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Herd health costs for cattle enterprises- October 2025

Enterprise	Health cost codes	Total Cost
Inland store weaners	1a, 1b, 3b, 5, 6	\$2,189
Coastal weaners improved	1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6	\$4,479
Feeder steers	1a, 1b, 3b, 5, 6	\$2,765
Steer growout	1a, 3a, 7	\$2,355
Heavy Grassfed MSA	1a, 1b, 3b, 5, 6	\$3,111

Health costs included in calculating gross margins	Code	
5 in 1 vaccination (2 doses 4-6 weeks apart) for calves or purchased stock	1a	
5 in 1 annual booster for yearlings and older stock	1b	
buffalo fly ear tags for all stock	2	
two worm treatments (pour on) for coastal yearlings and purchased stock	3a	
single worm treatment (pour on) for yearlings, illthrift stock and bulls	3b	
liverfluke treatment	4	
pregnancy test for cows	5	
miscellaneous costs breeding herds (antibiotics to treat infection etc)	6	
miscellaneous costs growout enterprises (antibiotics to treat infection etc)	7	
fly treatment to prevent pinkeye	8	

Health costs not included
Fertility tests for bulls
Lice treatment
Leptospirosis vaccinations (7 in 1 instead of 5 in 1)
Pestigard (pestivirus vaccinations)
Piliguard (pinkeye vaccinations (excluding early weaned calves)
Vibriosis vaccinations for bulls
Worm treatments for adult cattle (>2 years old)