

Example of Possible Cuts from a 1,250 Pound Steer

In this example we will use a steer that weights 1,250 pounds on the hoof. Remember that a steer will dress about 65% of his live weight.

The whole, dressed steer will weigh about 812 pounds, and a half-beef will weigh about 406 pounds.

The fore quarter (front) will weigh about 52% of the total, dressed weight of the beef, and the hind quarter will weigh about 48%.

Here are the weights of our 1,250 pound steer example (812 pounds after dressing) ---

- Fore quarter of a whole, dressed steer = about 422 pounds
- Hind quarter of a whole, dressed steer = about 390 pounds

Fore Quarter Cuts of a 1,250 Pound Steer

Fore Quarter Cuts	Percent	Weight	
		Full-Steer	Half-Steer
Rib Roast (steaks)	9%	38 pounds	19 pounds
Stew Meat	4%	17 pounds	8 pounds
Short Ribs	3%	13 pounds	6 pounds
Chopped Steak (hamburger)	27%	114 pounds	57 pounds
Chuck Roast & Steak	26%	110 pounds	55 pounds
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Sub-Total	69%	292 pounds	145 pounds
Bone, Fat & Trimmings	31%	131 pounds	65 pounds
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Total	100%	422 pounds	210 pounds

Hind Quarter Cuts of a 1,250 Pound Steer

Hind Quarter Cuts	Percent	Weight	
		Full-Steer	Half-Steer
T-Bone & Club Steaks	14%	55 pounds	27 pounds
Sirloin Steaks & Roast	12%	47 pounds	23 pounds
Round Steak or Roast	22%	86 pounds	43 pounds
Rump Roast (bls)	6%	23 pounds	12 pounds
Flank Steak	2%	8 pounds	4 pounds
Ground Beef	12%	47 pounds	23 pounds
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Sub-Total	68%	266 pounds	132 pounds
Bone, Fat & Trim	32%	125 pounds	62 pounds
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Total	100%	390 pounds	195 pounds