Cost and Returns per 100 Pounds of Milk—2014 to 2017¹

Items	40–79 Cows				80+ Cows			
	2014	2015	2016	2017 Est.	2014	2015	2016	2017 Est.
Number of Farms	9	7	7		27	29	28	
Tillable Acres	198	182	140		442	475	490	
Number of Cows	64.0	57.4	61.7		216.7	210.0	230.3	
Pounds Milk per Cow	19,434	20,299	21,680		23,826	24,092	24,528	
	Per 100 Pounds of Milk Produced							
Price Received ²	\$25.29	\$16.79	\$16.22	\$18.51	\$25.16	\$17.48	\$16.30	\$18.20
Cash Costs								
Feed	\$12.73	\$10.70	\$9.40	\$11.91	\$11.06	\$9.09	\$8.66	\$10.12
Operating Expenses ³	3.07	2.84	2.39		3.03	2.40	2.25	
Livestock Expense	3.13	2.52	2.80		2.91	2.68	2.53	
Insurance, Taxes, and Overhead	0.19	0.09	0.19		0.26	0.24	0.24	
Total Operating Expenses	\$6.39	\$5.46	\$5.38	\$5.77	\$6.20	\$5.32	\$5.02	\$5.60
Total Operating and Feed	\$19.12	\$16.16	\$14.78	\$17.68	\$17.26	\$14.41	\$13.68	\$15.72
Other Costs								
Depreciation ⁴	\$0.85	\$0.96	\$0.89		\$0.98	\$0.96	\$0.87	
Labor	3.11	2.90	3.09		2.72	2.58	2.44	
Interest on All Capital	0.83	0.77	0.75		0.87	0.83	0.81	
Total Other Costs	\$4.79	\$4.63	\$4.73	\$5.00	\$4.57	\$4.37	\$4.12	\$4.51
Total Nonfeed Costs	\$11.18	\$10.09	\$10.11	\$10.77	\$10.77	\$9.69	\$9.14	\$10.11
Total All Costs	\$23.91	\$20.79	\$19.51	\$22.68	<u>\$21.83</u>	<u>\$18.78</u>	\$17.80	\$20.23
Return above All Costs	\$1.38	(\$4.00)	(\$3.29)	(\$4.17)	\$3.33	(\$1.30)	(\$1.50)	(\$2.03)

¹ Special Summary of Illinois Farm Business Records

⁴ Includes machinery, equipment, and building depreciation.



² FSA and patronage payments not included. They may have added\$0.42/cwt. of milk in 2017.

³ Includes utilities, machinery, equipment and building repairs, machine hire, and fuel.