

WHEN IS A *Steak* MORE THAN A *Steak*

Retail Value of a Market Animal



Let's Examine a 1250 Pound Steer

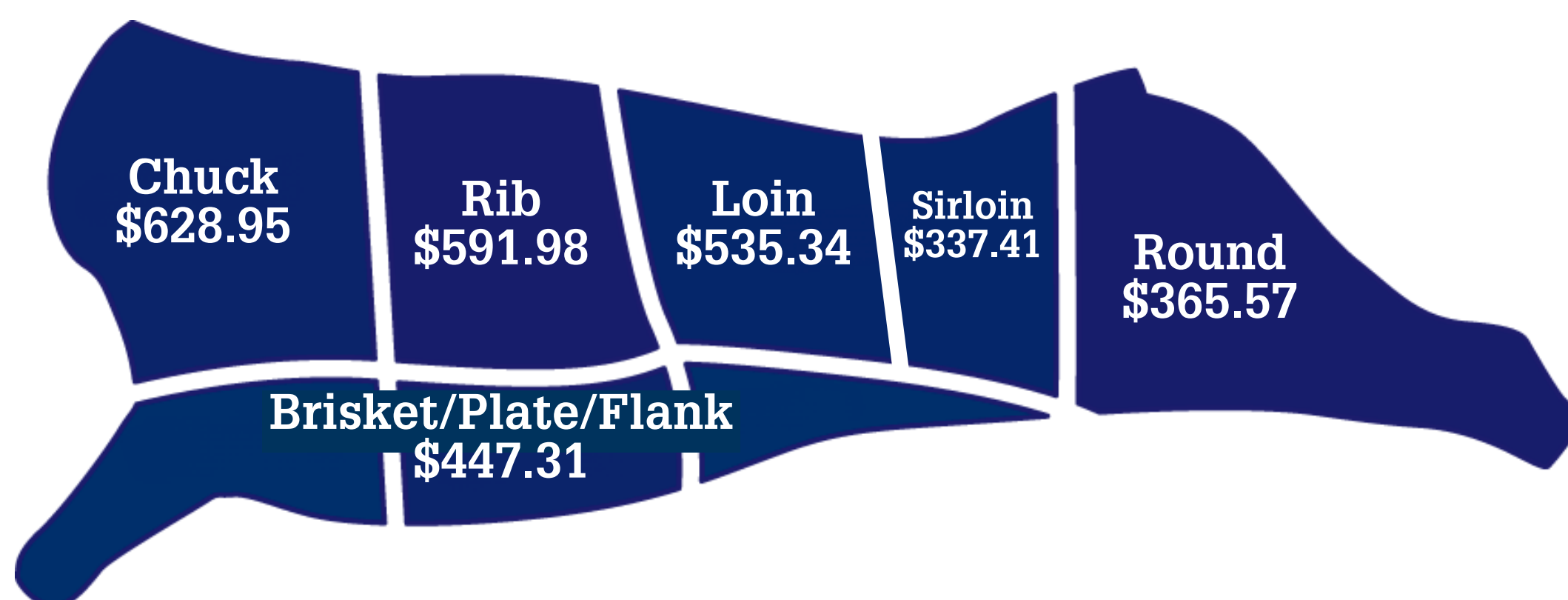
Average dressing percentage for cattle = 62%
(carcass weight/live weight) X 100 = Dressing Percentage

1250 lbs X 62% = 775 lbs
Loss from cutting and trimming ≈ 29%
775 lbs X 71% = 550.25 lbs of meat

Let's Break That Down into Primal Cuts

	% Cut Out Weight	Lbs. from Primal Cuts	Average \$/lbs.
Chuck	30%	165.08 lbs.	\$3.81
Rib	11%	60.63 lbs.	\$9.78
Loin	10%	55.02 lbs.	\$9.73
Sirloin	12%	66.03 lbs.	\$5.11
Round	22%	121.05 lbs.	\$3.02
Brisket/Flank/Plate	15%	82.53 lbs.	\$5.42

Retail Value



Total = \$2,906.66

Market Value



Buying a 1250 lb steer

1250 x 1.6372 = 2,046.50



Slaughter \$0.85 per pound (hanging weight)

775 lbs x \$0.85 = \$658.75 + \$71.67 kill fee = 730.42



Total = \$2,776.92

*Average \$ per pound from week 2/24/2023 - USDA.

*To find lbs. from primal cuts, % cut out weight is multiplied by 550.25 lbs.

*To find \$ per primal cut average, \$/lbs. is multiplied by lbs. from primal cuts.