The Cornell Beef Farm Account Book is designed to help the farm manager collect all the information required for the Beef Farm Business Summary. Data that is collected can be entered into the FINPACK software which is a confidential analysis of business records from participating beef farms. This data will be used to develop benchmarks specific to New York which will give users the tools to identify strengths and weaknesses of their farms and thereby increase profitability.

Once you fill out the Cornell Beef Farm Account Book, you have already compiled the information for the Beef Farm Business Summary. However, you do not need to use the Account book to complete a Beef Farm Business Summary. The forms to complete the summary can be found at http://beefcattle.ansci.cornell.edu/eventsprograms/.

To receive a Cornell Beef Farm Account book and/or for assistance in completing a Beef Farm Business Summary, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Agent (http://beefcattle.ansci.cornell.edu/) or Mike Baker, Beef Extension Specialist, 114 Morrison Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, 607-255-5923, mjb28@cornell.edu.

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