

Pasture Grazing Budgets for Wisconsin

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The University of Wisconsin Center for Dairy Profitability recently added four pasture budgets to its website. There are two budgets for establishing pastures and two budgets for established pastures. The budgets for pasture establishment and established pasture have round bales and wrapped round bales as options. The Excel budgets are located at <http://cdp.wisc.edu/pasturebudgets.htm>.

There are two worksheets for each budget. One worksheet is for the machinery expenses used in the example farm budget, and the other worksheet is the pasture budget. On the left side of the spreadsheet is the information for an example farm. On the right side is space to enter information for a producer's farm. Some of the variable expenses that can be entered include: seeding or interseeding costs; fertilizer costs; part-time labor; maintenance for fencing, watering systems, and lanes; machinery costs or custom rate charges; and interest costs. Some of the fixed expenses that can be entered include: property taxes or land ownership charges; establishment costs; machinery interest and depreciation costs; depreciation for fencing, watering systems, and lanes; and producer labor expenses. Footnotes at the bottom of the spreadsheet further explain various items used in the spreadsheet.