

**BUDGETS FOR
CONTINENTAL WEANLING
TO BEEF**

**Steers at 24 Months
Heifers at 20 Months**

PURCHASED AUTUMN 2012



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Bullocks Finished at 24 Months & Heifers Finished at 20 Months

Assumptions: Excellent levels of efficiency, silage 72% DMD
and half the interest cost on feed and animals borrowed at 7%.

Excellent Performance

	Bullocks	Heifers
Purchase Weight October (kg)	300	280
Feeding Period Days - First Winter	160	160
- At Grass	200	150
- Second Winter	125	60 (at grass)
Silage Required for 2 Winters (tonnes)	9	3.5
Meals – First Winter (kg/head/day)	1	1
- Second Winter (kg/head/day)	4.75	3
Liveweight at Sale (kg)	685	550
Carcass Weight (kg)	377	296
Assumed Purchased Price: - € per 100 kg liveweight	255	250
Costs:		
Variable Costs (€)	601	310
Fixed Costs (€)	209	146
Total Costs (£)	810	456
Animal Purchase Per Head (€)	765	700
<i>Plus: Total Costs (€)</i>	810	456
<i>Margin on Finishing (€)</i>	120	84
Selling price required per head (€)	1695	1240
Selling price required € / kg carcass	4.50	4.19
	Spring 2014	Nov/Dec 2013

EFFECT OF AUTUMN 2012 PRICE FOR CONTINENTAL X WEANLINGS ON BEEF PRICE REQUIRED IN AUTUMN 2013 & SPRING 2014

	Bullocks	Heifers
Lower Weanling Prices Autumn 2012		
- € per 100 kg liveweight	245	240
- Selling price required € / kg carcass	4.42	4.10
Assumed Weanling Price Autumn 2012		
- € per 100 kg liveweight	255	250
- Selling price required € / kg carcass	4.50	4.19
Higher Weanling Prices Autumn 2012		
- € per 100 kg liveweight	265	260
- Selling price required € / kg carcass	4.58	4.28

Notes :

- Must maximise performance at grass and minimise indoor feeding period in order to control costs
- High level of animal management required at all stages
- Veterinary and medical bills can be high with poor management
- Sensitive to average daily gain over the 450 to 500 day period
- Meal price assumed at €320/tonne & silage at €25/tonne.

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