

**BUDGETS FOR
WINTER FINISHING
STEERS**

2004 / 2005



Winter Finishing Steers

Assumptions: Very good levels of efficiency, silage 72% DMD
and half the cost of feed and animals borrowed at 5% interest.

	Friesian	Hereford X	Continental X
Purchase Weight October (kg)	500	500	530
Silage Required (tonnes)	5.5	5.5	5.0
Meals (kg/head/day)	4	4	4.5
Average Daily gain (kg)	0.9	0.9	1.0
Liveweight at Sale (kg)	626	626	670
Carcass Weight (kg)	326	332	375
Assumed Sale Price:			
- c/kg carcass	265	275	285
- p/lb carcass	95	98	102
Costs:			
Variable Costs (€)	228	228	230
Fixed Costs (€)	46	47	48
Total Costs (€)	274	275	278
Sale Value Per Head (€)	863	912	1069
Slaughter Premium (€)	0	0	0
21 Month Premium (€)	150	150	150
Total Value including Premia (€)	1013	1062	1219
Less: Total Costs (€)	274	275	278
Margin on Finishing (€)	70	70	70
Available to Purchase Animals (€)	669	717	871
Maximum Price Payable (€ per 100 kg)	134	143	164
EFFECT OF SPRING 2005 BEEF PRICE ON PRICE PAYABLE FOR STORES (€ PER 100 KG)			
	Friesian	Hereford X	Continental X
Poor Beef Price Next Spring			
Price cent/kg (p/lb)	255 (91)	265 (95)	275 (98)
Maximum Price Payable (€ per 100 kg)	127	137	157
Assumed Beef Price Next Spring			
Price cent/kg (p/lb)	265 (95)	275 (98)	285 (102)
Maximum Price Payable (€ per 100 kg)	134	143	164
Optimistic Beef Price Next Spring			
Price cent/kg (p/lb)	275 (98)	285 (102)	295 (105)
Maximum Price Payable (€ per 100 kg)	140	150	171

Require 0.78 to 1.3 forage acres to draw down 21 month premium.

Eligibility for extensification could improve margin provided fixed costs are similar

Overshoot in Sp Beef Pr national quota could reduce SBP & Extn Pr for applicants with claims over 25 animals in 2004

Budgets for guidance only - for detailed advice contact your Teagasc adviser.



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