractors	acre	2.62	1.0000	2.62	_____
Establishment cost	acre	21.95	1.0000	21.95	_____
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TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				25.77	_____
				-----	
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				179.37	_____

Table 12.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Temporary Summer Pastures,  
Prepared Seedbed, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
DIRECT EXPENSES					
CUSTOM					
Fertilizer truck	acre	4.50	1.0000	4.50	_____
FERTILIZER					
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	0.1300	4.55	_____
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	113.0000	47.46	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	37.0000	14.43	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	55.0000	26.40	_____
SEED					
Millet seed	lbs	0.84	30.0000	25.20	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	0.7983	7.66	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	3.0820	7.08	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	5.03	1.0000	5.03	_____
Tractors	acre	0.93	1.0000	0.93	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	3.24	1.0000	3.24	_____
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				146.50	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	11.30	1.0000	11.30	_____
Tractors	acre	6.23	1.0000	6.23	_____
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				17.54	_____
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				164.04	_____

Table 13.A Estimated Costs per Acre, Temporary Winter Pastures,  
Prepared Seedbed, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
DIRECT EXPENSES					
CUSTOM					
Fertilizer truck	acre	4.50	3.0000	13.50	_____
FERTILIZER					
Nitrogen	lbs	0.42	177.0000	74.34	_____
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	67.0000	26.13	_____
Potash	lbs	0.48	78.0000	37.44	_____
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	0.1300	4.55	_____
SEED					
Wheat seed	lbs	0.29	60.0000	17.40	_____
Ryegrass seed	lbs	0.70	25.0000	17.50	_____
S1 clover	lbs	3.20	5.0000	16.00	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.60	1.0655	10.22	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.30	4.1133	9.46	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	6.11	1.0000	6.11	_____
Tractors	acre	1.25	1.0000	1.25	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	6.83	1.0000	6.83	_____
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				240.74	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	13.69	1.0000	13.69	_____
Tractors	acre	8.32	1.0000	8.32	_____
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				22.02	_____
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				262.76	_____

Table 4.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Cow, Dairy Herds, Average Production, Pasture-Hay Feeding System, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Dairy facility	head		1.00	Jan				60.10	148.88	1.880	18.04	1.0000			227.02
Dairy bull	head		1.00	Jan					1.30			0.0100			1.30
Dairy cow	head		1.00	Jan				123.50				1.0000			123.50
Dairy heifer > 500	head		1.00	Jan				39.00				0.3000			39.00
Dairy heifer < 500	head		1.00	Jan				23.40				0.4500			23.40
Hay from pasture	ton		1.00	Nov				19.11				1.6200			19.11
Hay from pasture	ton											1.6200	21.20	34.34	34.34
Winter pasture	acre		1.00	Nov				18.05				0.8200			18.05
Winter pasture	acre											0.8200	240.74	197.40	197.40
Summer pasture	acre		1.00	Nov				2.98				0.1700			2.98
Summer pasture	acre											0.1700	146.50	24.90	24.90
Imp. grass pasture	acre		1.00	Nov				25.77				1.0000			25.77
Imp. grass pasture	acre											1.0000	153.60	153.60	153.60
Native pasture	acre		1.00	Nov				0.30				0.2300			0.30
Native pasture	acre											0.2300	2.99	0.68	0.68
Hay fork	2	75	1.000	1.62	Nov	16.28	12.65	0.15	0.36	1.620	15.55				45.01
Frontend loader	3/4cuyd	75	1.000	0.12	Dec	1.20	0.93	0.39	0.69	0.120	1.15				4.38
Manure spreader	110 bu	75	1.000	0.12	Dec	1.20	0.93	0.46	0.80	0.120	1.15				4.56
Promotion & Mkt	dol				Dec							135.0000	0.15	20.25	20.25
CWT Deduction	dol											135.0000	0.10	13.50	13.50
Mkt. checkoff	head											0.7300	1.50	1.09	1.09
Supplies & misc.	dol			1.00	Dec							70.0000	1.00	70.00	70.00
Utilities	dol											60.0000	1.00	60.00	60.00
Marketing comm.	dol											176.5700	0.05	9.71	9.71
Hauling cattle	head											0.7300	7.00	5.11	5.11
Hauling milk	cwt			1.00	Dec							135.0000	0.85	114.75	114.75
Breeding fees	dol											2.5000	17.50	43.75	43.75
Medication	dol											90.0000	1.00	90.00	90.00
Livestock labor	hour											36.3400	9.60	348.86	348.86
Pickup truck	1/2 ton		1.000	0.90	Dec			7.70	6.27	0.900	8.64				22.62
Dairy feed 16% (D&H)	ton			1.00	Dec							0.6000	255.00	153.00	153.00
Dairy feed 16%	ton											1.7000	230.00	391.00	391.00
Dairy feed 22%	ton											1.7500	260.00	455.00	455.00
Calf grower/starter	ton											0.0600	400.00	24.00	24.00
Milk replacer	cwt											0.0100	100.00	1.00	1.00
TOTALS						18.70	14.53	68.81	410.44	4.640	44.54			2211.97	2769.01
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															13.67
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															2782.69

Table 5.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Cow, Dairy Herds, Above Average Production, Pasture-Hay-Silage Feeding System, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Dairy facility	head			1.00	Jan			60.10	148.88	1.880	18.04	1.0000			227.02
Dairy bull	head			1.00	Jan				1.30			0.0100			1.30
Dairy cow	head			1.00	Jan			123.50				1.0000			123.50
Dairy heifer > 500	head			1.00	Jan			39.00				0.3000			39.00
Dairy heifer < 500	head			1.00	Jan			23.40				0.4500			23.40
Corn silage	ton			1.00	Jul			17.03				7.2500			17.03
Corn silage	ton											7.2500	33.50	242.87	242.87
Hay from pasture	ton			1.00	Nov			11.80				1.0000			11.80
Hay from pasture	ton											1.0000	21.20	21.20	21.20
Winter pasture	acre			1.00	Nov			13.87				0.6300			13.87
Winter pasture	acre											0.6300	240.74	151.66	151.66
Summer pasture	acre			1.00	Nov			3.33				0.1900			3.33
Summer pasture	acre											0.1900	146.50	27.83	27.83
Imp. grass pasture	acre			1.00	Nov			18.29				0.7100			18.29
Imp. grass pasture	acre											0.7100	153.60	109.05	109.05
Hay fork	2	75	1.000	1.00	Nov	10.05	7.81	0.09	0.22	1.000	9.60				27.78
Frontend loader	3/4cuyd	75	1.000	0.12	Dec	1.20	0.93	0.39	0.69	0.120	1.15				4.38
Manure spreader	110 bu	75	1.000	0.12	Dec	1.20	0.93	0.46	0.80	0.120	1.15				4.56
Promotion & Mkt	dol			1.00	Dec							160.0000	0.15	24.00	24.00
CWT Deduction	dol											160.0000	0.10	16.00	16.00
Mkt. checkoff	head											0.7300	1.50	1.09	1.09
Supplies & misc.	dol			1.00	Dec							70.0000	1.00	70.00	70.00
Utilities	dol											60.0000	1.00	60.00	60.00
Marketing comm.	dol											176.5700	0.05	9.71	9.71
Hauling cattle	head											0.7300	7.00	5.11	5.11
Hauling milk	cwt			1.00	Dec							160.0000	0.85	136.00	136.00
Breeding fees	dol											2.5000	17.50	43.75	43.75
Medication	dol											90.0000	1.00	90.00	90.00
Livestock labor	hour											36.3400	9.60	348.86	348.86
Pickup truck	1/2 ton		1.000	0.90	Dec			7.70	6.27	0.900	8.64				22.62
Self unload wagon	4 ton	50	0.200	0.84	Dec	1.10	0.74	1.05	1.25	0.168	1.61				5.76
Silo	ton			1.00	Dec			3.02	15.39	3.560	34.17	8.9000			52.59
Dairy feed 16% (D&H)	ton			1.00	Dec							0.6000	255.00	153.00	153.00
Dairy feed 16%	ton											1.7000	230.00	391.00	391.00
Dairy feed 22%	ton											1.7500	260.00	455.00	455.00
Calf grower/starter	ton											0.0600	400.00	24.00	24.00
Milk replacer	cwt											0.0100	100.00	1.00	1.00
TOTALS						13.57	10.43	72.83	425.06	7.748	74.38			2381.16	2977.45
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															18.54
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															2995.99

Table 6.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Corn Silage, Alluvial Soils, Custom Cut Haul and Pack, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF TIMES			TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
			RATE	OVER	MTH	DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Disk	14 ft	150	0.140	2.00	Feb	5.85	5.76	1.80	4.21	0.280	2.69				20.32
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Feb							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50
Nitrogen	lbs											201.0000	0.42	84.42	84.42
Phosphate	lbs											76.0000	0.39	29.64	29.64
Potash	lbs											94.0000	0.48	45.12	45.12
Hipper	4R-38	150	0.147	1.00	Feb	3.07	3.03	0.33	0.98	0.147	1.41				8.85
Conditioner	13.3 ft	105	0.114	1.00	Mar	1.64	1.43	0.15	0.73	0.114	1.10				5.07
Plant + pre	4R-38	150	0.159	1.00	Mar	3.33	3.28	1.38	2.93	0.159	1.53				12.47
Corn seed	thou											29.0000	2.72	78.88	78.88
Atrazine 4L	pt											4.0000	2.52	10.08	10.08
Lasso 4EC	pt											4.0000	3.30	13.20	13.20
Counter 15G	lbs											5.0000	2.26	11.30	11.30
Cultivator	4R-38	150	0.162	1.00	Mar	3.38	3.33	0.45	1.55	0.162	1.55				10.29
Cultivator	4R-38	150	0.162	1.00	Apr	3.38	3.33	0.45	1.55	0.162	1.55				10.29
Direct Cut	ton			1.00	Jul							13.7000	6.00	82.20	82.20
Hauling Silage	mile											13.7000	0.20	2.74	2.74
Kernal Processing	ton											13.7000	1.50	20.55	20.55
Inoculants	ton											13.7000	1.00	13.70	13.70
Silage Packing	ton											13.7000	1.50	20.55	20.55
TOTALS						20.67	20.18	4.59	11.98	1.027	9.86			416.88	484.19
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															7.02
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															491.21

Table 7.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Ton, Hay Harvested from Pasture, Round Baler, One and One-Half Ton Yield per Cutting, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF TIMES			TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
			RATE	OVER	MTH	DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Mower conditioner	9 ft	50	0.220	0.67	Jun	0.97	0.65	1.59	1.90	0.147	1.41				6.53
Hay rake	10 ft	50	0.200	0.67	Jun	0.88	0.59	0.28	0.42	0.134	1.28				3.47
Baler round	large	75	0.211	1.00	Jun	2.12	1.65	2.95	3.92	0.211	2.03				12.69
Twine	ton											1.0000	0.75	0.75	0.75
Hay fork	2	75	1.000	0.33	Jun	3.31	2.57	0.03	0.07	0.330	3.16				9.16
TOTALS						7.29	5.47	4.86	6.32	0.822	7.89			0.75	32.61
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															0.39
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															33.00



Table 8.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Coastal Bermudagrass Establishment, Non-Alluvial Soils, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF TIMES			TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
			RATE	OVER	MTH	DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
												-----dollars-----			
Disk	14 ft	75	0.140	3.00	Mar	4.23	3.28	2.70	6.32	0.420	4.04				20.59
Fertilizer buggy (R)	30 ft	75	0.060	1.00	Mar	0.60	0.46		0.00	0.060	0.57				1.64
Nitrogen	lbs											69.0000	0.42	28.98	28.98
Phosphate	lbs											48.0000	0.39	18.72	18.72
Potash	lbs											48.0000	0.48	23.04	23.04
Lime (spread)	ton											0.3500	35.00	12.25	12.25
Spike harrow	18 ft	75	0.080	2.00	Mar	1.60	1.25	0.25	0.42	0.160	1.53				5.08
Sprigger	60 bu	75	0.400	1.00	Mar	4.02	3.12	2.61	4.47	0.400	3.84				18.08
Coastal sprig	bu											20.0000	3.00	60.00	60.00
Cultimulcher	12 ft	75	0.124	1.00	Mar	1.25	0.97	0.28	0.49	0.124	1.19				4.19
Boom sprayer	30 ft	75	0.062	1.00	Apr	0.63	0.48	0.14	0.19	0.062	0.60				2.06
2,4-D	pt											1.5000	2.08	3.12	3.12
Rotary Mower	13.3 ft	75	0.098	1.00	May	0.98	0.76	0.20	0.60	0.098	0.94				3.49
Boom sprayer	30 ft	75	0.062	1.00	May	0.63	0.48	0.14	0.19	0.062	0.60				2.06
Grazon P+D	pt											2.0000	4.94	9.88	9.88
TOTALS						13.96	10.85	6.35	12.71	1.388	13.33			155.99	213.21
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															6.28
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															219.49

Table 9.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Common Bermudagrass Establishment, Non-Alluvial Soils, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF TIMES			TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
			RATE	OVER	MTH	DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
												-----dollars-----			
Disk	14 ft	75	0.140	3.00	Mar	4.23	3.28	2.70	6.32	0.420	4.04				20.59
Fertilizer buggy (R)	30 ft	75	0.060	1.00	Mar	0.60	0.46		0.00	0.060	0.57				1.64
Nitrogen	lbs											69.0000	0.42	28.98	28.98
Phosphate	lbs											48.0000	0.39	18.72	18.72
Potash	lbs											48.0000	0.48	23.04	23.04
Lime (spread)	ton											0.3500	35.00	12.25	12.25
Spike harrow	18 ft	75	0.080	2.00	Mar	1.60	1.25	0.25	0.42	0.160	1.53				5.08
Tractor spreader	20 ft	75	0.110	1.00	Mar	1.10	0.85	0.05	0.23	0.110	1.05				3.30
Common bermuda seed	lbs											5.0000	4.10	20.50	20.50
Cultimulcher	12 ft	75	0.124	1.00	Mar	1.25	0.97	0.28	0.49	0.124	1.19				4.19
Rotary Mower	13.3 ft	75	0.098	1.00	May	0.98	0.76	0.20	0.60	0.098	0.94				3.49
TOTALS						9.78	7.60	3.50	8.07	0.973	9.34			103.49	141.80
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															4.24
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															146.04

Table 10.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Annual Maintenance of Native Pastures, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF TIMES			TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
			RATE	OVER	MTH	DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
												-----dollars-----			
Rotary mower	6.7 ft	50	0.168	1.00	May	1.10	0.74	0.19	0.59	0.168	1.61				4.26
TOTALS						1.10	0.74	0.19	0.59	0.168	1.61			0.00	4.26
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															0.07
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															4.33

Table 11.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Annual Maintenance of Summer Improved Permanent Pastures, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST	
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST		
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----				
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Apr							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											18.0000	0.42	7.56	7.56	
Phosphate	lbs											52.0000	0.39	20.28	20.28	
Potash	lbs											65.0000	0.48	31.20	31.20	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	May							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											78.0000	0.42	32.76	32.76	
Lime (spread)	ton											0.1300	35.00	4.55	4.55	
Rotary mower	6.7 ft	75	0.168	1.00	Jun	1.68	1.31	0.19	0.59	0.168	1.61				5.41	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Jun							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											78.0000	0.42	32.76	32.76	
Rotary mower	6.7 ft	75	0.168	1.00	Jul	1.68	1.31	0.19	0.59	0.168	1.61				5.41	
Establishment cost	acre			1.00	Nov				21.95			1.0000			21.95	
TOTALS						3.37	2.62	0.39	23.14	0.336	3.22				142.61	175.38
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL																3.98
UNALLOCATED LABOR																0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST																179.37

Table 12.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Temporary Summer Pastures, Prepared Seedbed, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST	
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST		
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----				
Lime (spread)	ton			1.00	May							0.1300	35.00	4.55	4.55	
Disk	14 ft	75	0.140	4.00	Jun	5.64	4.38	3.60	8.42	0.561	5.38				27.45	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Jun							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											113.0000	0.42	47.46	47.46	
Phosphate	lbs											37.0000	0.39	14.43	14.43	
Potash	lbs											55.0000	0.48	26.40	26.40	
Spike harrow	18 ft	75	0.080	1.00	Jun	0.80	0.62	0.12	0.21	0.080	0.76				2.54	
Grain drill	12 ft	75	0.157	1.00	Jun	1.58	1.22	1.01	2.16	0.157	1.50				7.49	
Millet seed	lbs											30.0000	0.84	25.20	25.20	
Cultimulcher	12 ft	0	0.124	1.00	Jun			0.28	0.49						0.77	
TOTALS						8.02	6.23	5.03	11.30	0.798	7.66				122.54	160.80
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL																3.24
UNALLOCATED LABOR																0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST																164.04

Table 13.B Estimated Resource Use and Costs for Field Operations, per Acre, Temporary Winter Pastures, Prepared Seedbed, Dairy Herds, Louisiana, 2010.

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST	
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST		
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----				
Disk	14 ft	75	0.140	4.00	Sep	5.64	4.38	3.60	8.42	0.561	5.38				27.45	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Sep							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											17.0000	0.42	7.14	7.14	
Phosphate	lbs											67.0000	0.39	26.13	26.13	
Potash	lbs											78.0000	0.48	37.44	37.44	
Spike harrow	18 ft	75	0.080	1.00	Sep	0.80	0.62	0.12	0.21	0.080	0.76				2.54	
Grain drill	12 ft	75	0.157	1.00	Sep	1.58	1.22	1.01	2.16	0.157	1.50				7.49	
Wheat seed	lbs											60.0000	0.29	17.40	17.40	
Grain drill	12 ft	75	0.157	1.00	Sep	1.58	1.22	1.01	2.16	0.157	1.50				7.49	
Ryegrass seed	lbs											25.0000	0.70	17.50	17.50	
Cultimulcher	12 ft	0	0.124	1.00	Sep			0.28	0.49						0.77	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Oct							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											80.0000	0.42	33.60	33.60	
Tractor spreader	20 ft	75	0.110	1.00	Oct	1.10	0.85	0.05	0.23	0.110	1.05				3.30	
S1 clover	lbs											5.0000	3.20	16.00	16.00	
Fertilizer truck	acre			1.00	Feb							1.0000	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Nitrogen	lbs											80.0000	0.42	33.60	33.60	
Lime (spread)	ton			1.00	May							0.1300	35.00	4.55	4.55	
TOTALS						10.71	8.32	6.11	13.69	1.065	10.22				206.86	255.93
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL																6.83
UNALLOCATED LABOR																0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST																262.76

Appendix Table 1. Powered Equipment: Estimated Performance Rate, Useful Life, Annual Use, Purchase Price, Repair Cost, Fuel Consumption Rate, and Direct and Fixed Cost per Hour and per Acre Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM NAME	SIZE	PERF RATE	USEFUL LIFE	ANNUAL USE	PURCHASE PRICE	REPAIR COST	FUEL CONS RATE	--DIRECT COST--	--FIXED COST--		
		hrs/ac	years	hours	dollars	percent	/hour	\$/hr	\$/ac	\$/hr	\$/ac
double hitch	0		10	1000	0	100	0.00	0.00		0.00	
Tractor (15-30hp)	22		8	600	8,200	15	1.13	2.85		1.70	
Tractor (40-59hp)	50		8	600	21,340	15	2.57	6.58		4.42	
Tractor (60-89hp)	75		8	600	37,648	15	3.86	10.05		7.81	
Tractor (90-115hp)	105		8	600	60,333	15	5.40	14.31		12.52	
Tractor (106-130hp)	118		8	600	84,260	15	6.69	18.02		17.48	
Tractor (140-159hp)	150		8	600	98,933	15	7.72	20.84		20.53	
Tractor (200-249hp)	225		8	600	147,066	15	11.58	31.23		31.74	
Tractor (250-349hp)	300		8	600	191,494	15	15.44	41.50		41.33	
Tractor (160-170hp)	170		8	600	108,217	15	8.75	23.50		23.35	
Tractor (180-199hp)	190		8	600	109,958	15	9.77	25.92		23.73	
Wheeler	250cc	1.000	10	100	8,679	100	0.30	9.42	9.42	11.42	11.42
Combine corn	20 ft	0.210	10	300	165,000	80	7.10	60.33	12.66	72.43	15.21
Pickup truck	1/2 ton	1.000	5	800	25,000	45	2.50	8.56	8.56	6.97	6.97
Truck	1 ton	1.000	10	400	35,000	50	3.00	11.78	11.78	11.52	11.52
Truck	2 ton	1.000	10	400	45,000	50	3.70	14.76	14.76	14.81	14.81
Truck	5 ton	1.000	12	100	115,000	100	5.00	108.18	108.18	134.33	134.33

Appendix Table 2. Implements: Estimated Performance Rate, Useful Life, Annual Use, Purchase Price, Repair Cost, and Direct and Fixed Cost per Hour and per Acre Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM NAME	SIZE	PERF	USEFUL	ANNUAL	PURCHASE	REPAIR	--DIRECT COST--		--FIXED COST--	
		RATE	LIFE	USE	PRICE	COST				
		hrs/ac	years	hours	dollars	percent	\$/hr	\$/ac	\$/hr	\$/ac
Baler conventional	20 ft	0.229	8	200	16,963	80	8.48	1.94	12.66	2.90
Baler round	large	0.211	8	200	24,856	90	13.98	2.95	18.56	3.92
Boom sprayer	30 ft	0.062	8	200	5,022	75	2.35	0.14	3.12	0.19
Conditioner	13.3 ft	0.114	10	100	5,440	25	1.36	0.15	6.35	0.73
Conditioner	21 ft	0.071	10	100	8,498	25	2.12	0.15	9.93	0.70
Cultmulcher	12 ft	0.124	15	120	4,640	88	2.26	0.28	3.95	0.49
Disk	14 ft	0.140	10	180	23,133	50	6.42	0.90	15.02	2.10
Disk	24 ft	0.081	10	180	33,608	50	9.33	0.76	21.82	1.78
Disk	6 ft	0.410	10	200	1,750	88	0.77	0.31	1.15	0.47
Disk + pre	14 ft	0.149	10	200	28,156	60	8.44	1.26	16.45	2.46
Disk + pre	24ft	0.087	10	200	38,623	60	11.58	1.01	22.56	1.97
Ditcher rotary	1.5 ft	0.020	10	200	4,873	80	1.94	0.03	2.84	0.05
Ditcher side	1.5 ft	0.009	10	200	4,873	80	1.94	0.01	2.84	0.02
Dozer blade	8 ft	0.880	20	100	1,149	66	0.37	0.33	1.01	0.89
Drag	14 ft	0.130	8	200	500	88	0.27	0.03	0.38	0.05
Fertilizer app (R)	20 ft	0.090	10	200	1	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fertilizer buggy (R)	30 ft	0.060	10	150	1	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Field cult + pre	24 ft	0.066	10	100	24,679	25	6.16	0.40	28.84	1.90
Field cultivator	24 ft	0.062	10	100	23,259	25	5.81	0.36	27.18	1.69
Frontend loader	3/4cuyd	1.000	15	100	5,652	88	3.31	3.31	5.77	5.77
Grain drill	12 ft	0.157	8	150	17,280	45	6.48	1.01	13.77	2.16
Grain drill	20 ft	0.094	8	150	31,741	45	11.90	1.12	25.30	2.38
Harrow	13 ft	0.233	10	200	3,690	70	1.29	0.30	2.15	0.50
Hay fork	2	1.000	8	200	300	50	0.09	0.09	0.22	0.22
Hay rake	10 ft	0.200	8	200	4,240	80	2.12	0.42	3.16	0.63
Hay rake	15 ft	0.130	8	200	4,865	80	2.43	0.31	3.63	0.47
Hay tedder	10 ft	0.202	8	200	4,915	80	2.45	0.49	3.67	0.74
Hipper + fert	20 ft	0.110	10	200	28,156	88	12.38	1.36	18.53	2.03
Honey wagon	3000 gal	1.000	10	200	6,380	88	2.80	2.80	4.20	4.20
Land level	13 ft	0.151	10	200	7,466	40	1.49	0.22	4.36	0.66
Manure spreader	110 bu	1.000	15	100	6,550	88	3.84	3.84	6.69	6.69
Mower conditioner	9 ft	0.220	8	200	17,272	100	10.79	2.37	12.89	2.83
Mower drum	8 ft	0.257	8	200	7,491	100	4.68	1.20	5.59	1.43
Mower sickle	7 ft	0.340	10	150	3,750	175	4.37	1.48	3.29	1.11
No till planter	8R-38	0.077	8	150	41,094	45	15.41	1.19	32.76	2.54
Nurse tank	1000 gal	0.130	10	130	3,500	22	0.59	0.07	3.54	0.46
Ripper-hipper	13.3 ft	0.160	10	200	7,781	88	3.42	0.54	5.12	0.81
Rotary hoe	18 ft	0.080	20	75	4,500	110	3.30	0.26	5.29	0.42
Rotary Mower	13.3 ft	0.098	10	150	7,000	44	2.05	0.20	6.14	0.60
Rotary mower	6.7 ft	0.168	10	150	4,057	44	1.19	0.19	3.56	0.59
Self unload wagon	4 ton	0.200	8	200	10,000	100	6.25	1.25	7.46	1.49
Silage blower	large	0.060	8	200	5,500	100	3.43	0.20	4.10	0.24
Silage blower	small	0.080	8	200	4,200	100	2.62	0.21	3.13	0.25
Silage harvester	1 row	0.080	8	200	22,000	100	13.75	1.10	16.42	1.31
Silage harvester	2 row	0.060	8	200	33,394	100	20.87	1.25	24.93	1.49
Silage wagon	6 ton	0.080	15	200	11,838	60	2.36	0.18	5.92	0.47
Silage wagon	8 ton	0.060	15	200	12,223	60	2.44	0.14	6.12	0.36
Sodseeder	12 ft	0.163	8	150	34,991	45	13.12	2.14	27.89	4.56
Spike harrow	18 ft	0.080	10	200	4,590	70	1.60	0.12	2.68	0.21
Sprayer cattle	6 ft	1.000	15	70	700	71	0.47	0.47	1.02	1.02
Sprigger	60 bu	0.400	10	100	8,500	77	6.54	2.61	11.19	4.47
Springtooth harrow	20 ft	0.110	13	150	3,690	132	2.49	0.27	2.73	0.30
Stalk cutter	14 ft	0.117	10	200	11,804	175	10.32	1.21	6.89	0.81
Stalk cutter	20 ft	0.082	10	200	22,717	175	19.87	1.63	13.27	1.09
Subsoiler	3 shank	0.204	15	100	3,361	50	1.12	0.22	3.15	0.64
Tractor blade	6 ft	1.000	20	200	1,583	190	0.75	0.75	0.68	0.68
Tractor spreader	20 ft	0.110	8	50	700	30	0.52	0.05	2.09	0.23
Trailer gooseneck	6 ft	1.000	15	200	5,000	80	1.33	1.33	2.50	2.50
Trailer hay	20 ft	0.500	15	200	3,573	80	0.95	0.47	1.78	0.89
Trailer utility	10 ft	1.000	15	200	2,000	80	0.53	0.53	1.00	1.00

Appendix Table 3. Durable Inputs: Estimated Repair Cost, Fuel Consumption Rate, Direct Cost per Unit of Measure, and Fixed Cost per Unit of Measure or per Acre, Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM NAME	UNIT	REPAIR COST		FUEL CONS RATE	DIRECT COST	FIXED COST
		/U of M	/U of M	/U of M		
Barn	each	34.000	0.000	0.000	34.000	717.400
Belt feeder	ton	0.130	0.540	0.205	0.205	1.010
Corral	each	72.780	0.000	0.000	72.780	240.160
Dairy bull	head	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	130.000
Dairy cow	head	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	123.500
Dairy facility a/	head	60.100	0.000	0.000	60.100	148.880
Dairy facility a/	head	60.100	0.000	0.000	60.100	148.880
Dairy heifer < 500	head	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	52.000
Dairy heifer > 500	head	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	130.000
Establishment Coastal	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	21.950
Establishment common	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	14.600
Feed bunk	each	5.250	0.000	0.000	5.250	13.910
Feedmill	hour	0.750	0.640	0.839	0.839	3.950
Fence 5-wire	mile	210.000	0.000	0.000	210.000	486.500
Fence electric	mile	38.000	0.000	0.000	38.000	251.370
Hay from pasture	ton	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	11.800
Hay rack	each	9.040	0.000	0.000	9.040	26.270
Imp. grass pasture	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	25.770
Interest on op. cap.	dol	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Lagoon system	each	286.670	0.000	0.000	286.670	2132.080
Loafing shed	each	20.000	0.000	0.000	20.000	422.000
Milk parlor & equip	each	7333.330	0.000	0.000	7333.330	11403.330
Native pasture	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.340
Shop bld. & equip.	acre	8.190	0.000	0.000	8.190	7.040
Silo	ton	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	1.730
Squeeze chute	each	28.580	0.000	0.000	28.580	157.160
Summer pasture	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	17.540
Wash area & equip	each	666.670	0.000	0.000	666.670	1036.670
Water tank & pump	each	40.000	0.000	0.000	40.000	132.500
Winter pasture	acre	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	22.020

Appendix Table 4. Operating Inputs: Estimated Prices Louisiana, 2010.

ITEM NAME	UNIT	PRICE	ITEM NAME	UNIT	PRICE
		dollars			dollars
CUSTOM			CUSTOM		
Breeding fees	dol	17.50	Direct Cut	ton	6.00
Fertilizer truck	acre	4.50	Hauling	dol	1.00
Hauling cattle	head	7.00	Hauling milk	cwt	0.85
Hauling Silage	mile	0.20	Inoculants	ton	1.00
Kernal Processing	ton	1.50	Silage Packing	ton	1.50
FEED			FEED		
Calf grower/starter	ton	400.00	Corn grain	cwt	7.50
Cottonseed meal	cwt	17.14	Dairy feed 16%	ton	230.00
Dairy feed 16% (D&H)	ton	255.00	Dairy feed 22%	ton	260.00
Milk replacer	cwt	100.00	Range meal	cwt	8.00
Soybean meal	cwt	20.60	Stock salt	lbs	0.07
FERTILIZER			FERTILIZER		
Lime (spread)	ton	35.00	Nitrogen	lbs	0.42
Phosphate	lbs	0.39	Potash	lbs	0.48
Urea (45%)	lbs	0.16			
HERBICIDE			HERBICIDE		
2,4-D	pt	2.08	2,4-DB	pt	2.70
Atrazine 4L	pt	2.52	Grazon P+D	pt	4.94
Herbicidal oil	pt	1.35	Ordram 15G	lbs	1.34
Pramitol 5PS	lbs	2.65	Roundup Orig Max	pt	9.22
Surfactant	pt	3.68	Weedmaster	pt	3.81
HIRED LABOR			HIRED LABOR		
Livestock labor	hour	9.60	Other labor	hour	9.60
INSECTICIDE			INSECTICIDE		
Counter 15G	lbs	2.26	Furadan 4F	pt	9.95
Karate Z	oz	3.28	Sevin 80% WP	lbs	6.81
OTHER			OTHER		
Accounting services	dol	1.00	Avg Quality Incentiv	Cwt	0.10
Basic service charge	head	15.78	Buy commission	dol	0.02
BWE Assesment (Red)	acre	10.00	Capital retain	dol	0.10
Cull marketing comm.	dol	0.05	CWT Deduction	dol	0.10
Farmstead & drainage	dol	1.00	Growth stimulant	head	1.15
Innoculant	bu	0.75	Insurance	dol	1.00
Marketing Comm.	dol	0.05	Marketing milk	dol	0.15
Medication	dol	1.00	Misc. overhead	dol	1.00
Mkt. checkoff	head	1.50	Mkt. checkoff	cwt	0.35
Procurement comm.	dol	0.01	Promotion & Mkt	dol	0.15
Property tax	dol	1.00	Sell commission	dol	0.05
Supplies & misc.	dol	1.00	Twine	ton	0.75
Utilities	dol	1.00			
PASTURE CROPS			PASTURE CROPS		
Corn silage	ton	33.50	Hay from pasture	ton	21.20
Imp. grass pasture	acre	153.60	Native pasture	acre	2.99
Summer pasture	acre	146.50	Winter pasture	acre	240.74
SEED			SEED		
Alfalfa seed	lbs	4.50	Coastal sprig	bu	3.00
Common bermuda seed	lbs	4.10	Corn seed	thou	2.72
Crimson clover	lbs	1.50	Grain sorghum seed	lbs	1.75
Millet seed	lbs	0.84	Milo seed	lbs	1.18
Oat seed	lbs	0.33	Red clover	lbs	3.00
Rye seed	lbs	44.00	Ryegrass seed	lbs	0.70
S1 clover	lbs	3.20	Sudan sorghum seed	lbs	0.80
Vetch seed	lbs	2.44	Wheat seed	lbs	0.29