

Table 1. Cost to raise a dairy heifer in confinement and on pasture

Stage of growth	200-700 lb	700-850 lb	850 to calving
	Feed and labor (\$/day)		
Confinement	\$2.18	\$2.76	\$3.69
Managed Grazing	\$1.30	\$1.50	\$1.50
Difference	\$0.88	\$1.26	\$2.19
Savings from managed grazing for 180-day grazing season	\$158.40	\$226.80	\$394.20

Table data source:

Benson, F., 2011. Grazing Heifers: An opportunity for large dairy farms.

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