

Table 1. Per Cow and Per Hundredweight Cost of Producing Milk Measures, W&CP Region and Most Profitable W&CP Region Dairy Farms, 2007 – April 2008 Data.

Cost of Producing Milk/Cwt.	W&CP Region Dairy Farms		14 Most Profitable W&CP Region Dairy Farms	
	Per Cow	Per Cwt.	Per Cow	Per Cwt.
	--- Dollars ---			
Operating <sup>a</sup>	3275	14.03	3223	13.02
Purchased Input <sup>b</sup>	3609	15.46	3537	14.29
Total <sup>c</sup>	4036	17.29	3929	15.88

<sup>a</sup> Operating cost of producing milk is estimated by deducting non-milk receipts from total accrual operating expenses including expansion livestock purchased.

<sup>b</sup> Purchased input cost of producing milk is estimated by adding depreciation to the operating cost.

<sup>c</sup> Total cost of producing milk is estimated as the sum of the operating cost, depreciation, the value of unpaid family labor, the value of operator's labor and management, plus the interest charge for using equity capital.

Table 2. Dollars Per Hundredweight and Differences by Expense Item, W&CP Region and Most Profitable W&CP Region Farms, 2007 – April 2008 data.

Expense Item	W&CP Region Dairy Farms	14 Most Profitable W&CP Region Dairy Farms	Difference
	--- Dollars per hundredweight ---		
Dairy grain & concentrate	4.68	4.52	-0.16
Interest paid	0.82	0.66	-0.16
Machinery depreciation	0.89	0.76	-0.13
Machine repair & vehicle expense	0.77	0.70	-0.07
Fuel, oil & grease	0.58	0.51	-0.07
Fertilizer & lime	0.33	0.26	-0.07
Machine hire, rent & lease	0.39	0.33	-0.06
Veterinary & medicine	0.66	0.60	-0.06