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expected to perform relative to the progeny of each sire are sires listed in the database.









 Which EPD's should I use???

Most Ranchers should be <u>TERMINAL</u> focused.

Size and scale fits better.

- Not efficient to produce replacements
- Not productive yet
 - Still eating forage and costing money
 - Don't get a calf until 24 months
 - Can't sell until ~30-32 months
- No Tax basis for ranch raised replacement









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Bull # 1

Cost of bull (5 yr life span in herd)	\$206.96
Cash maintenance cost, /yr	\$400.00
Total cash cost of bull, /yr	\$606.96
Cows/yr bred	25
Cash cost, /cow/yr	\$ 24.28



Bull # 2 •Reputable Breeder •Individual Performance • Information & EPD's





early Per	Cow Bull	Cash Costs
	Bull # 1	Bull #2
Bull Purchase Price	\$2500	\$4500
Total Annual Bull Cash Costs/cow	\$24.28	\$43.33
Bull #1/Cow Advantage	xx	(\$19.05)
		34

Increased Value at Weaning							
Bull #1 Bull 520 lbs @ 585 l Weaning wea							
\$ 1.4374	\$ 1.3634						
\$ 754.64	\$ 818.04						
XX	(\$19.05)						
\$ 754.64	\$ 798.99						
XX	\$ 44.35						
хх	\$1,108.75						
xx	\$5,544.43						
	Bull #1 520 lbs @ Weaning \$ 1.4374 \$ 754.64 XX \$ 754.64 XX \$ 754.64 XX \$ 754.64 XX						

Increased Value after Backgrounding (December)								
	Bull #1 655 lbs @ Backgrounding	Bull #2 779 lbs @ Backgrounding						
Selling price, \$/lb	\$ 1.2536	\$ 1.2036						
Value of calf	\$ 821.11	\$ 937.30						
Bull #1/Cow Advantage	XX	(\$ 19.05)						
Adjusted Calf Value	\$ 821.11	\$ 918.25						
Difference	XX	\$ 97.14						
Increased Revenue \$/25 cows/yr	хх	\$2,428.50						

XX

Net increase revenue

\$/bull (5 yr)

\$12,143.24

Now add the price you were willing to pay for the Neighbor's bull (\$2,500) to the increased revenue the better bull provides (\$5,544.43) = $\frac{$8,044.43}{}$









Make a Game Plan

- Select breed
 - Develop a mindset that you are going to buy an <u>individual within the breed</u> of choice rather than just buying the breed of choice.
- Review the Data
- Evaluate physically
- Set a purchase price



Review the Data									
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7589 P	9/29/07	19	15%	-0.9	34	10%			
95 P	10/22/07	19	20%	-0.7	34	10%			
P	9/26/07	19	30%	0	41	2%			
7597 P	9/21/07	20	35%	0.2	42	2%			
4 P	10/19/07	19	35%	0.2	35	8%			
045 P	10/25/07	18	35%	0.2	31	20%			
7119 P	10/5/07	19	35%	0.2	31	20%			
73003	9/18/07	20	40%	0.4	40	3%			
3010 P	10/19/07	19	40%	0.4	28	30%			
7016 P	9/27/07	19	45%	0.6	39	4%			
	10/8/07	19	50%	0.8	40	3%			
P	10/5/07	19	55%	1.1	43	1%			
P	10/8/07	19	55%	1.1	43	1%			
3 P	9/17/07	20	55%	1.1	38	4%			
N71 P	9/21/07	20	55%	1.1	38	4%			
3 P	10/2/07	19	60%	1.3	42	-2%			
035 P	10/4/07	19	60%	1.2	39	4%			
19 P	10/26/07	18	60%	1.3	37	6%			
	10/11/07	19	60%	1.3	33	15%			

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ltrasound	1	<= -5.0	>= 45.6	>= 80.1	>= 21.7	>= 36.4	>= 1.5	
eedstock Tour	2	-4.0	42.3	75.4	19.5	34.0	1.3	
	3	-3.5	40.5	71.0	18.2	32.6	1.2	
	4	-3.1	38.8	68.5	17.5	31.6	1.2	
	5	-2.7	37.9	66.3	16.8	30.7	1.1	
	6	-2.5	37.1	64.6	16.2	30.0	1.1	
	7	-2.3	36.2	63.4	15.6	29,4	1.1	
	8	-2.0	35.4	62.0	15.1	28.7	1.0	
	9	-1.9	34.7	60.9	14.8	28.1	1.0	
	10	-1.7	34.2	59.7	14.4	27.5	1.0	
	15	-1.1	31.7	55.3	12.8	25,4	0.9	
	20	-0.6	29.7	51.7	11.6	23.6	0.8	
	25	-0.2	28.1	48.8	10.5	22.2	8.0	
	30	0.1	26.6	46.3	9.6	21.0	0.7	
	35	0.4	25.3	44.0	0.0	20.0	0.7	
	40	0.7	24.0	41.8	7.9	19.0	0.6	
	45	0.9	22.7	39.9	7.1	18.0	0.6	
	50	1.2	21.3	37.8	6.3	17.0	0.5	20
	55	1.5	20.0	35.0	5.5	16.0	0.5	38









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The Ideal Cow

- Early puberty
- Never misses a breeding season (1 calf/365 d)
- Calves unassisted
- Doesn't require a lot of supplemental feed
- Easy fleshing
- Converts forage to lbs of raised calf
- Stays in the herd a long time
- Good temperament
- Good muscling and carcass characteristics
- Adequate but not too much milk
- · Looks good doing all the above















CED and CEM can be antagonistic



















Nutrient Requirements								
1100	# Co	w	VS		1300	# Co	W	
Average Milk								
	Calv	ing to	Breed	ing to	Wean	ing to	L	ast
	Bree	ding	Wea	ning	Las	t 1/3	Trin	nester
	10.2%		10.6%		13.1%		13.7%	
Dry Matter, lbs	26.4	29.1	25.5	28.5	21.4	24.2	22.7	25.8
CP, lbs	2.75	3.06	2.18	2.5	1.41	1.6	1.93	2.03
TDN/Energy, lbs	15.5	17.3		15.7		11.4	11.9	13.57



Value of Added Gain (\$/cwt)	Value of Added Income ¹ (\$/cwt)
0.80	4.86
1.00	6.07
1.20	7.28

Summary

- Every 100 lb increase in additional cow BW resulted in 6.07 lb increase in weaning weight
- Every 1 lb increase in birth weight resulted in 2.07 lb increase in weaning weight
- The response determined (6.07 lb) was only 11%-17% needed to breakeven to offset the cost of the larger cow size

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How does cow size affect stocking rate?

- 500 acre property

 (350 grazable, no brush)
- Forage production (2300 lbs/ac.)

 Average/good production 115 lbs/ac. in.
- -30% utilization = 690 lbs edible forage/ac (as fed)
- 550 lbs dry matter basis
- 550 lbs/ac * 350 ac = 192,500 lbs available forage
- 1100 lbs cow consumes 26.4 lbs/d (9,636 lbs/yr)
- 1300 lbs cow consumes 29.1 lbs/d (10,621 lbs /yr)
- 1500 lbs cow consumes 36.0 lbs/d (13,140 lbs/yr)

Economics of Cow Size

Every 100 lbs increase in cow weight yields 6.07 lbs increase in calf weaning weight

	Cow weight, lbs					
	1100	1300	1500			
Calf WW, lbs	550	562	574			
# Cows on pasture	20	18	14			
Total lbs weaned calves	11,000	10,116	8,036			





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Calving to Breeding to Weaning to Last								
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