

Goat Dairy: 200-head

Southcentral Idaho

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Background and Assumptions

University of Idaho costs and returns estimates use economic costs—all resources are valued based on market price or opportunity cost.

breeding and \$1.08 during breeding season. Additional costs include hoof trimming, bedding, deworming, medication and vaccination.

Livestock Marketing

Marketing of cull does and bucks can occur in many ways. Some does and bucks are sold private treaty via online and social media sales where as others are taken to auction and sold at market value.

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Labor Costs

Labor provided by the operator is valued at \$19.70 per hour, based on average wages for agricultural supervisors. Regular livestock labor is valued at \$14.00 per hour. These hourly rates includes all applicable payroll taxes and benefits.

Budget Format

In addition to the Background and Assumptions pages, this publication has three tables presenting a variety of costs and returns information.

Table 1 shows both expected revenue and expenses. Expenses are broken into two main categories: operating and ownership. Operating expenses are those that typically vary with the level of production and involve inputs that are used in a single production cycle. Ownership expenses include a systematic cost recovery over the useful life of the asset. The cost recovery over the useful life of the asset is \$2,024.77 per head of stock.



Table 4: Investment Summary.

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	Total Value	Salvage/Cull Value	Livestock Share	Useful Life	Annual Taxes & Insurance	Annual Capital Recovery
Buildings, Improvements and Equipment						
Milking Parlor	100,000	50,000	100	30	1	350.00
Milking Equipment	10,000	10,000	100	30		\$5,752.57