## Estimated Returns to Finishing Steer Calves, Iowa ¹/  

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### 560 lb Feeder Steer
- Purchase price, $/cwt
  - May-17: 180.64
  - Jun-17: 180.42
- Purchase cost, $/hd
  - May-17: 1010.35
  - Jun-17: 1019.20

### Costs of Producing 1,300 lb Finished Steer
- **Feed costs**
  - Corn, $/hd: 164.28, 164.43
  - Modified distiller grain, $/hd: 84.11, 87.75
  - Hay, $/hd: 93.75, 92.13
  - Supplement & mineral, $/hd: 19.60, 19.61
  - Total, $/hd: 361.75, 363.92
- **Nonfeed costs**
  - Variable costs, $/hd ²/:
    - Operating interest, $/hd: 43.88, 44.23
  - Fixed costs, $/hd ³/:
    - Operating interest, $/hd: 52.08, 52.08
  - Total, $/hd: 194.45, 194.81

### Returns to Marketing 1,300 lb Finished Steer
- Total Costs, $/hd: 1566.55, 1577.93
- Breakeven price, $/live cwt: 120.50, 121.38
- Selling price, $/live cwt: 123.44, 128.44
- Sales value, $/hd: 1604.72, 1669.72
- Less death loss, $/hd: 22.64, 23.61
- Profit (loss), $/hd: 15.53, 68.18
- Manure credit, $/hd: 8.27, 8.88
- Total profit (loss), $/hd: 23.80, 77.06

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¹/ Costs of producing 1,300 lb finished pig on a per finished steer basis and returns to marketing 1,300 lb finished steer on a per finished steer basis.