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How Do Costs Compare With North America?

It is much less expensive to live in Sudan than in North America. Both the Canadian and American dollars buy much more in Uganda and Sudan. Casual labour in Canada costs about \$8.00 per hour. Casual labour in Sudan can vary from \$1.20 to \$2.00 per day. This will change as the economy begins to develop. (When we speak of dollars in Sudan, we expressly mean American dollars)

Following are some of the costs for some commodities or services in Sudan (It should be noted that the common currency used in the south eastern part of Sudan, where the Savannah Farms

planters, harrows etc.

Since we have a full-time Canadian mechanic living at our central compound, the costs of maintenance and repairs are dramatically reduced. He too is a volunteer, Mr. James Churchill.

The building of our Guest Houses on our compounds cost about \$4,500.00 to both build and furnish. Every compound has Guest Houses which are used by volunteer farmers, visiting VIPs and foreign visitors. There may be a small cost for bed and meals. A central "Dining room/compound meeting place" costs about the same as a Guest House. (see last page) Living conditions are improving on a monthly basis on all the farms, and guest houses will be equipped with a kerosene refrigerators, and a stove, (either propane or kerosene) They will have good beds with tables, chairs etc. Basically, it costs considerably less for any foreigner to live in Sudan rather than at home.

We cannot predict the future, but it is certain that dollars invested now in Sudan will have a much greater impact than five years from now.

Therefore we must move forward quickly though thoughtfully in establishing the new farms.

"The Righteous considers the cause of the poor, but the wicked does not understand such knowledge."

Solomon - Proverbs 29:7

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are located, is Uganda shillings) \$1.00 US = Uganda shillings (Ushs.) 1,680. (It varies like our dollars do, but do not affect local prices):

Diesel fuel – ~ \$1.00 USD/L

Casual labour – \$1.20 to 2.00 USD/day

1 kilo of corn – In Uganda, Ushs. 200/-

In Sudan, Ushs. 800/-

Fruit and vegetables – inexpensive

A new Land Cruiser – \$95,000 USD

General Manager of the farms – \$400 USD/mth

United Nations employees are paid VERY highly, especially within the economy in Sudan.

This wide disparity in wages is often the cause for fraud and corruption.

Diesel fuel is much higher than in North America.

Gasoline is even higher in cost, and very difficult to buy in southern Sudan.

We have our own gasoline generators on each farm so gasoline is bought in Uganda and brought in by truck in drums. These are used to power lights for a short time in the evenings (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and to power certain electrical tools brought in for maintenance and repair. Gasoline is much more scarce than diesel.

The cost of basic foods, such as the produce from our farms, is very low compared to North America. Imported foods are more costly, but not exceedingly, and somewhat difficult to come by. Meat is a scarcity since everyone is trying to build up their herds once again. But goat, chicken and sometimes a nice tough piece of beef is much less expensive than North

American meat prices.

Canned fruit juices and some meats are available in local towns. Vegetables can be grown within the compounds of the farms. The soil will grow almost anything if properly watered. Many local fruits are available very cheaply. Bottled soda is readily available in all towns.

The cost of living in southern Sudan, particularly on an SFC farm, is very low, even considering the higher demands of a visitor's taste. The cost of staying in a hotel in the southern capital is very expensive per night, even in a "Tent Hotel".

Costs of repairs are somewhat cheaper, mainly because of the lower salary standards. Raw materials tend to be about the same in some things, much cheaper in others. Parts for maintenance and repair can vary, depending on what is needed.

The cost of hand clearing an acre of land by a work gang of fourteen men costs about \$90 per acre on a contract basis. Food for two meals a day are included in the contract.



Common Room and



Two bedroom house with living room,

All costs vary to a degree, of course, due to the unpredictable currency exchanges.

To establish a new farm, starting with about 150 acres, costs \$230,000.00 CDN.

This includes at least three tractors with ancillary machinery, such as plows,

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