

Cost and Yield

The goal for exhibitors is to cover their expenses and to also make a profit to further fund their future projects, education or life expenses. However, their foremost goals and the ones that are of utmost importance are that exhibitors acquire the experience, dedication and responsibility that they learn while raising their livestock projects. Buyers can help the youth exhibitors obtain all of their goals.

Exhibitor Investment*:

	Months to raise	Animal cost	Feed	Insurance	Show/ grooming supplies	General supplies & services	Total cost to the exhibitor
Beef	9	\$2,500	\$3,200	\$130	\$200	\$250	\$6,280
Hog	5	\$450	\$400	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$1,075
Lamb	5	\$450	\$350	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$1,025
Goat	5	\$500	\$300	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$1,025
Turkey	3	\$20	\$125		\$15	\$60	\$220
Broiler	3	\$20	\$125		\$15	\$60	\$220
Rabbit	3	\$75	\$100		\$15	\$60	\$250
Duck	3	\$20	\$125		\$15	\$60	\$220

* Costs are estimates; individuals may have various results.

Buyer Investment*:

	Example size	Yield (packaged meat, approximates)	Example auction bid	Processing cost (includes cut & wrap)	Approximate total cost to you	Approximate cost per pound (packaged meat)
Beef	1,250-pound	813 pounds	\$5,580 total	\$1,371.88	\$6,951.88	\$8.56
Hog	265-pound	186 pounds	\$1,000 total	\$392.16	\$1,392.16	\$7.50
Lamb	140-pound	70 pounds	\$950 total	\$209	\$1,158.50	\$16.55
Goat	95-pound	48 pounds	\$900 total	\$170	\$1,070	\$22.53
Turkey	19-pound	14 pounds	\$220 total	\$60	\$280	\$19.65
Broiler	12-pound	9 pounds	\$220 total	\$60	\$280	\$31.11
Rabbit	12-pound	9 pounds	\$250 total	\$60	\$310	\$34.44
Duck	14-pound	10 pounds	\$220 total	\$60	\$280	\$28.57

*Weights and prices are estimates. Results will depend on current pricing, animal weight and actual yield of meat from an individual animal.

The Bottom Line*:

	Beef	Hog	Lamb	Goat	Turkey	Broiler	Rabbit	Ducks
Break-even price	\$6,280	\$1,075	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$220	\$220	\$250	\$220
Average weight (lbs)	1,250	265	140	95	19	12	12	14
Buyer's total (includes processing fees)	\$6,952	\$1,392	\$1,159	\$1,070	\$280	\$280	\$310	\$280
Packaged meat (lbs)	813	186	70	48	14	9	9	10
Price for packaged meat (per lb)	\$8.56	\$7.50	\$16.55	\$22.53	\$19.65	\$31.11	\$34.44	\$28.57

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