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SUGGESTED COW CALF MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Practice	Realized Dollar Return Per Cow
1. Pregnancy Testing and Culling of Open Cows	\$60
2. Health Herd Programs (Vaccinations)	\$25 to \$60
3. Breeding Soundness Evaluation of Bulls	\$20 to \$60
4. Controlled Breeding Season	\$50 to \$80
5. Breeding Heifers 30 Days before the Rest of the Herd	\$30
6. Use of Performance Tested Sire	\$35-90
7. Use of Easy Calving Sire on Virgin Heifers	\$10-\$75
8. Observing for Calving Difficulties Three Times a Daily	\$15 to \$30
9. Use of De-wormers	\$25 to \$50
10. Use of Growth Implant in Suckling Calves	\$20 to \$78
11. Prescribed Range Burning	\$15 to \$50
12. Rotational Grazing	\$10 to \$60
13. Use of Estrous Synchronization	\$15 to \$50
14. Use of Artificial Insemination	\$20 to \$70
15. Sorting Cows Based on Feed Needs	\$20 to \$60
16. Use of Year-Round Mineral Supplement	\$15 to \$45
17. Control of External Parasites	\$15 to \$35
18. Retained Ownership of Calves (Stockers and/or Feeding)	\$0 to \$70
19. Targeted Marketing (Specialized Production such as F1 Heifers, Club Calves)	\$20 to \$200
20. Crossbreeding	\$45 to \$70

SELECTED 10 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND VALUES ON CALVES

Management Practice	Management Effort	Current Expense \$	Pounds Return	Today's Value \$
1. Calving Season	Little	0	25	50-80
2. Bull Selection	Little	High	30	35-90
3. Castration	Some	0	0	30-45
4. Implants	Some	1-2	24	60
5. Deworm	Some	3-5	28	25-40
6. Vaccination	Some	2-5	15	30
7. Dehorn	Some	0	0	20
8. Weaning 45 Days	Yes	30	40	70
9. Creep Feeding	Yes	30	35	60
10. Market Program	Yes	0	0	30-90