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	(\$000)		
Crops	44.5	90.1	50.1
Livestock	68.6	103.2	70.2
Mixed farm	78.5	114.3	101.3

^aHigh inflation is 12%/yr.

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