
AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

Instructions for using the interactive budgets

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to use these forms. If you do not have this program installed on your computer, you can download a free version [here](#).

You can make changes to the interactive PDF budget files for this publication by inputting your own prices and quantities in the green-outlined cells for any item. You will need to click on and add your own estimated price and quantity information to all of the green-outlined cells to complete your customized budget.

The cells outlined in red automatically calculate your revised totals based on the changes you made to the cells outlined in green.

When you are finished, you can print the budget using the green **Print Form** button at the bottom of the form.

You can use the red **Clear Form** button to clear all the information from your budget when you are finished.

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Sample Pheasant Budget (Meat Birds)

Birds purchased at one day old and sold at 20 weeks.

Item	Quantity	Your Quantity	Unit	Price	Your Price	Total	Calculated Estimate
Receipts (1)							
Pheasants	160	_____	birds	\$ 7.25	_____	\$ 1,160.00	_____
Variable costs							
Labor	100	_____	hours	\$0.00	_____	\$0.00	_____
Chicks	200	_____	bird	\$ 0.90	_____	\$180.00	_____
Feed	3,200	_____	pounds	\$ 0.14	_____	\$448.00	_____
Utilities						\$ 64.94	_____
Supplies and miscellaneous						\$ 73.41	_____
Marketing costs						\$ 57.88	_____
<i>Total variable costs</i>						\$824.23	_____
Fixed costs							
Buildings and equipment (10-year life) (2)	1	_____	year	\$ 220.00	_____	\$ 220.00	_____
Insurance and taxes						\$ 22.00	_____
<i>Total fixed costs</i>						\$ 242.00	_____
Total costs						\$1,066.23	_____
Returns							
Net returns over variable costs						\$ 335.77	_____
Net returns						\$ 93.77	_____

1. Birds are hatched in May and sold in September. If they are sold later in the season, expect an additional \$0.30 per bird per month. Average bird mortality is approximately 20 percent.

2. Buildings include closed-environment brooding facilities with 1.0 square foot per bird at \$6.50 per square foot and flight facilities of 25 feet by 250 feet with 20 square feet per bird stocking density. Equipment includes brooders, lights, feeders, and water troughs.