

Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle Insurance Policy

Step by Step Instructions to Calculate Premium

The premium is calculated by a determinant Monte Carlo simulation procedure. The procedure is determinant because the same random “draws” are used for every insured. Inputs into this simulation are projected monthly gross margin levels, 5,000 monthly gross margin draws, a marketing plan that shows the number of cattle marketed in each of ten months, and a deductible level.

Let $p(m)$ be per-head expected gross margin for month m , $m = 2, 3, \dots, 11$. Let $h(m)$ be the number of cattle marketed in each month under the producer’s marketing plan, $m = 2, 3, \dots, 11$. Let $gm(i,m)$ denote simulated gross margin i , for month m ; $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5,000$; $m = 2, 3, \dots, 11$. Let DL equal the deductible level. Let EMG equal the Expected Total Gross Margin. Let GMG equal the Gross Margin Guarantee for the insurance period. Let SGM equal the Simulated Total Gross Margin.

Step 1. Calculate Expected Total Gross Margin (EGM) and Gross Margin Guarantee (GMG)

$$EGM = \sum_{m=2}^{11} p(m) * h(m) \text{ (round to dollars and cents)}$$

$$GMG = EGM - DL * \sum_{m=2}^{11} h(m) \text{ (round to dollars and cents)}$$

Step 2. Calculate ten month Simulated Total Gross Margins (SGM)

$$SGM(i) = \sum_{m=2}^{11} gm(i,m) * h(m) \text{ (round to dollars and cents)}$$

Step 3. Calculate simulated losses

$$loss(i) = \max(GMG - SGM(i), 0) \text{ (round to dollars and cents)}$$

Step 4. Calculate premium

$$premium = \frac{1}{5,000} \sum_{i=1}^{5,000} loss(i) \text{ (round to dollars and cents)}$$

Step 5. Calculate total premium

$$total\ premium = 1.03 * premium \text{ (round to whole dollar amount)}$$

Worked Example of Premium Calculation

Here are the data for the worked example for a February to December insurance period for yearlings.
The deductible level used is \$0.00.

Expected Gross Margins (\$/head)

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
p(2)	p(3)	p(4)	p(5)	p(6)	p(7)	p(8)	p(9)	p(10)	p(11)
223.45	240.92	211.39	191.38	160.89	163.84	144.31	165.78	207.88	239.65

Marketing Plan: Number of Insured Cattle

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
h(2)	h(3)	h(4)	h(5)	h(6)	h(7)	h(8)	h(9)	h(10)	h(11)
100	100	0	0	200	200	0	0	100	100

First 10 rows of Simulated Gross Margins (\$/head)

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
205.37	195.27	142.79	97.53	114.66	166.39	167.11	191.83	206.49	205.08
321.92	392.24	302.19	226.54	183.38	177.96	160.96	203.15	244.06	279.25
263.05	333.50	254.45	183.00	123.76	105.15	149.90	231.11	366.45	502.48
210.06	233.27	190.16	155.14	172.88	240.44	262.79	302.11	362.70	410.95
196.37	225.38	195.71	167.13	125.11	127.18	101.19	125.10	166.66	190.04
331.21	348.83	389.50	432.60	401.84	409.69	399.11	418.66	502.10	577.80
212.36	194.63	119.39	53.76	68.24	117.30	89.74	121.30	90.05	44.64
271.75	365.53	318.38	275.75	145.88	62.66	33.34	88.89	215.26	336.78
190.92	154.99	177.38	211.29	202.91	222.23	195.45	187.58	152.99	103.48
189.70	169.43	160.98	161.36	213.89	303.59	325.81	314.48	313.11	309.09

Step 1. Calculate Expected Total Gross Margin and Gross Margin Guarantee

$$EGM = 223.45 * 100 + 240.92 * 100 + 211.39 * 0 + 191.38 * 0 + 160.89 * 200 + 163.84 * 200 + 144.31 * 0 + 165.78 * 0 + 207.88 * 100 + 239.65 * 100 = 156,136.00$$

$$GMG = 156,136.00 - 0.00 * (100 + 100 + 0 + 0 + 200 + 200 + 0 + 0 + 100 + 100) = 156,136.00$$

Step 2. Calculate ten month Simulated Total Gross Margins

As an example, for the first row of simulations:

$$SGM = 205.37 * 100 + 195.27 * 100 + 142.79 * 0 + 97.53 * 0 + 114.66 * 200 + 166.39 * 200 + 167.11 * 0 + 191.83 * 0 + 206.49 * 100 + 205.08 * 100 = 137,431.00$$

Here the results for the first 10 rows are shown.

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	SGM
205.37	195.27	142.79	97.53	114.66	166.39	167.11	191.83	206.49	205.08	137,431.00
321.92	392.24	302.19	226.54	183.38	177.96	160.96	203.15	244.06	279.25	196,015.00
263.05	333.50	254.45	183.00	123.76	105.15	149.90	231.11	366.45	502.48	192,330.00
210.06	233.27	190.16	155.14	172.88	240.44	262.79	302.11	362.70	410.95	204,362.00
196.37	225.38	195.71	167.13	125.11	127.18	101.19	125.10	166.66	190.04	128,303.00
331.21	348.83	389.50	432.60	401.84	409.69	399.11	418.66	502.10	577.80	338,300.00
212.36	194.63	119.39	53.76	68.24	117.30	89.74	121.30	90.05	44.64	91,276.00
271.75	365.53	318.38	275.75	145.88	62.66	33.34	88.89	215.26	336.78	160,640.00
190.92	154.99	177.38	211.29	202.91	222.23	195.45	187.58	152.99	103.48	145,266.00
189.70	169.43	160.98	161.36	213.89	303.59	325.81	314.48	313.11	309.09	201,629.00

Step 3. Calculate simulated losses

Again the first 10 rows of calculations are shown.

SGM	Simulated Loss
137,431.00	18,705.00
196,015.00	0.00
192,330.00	0.00
204,362.00	0.00
128,303.00	27,833.00
338,300.00	0.00
91,276.00	64,860.00
160,640.00	0.00
145,266.00	10,870.00
201,629.00	0.00

Step 4. Calculate premium

The average of all simulated losses equals 23,415.01

Step 5. Calculate total premium

total premium = $1.03 * 23,415.01 = 24,117.46$, which is rounded to 24,117