



Livestock Target Prices

Recognizing the unstable economic conditions and outlook for 2010 the suggested emphasis for Target Prices will be to regain and maintain levels that were achieved during 2008 and 2009.

OFARM Pricing Goals include:

1. The full recovery of all actual production inputs including those unique to the production, handling, and marketing of organic livestock.
2. A return to labor and management that provides family income at levels that allow for the full involvement and adequate compensation of all members of this partnership in the operation of an organic production unit. This compensation must extend to the education, training and transition to a future generation of organic farmers.
3. Return to investment that provides for the acquisition and ownership of the land and related infrastructure required for organic food production.
4. Income enhancement to provide for support for the social and economic viability of the community.
5. Organic premium for production of healthy, wholesome food in an environmentally responsible manner.

Species and Weight #	Historical Prices 2008-2009	September, 2009 (Target Prices)	Producer Sustainable Prices
Grassfed beef (*1)1000-1200	\$1.25 –1.65 LW	\$1.40 –1.65 LW	\$1.85 - 1.90 LW
Grain fed beef 1150-1300 62.5% yield	\$1.22-1.53 LW	\$1.22-1.45 LW	\$1.75 - 1.80 LW
Feeders 500	\$1.46-1.50	\$1.46-1.50	\$1.85-1.90
Feeders 700	\$1.35-1.50	\$1.40-1.50	\$1.70-1.85
Market hogs 250-260, 72.5% yield	\$1.17-\$1.24/# HW \$91-102 cwt. LW	\$1.25-1.40/# HW \$91-102 cwt. LW	\$1.50 - 1.55 HW \$109-\$112 cwt. LW
Lambs	To be added	To be added	
Dairy culls 1200-1400 on up 50% yield		\$1.10-1.15/# HW 50-55 cents LW	\$1.45-1.50/# HW 70-75 cents LW
Beef culls 1050-1250 on up, 52% yield	40-55 cents/# LW	\$1.30-1.40/# HW 65-70 cents LW	\$1.70-1.75/# HW 85-90 cents LW
Dairy Steers 1050-1300 57% yield		\$1.24-1.35/# HW .80-.90 cents LW	\$1.65-1.70/# HW .95 - \$1.00 LW

LW=Live weight, HW=Hot weight

- (1) Grass-fed beef requires 100% beef genetics, a goal to finish at 20-24 months and assumes no difference between steers and heifers and fed zero coarse grain. Animals above 1350# are discouraged.
- (2) Assumes deliverable load lots to the nearest certified scale, zero shrink.