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### Cattlemen's Updates

Wondering what your breakevens are with the downturn in cattle prices? Considering feeding your calves? NDSU Area Livestock Agent John Dhuyvetter has put together some simple spreadsheets which you may find useful.

Check out his livestock web page on the North Central Research Extension Center website at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/NorthCentralREC/livestock-extension>.

In particular you may want to follow the links to CalfWEB and CowWEB.

CalfWEB is designed to assist cattle feeders in evaluating the potential and actual profitability in feeding cattle. If you are considering backgrounding or finishing your own calves you will find several good budgeting tools on this site.

CowWEB is designed to assist cow-calf operators in evaluating their cost of production, calculate calf breakeven selling price, and projected returns.

Other articles and recorded presentations you may find interesting include:

[Backgrounding 2016](#)

[Pasture Calving - Tagging Calves?](#)

[Cost to Raise Calves and Expected Market Value](#)

[Calving Seasons and Management](#)

[Cowherd Mineral Supplementation: Why, When, What How](#)

[Adoptions of Bale Grazing](#)

[Cover Crops and Cattlemen](#)

These is just a sample of the great info available on John's site. Check them out today!

### Did you Know?



50% of the US Canola is grown in the counties served by the North Central Research Extension Center

40% of the US Durum crop is grown in that same area

North Dakota ranks number one amongst the states in production of: all Wheat, Spring Wheat, Durum, Barley, Canola, Flax, All Dry Edible Beans, Pinto Beans, and Honey. North Dakota also ranks number two in Sunflowers, Navy beans, and Lentils

When you see grain export reports listing sales in metric tons, do you know how many bushels that is? A metric ton is 2,204.622 pounds. At 60 pounds per bushel that takes about 37.75 bushels. Crop yields in other countries are often reported in kilograms per hectare or tons per hectare. How does that compare to bushels per acre? There are 2.47 hectares per acre and a kilogram is 2.2046 pounds. Doing the math I come up with 40 bushels of wheat per acre equal to 2689 kilograms or 2.689 metric tons per hectare. Working the other way the record Australian wheat yield of 2.19 tons per hectare reported by the USDA Foreign Agricultural service is just under 33½ bushels per acre.