## DRYLAND GRAIN TO PERMANENT PASTURE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY, 1962

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Each year we see profit fading from grain due to lower production, lower prices received, and higher operating costs. As a result, more and more producers are interested in a changing operation. The conversion of grain into pasture is not a big step but does require some essentials such as fences and handling equipment for livestock. Here are a few comparative cost figures from the local farmers and ranchers.

COSTS AND INCOME FROM BARLEY AND OAT: Costs: Land preparation and seeding Seed (at \$3.00 per cwt.) Weed control Harvesting Depreciation on equipment	<u>Cost Per Acre</u> \$ 6.00 3.50 3.00 6.00 1.50
*Total cost per acre *Note: This total does not include taxes, interest, or re on land and equipment.	\$20.00 ent
INCOME:Y I E L DYield per acre in cwt10 cwtAverage price received /100 lbs.\$ 2.00Gross income per acre20.00Total expense per acre20.00**Net income per acre\$ 0\$ 0\$10**If rent is being paid an additional \$7.00should besubstracted from net income.10 cwt	$\begin{array}{c} L E V E L S \\ \underline{cwt.} & \underline{20 \ cwt.} \\ \underline{.00} & \$ 2.00 \\ \underline{.00} & 40.00 \\ \underline{.00} & \underline{20.00} \\ \underline{.00} & \$ 20.00 \\ \end{array}$
<u>COST AND INCOME FROM LIVESTOCK ON PASTURE.</u> <u>Cost:</u> Establishment of pasture on grain stubble	Cost per Acre
land (seed, seeding, and fertilizer, \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre)	\$12.00
Stocker steers (lbs. gained per acre)125 1Price received per pound200Gross income per acre\$25.0***Total expenses per acre10.0	ain Levels Lbs. 150 lbs. 175 lb: 20¢ 20¢ 00 \$30.00 \$35.00 00 10.00 10.00 00 20.00 25.00
<pre>***Note: This total does not include taxes, interest, rent or investment in steers and essential equipment.</pre>	

These figures are based on improved pasture land with fertilization. The Cost of establishing the pasture at \$12.00 per acre is depreciated on the basis of ten years production.

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