



**Sustainable Southwest Beef**  
knowledge and tools for  
ranch and rangeland resilience



# TOOLS FOR THE BEEF INDUSTRY (TOBI)

## Decision Support

TOBI is a decision support tool toolshed, designed to make it easier to quickly search and compare tools from across the web, published by a variety of different developers.

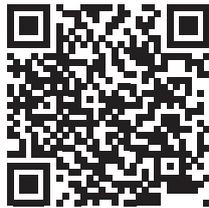


## Searchable Database

TOBI searches a database of over 550 decision support tools and resources related to the beef industry from cooperative extension, domestic and international universities and government agencies, NGOs, and private developers.



Search can be filtered by platform (e.g., smartphone app, spreadsheet, etc.), topic, user type, and/or keyword search.



<https://webapps.jornada.nmsu.edu/livestock/>

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All tools listed in the database are “As Is” from their developer/distributor. Tools listed in the database are third-party. The Sustainable Southwest Beef Project was not involved in the development, testing, or research associated with any of the tools in the database.

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**Tools for the Beef Industry (TOBI)**  
A library of decision support tools for beef cattle production and management

**PLATFORM**

- Application (0)
- Hardware (0)
- Reference Material (0)
- Software (0)
- Spreadsheet (209)
- Website (2)

**TOPIC**

- Animal and Feed Performance (63)
- Crop Management (14)
- Environmental Quality (8)
- Finance (201)
- Livestock Management (73)
- Natural Resource Management (21)
- Weather and Climate (9)

**AUDIENCE**

- Consumers (0)
- Producers (209)
- Researchers and Technical Service Providers (2)

Search:

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**Beef Cattle Budgets**  
South Dakota State University Extension  
This tool can be used to estimate revenues and costs associated with six different beef cattle enterprises: Heifer development, Cow costs, Backgrounding from November to February, Finishing Steers, ... [more](#)  
<https://extension.sdstate.edu/tags/decision-aid-tool>

**Beef Cattle Decision Aids**  
Texas A&M University AgrLife Extension  
This website contains a variety of downloadable MS Excel spreadsheets that are designed to help producers increase efficiency and productivity. Spreadsheets are available for Cow-Calf Bid Price and ... [more](#)  
<https://agecoext.tamu.edu/resources/decisionaids/beef/>

**Beef Cow Financial and Partial Budgeting**  
Montana State University Extension  
This tool is used to analyze changes in a cow-calf operation using a financial analysis approach and a partial budgeting format.  
<http://www.montana.edu/softwaredownloads/livestock/downloads.html>

**Beef Cow Herd Efficiency Calculator**  
University of Tennessee Extension  
This tool was developed to assist Tennessee cow-calf producers in improving cow herd genetics. The calculator will assist producers in identifying the higher-performing and lower-performing cows in ... [more](#)  
<https://arec.tennessee.edu/extension/decision-aid-tools/>

**Beef Cow Lease (Simple)**  
Kansas State University  
This tool takes a budgeting approach to estimate the costs and returns for a year-long lease of a beef cow herd.

**Beef Cow Overwinter Cost Calculator**  
Western Beef Development Centre  
This tool calculates the overwinter costs for cows and



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