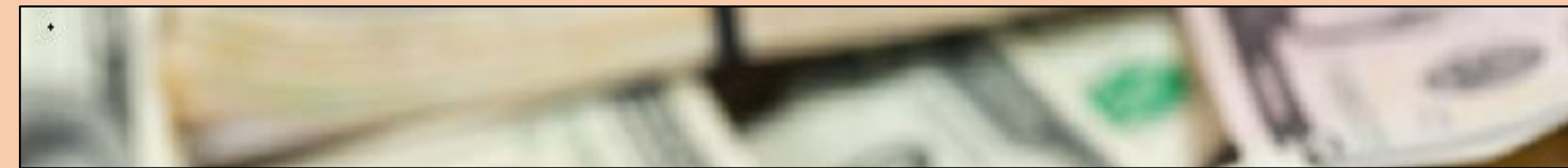


# Evaluating the Profitability of Grazing Warm-Season Annual Forages

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**Why?** Warm-Season Annual Forages can provide a high-quality forage during the late Spring and Summer when Warm-Season Perennial Forages are typically low in nutritional quality.



**What?** On-farm economic evaluations were conducted to determine whether producers were economically planting and grazing warm-season annual forages.

**How?** An enterprise budget was developed via an excel spreadsheet for each operation to determine their forage cost of production. Values for the estimated level of forage production and forage utilization were obtained from the producer.

**Estimated Economic Summary for Grazing Warm-Season Annual Forages with Stocker Steers in the Southeastern USA.**

Value of Gain, Forage Cost of Gain, and Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs	Warm-Season Annual Forage Mix
Value of Gain, \$	\$51,574.05
Value of Gain, \$/grazing day	\$341.55
Value of Gain, \$/head	\$224.24
Value of Gain, \$/acre	\$373.73
Value of Gain, \$/lb.	\$0.90
Forage Cost of Gain, \$	\$19,320.00
Forage Cost of Gain, \$/grazing day	\$127.95
Forage Cost of Gain, \$/head	\$84.00
Forage Cost of Gain, \$/acre	\$140.00
Forage Cost of Gain, \$/lb.	\$0.34
Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs, \$	\$32,254.05
Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs, \$/grazing day	\$213.60
Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs, \$/head	\$140.24
Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs, \$/acre	\$233.73
Net Value of Gain Above Forage Costs, \$/lb.	\$0.56

\*For this analysis, Value of Gain (VOG) was estimated to be \$0.90/lb.



**So What?**  
5 out of 6 Producers Planted and Grazed Warm-Season Annual Forages Economically.  
Net Return to Florida's Farmers and Ranchers: \$56,568  
Economic Impact to State Economy: \$104,624

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