

Table 2. Per Acre Returns to a Pasture Heifer Enterprise

600 lb gain per acre	Value of gain per pound	
	\$1.50	\$1.00
Costs		
Fencing (\$75/a over 15 yrs)	\$5	\$5
Watering (\$40/a over 10 yrs)	\$4	\$4
Seed (\$80/a over 10 yrs)	\$8	\$8
Land rent per acre	\$250	\$250
Lane (\$50/a over 10 yrs)	\$5	\$5
Grain (1 lb/day x 210 days x 1.68 head)	\$44	\$44
Labor (4.5 hr/a x \$10/hr)	\$45	\$45
Total expense per acre	\$361	\$361
Total income per acre	\$900	\$600
Return to management	\$539	\$239

Table data source:

Kilmer, L. and L. Tranel. 2014. Optimizing your heifer enterprise. Iowa State University Extension.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dairyteam/files/page/files/Heifer%20Enterprise%202014.pdf>