Below is a worksheet showing how to estimate the price of your packaged meat. There is initially a 50% loss going from the live weight to the weight of the carcass (due to the weight of hide, internal organs, etc.). Typically, the carcass is hung and aged for several weeks. About 70% of the hanging weight ends up as packaged meat due to the loss of trimmings, fat, and bones. We generally butcher calves at around 18 months and they run 600-800 pounds live weight. Feeder calf prices in dollars per hundred weight (cwt) are market driven and calculated on the date of slaughter. Prices of feeder calves can be found on any site that reports commodity prices. The premium is charged to support the natural farming techniques of Hudson River Landing Farm. We are currenlty working on certification for organic, grass fed, humane, & preditor friendly. Compare to grass fed hamburger selling in Publix for $6.99/lb.

Feeder calves $/cwt	Organic Premium per lb.	Animal Weight (lbs)	Animal Cost	50% Hanging Weight	70% Packaged Weight	Butchering Cost	Total Cost	$/lb
$105.25	$0.75	700	$1,261.75	350	245	$227.50	$1,489.25	$6.08

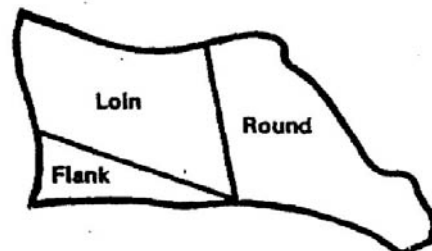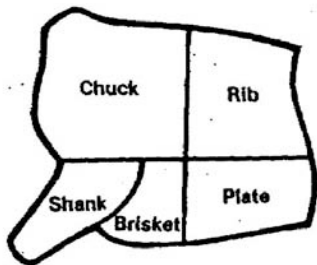| Packaged Weight (lbs)	Cut	Price
245	Whole	$1,489.25
123	Half	$744.63
55	Front 1/4	$335.08
28	Front 1/8	$167.54
67	Hind 1/4	$409.54
34	Hind 1/8	$204.77

Here is an estimate of the amount of meat and weight of typical cuts from a front and hind quarter. These are the most common amounts ordered by customers. A half animal would be both a front and a hind quarter. A whole animal consists of two front and two hind quarters.

Typical front quarter

		Packaged Weights (lbs.)
Rib roast	9%	7
Stew meat	4%	3
Short Ribs	3%	2
Ground Beef	28%	22
Chuck Roast	26%	20
Packaged Total	70%	55
Bones, triimmgs, fat	30%	24

Typical hind quarter

		Packaged Weights (lbs.)
T-bone	14%	13
Sirloin	12%	12
Round Steak	22%	21
Rump Roast	6%	6
Flank Steak	2%	2
Ground Beef	14%	13
Packaged To	70%	67
Bones, triimi	30%	29

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