

## Value of Cattle By-Products Per 1,000-lb. Steer

Year	Hides	Total	Hides as % of Total
1980	\$27.77	\$57.22	49%
1981	\$27.74	\$55.00	50%
1982	\$25.97	\$51.14	51%
1983	\$30.91	\$55.69	56%
1984	\$36.58	\$64.71	57%
1985	\$33.52	\$58.04	58%
1986	\$39.51	\$61.44	64%
1987	\$51.43	\$77.63	66%
1988	\$57.86	\$88.12	66%
1989	\$58.67	\$88.38	66%
1990	\$60.29	\$91.50	66%
1991	\$50.21	\$81.88	61%
1992	\$49.35	\$83.30	59%
1993	\$52.04	\$88.22	59%
1994	\$58.11	\$95.29	61%
1995	\$59.95	\$97.86	61%
1996	\$59.11	\$100.50	59%
1997	\$59.79	\$103.29	58%
1998	\$50.37	\$88.53	57%
1999	\$48.36	\$81.92	59%
2000	\$58.74	\$88.09	67%
2001	\$57.68	\$94.16	61%
2002	\$55.40	\$91.71	60%
2003	\$57.02	\$101.23	56%
2004	\$56.25	\$92.56	61%
2005	\$53.83	\$89.73	60%
2006	\$58.64	\$92.70	63%
2007	\$60.98	\$105.48	58%
2008	\$53.99	\$109.39	49%
2009	\$26.80	\$67.05	40%

Source: USDA - Livestock Marketing Information Center

By products -- Including hides, variety meats, tallow and numerous other products -- account for more than 10% of the value of a steer. Use of by-products keeps beef prices to consumers lower than they otherwise would be. Hides are the single most valuable by-product. Hide export opportunities were limited through much of 1998 due to the currency crisis in Asia.



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