

Table 17.A Estimated costs and returns per acre
 Watermelon, Seedless; Plastic Mulch, Drip Irr., Well
 Projected for 2007, South Texas, For Planning Purposes Only

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
INCOME					
Watermelon, seedless	cwt	7.25	200.0000	1450.00	_____

TOTAL INCOME				1450.00	_____
DIRECT EXPENSES					
FERTILIZER					
Phosphorus(46% P2O5)	cwt	17.00	1.3000	22.10	_____
UAN (32% N)	cwt	12.00	1.0000	12.00	_____
FUNGICIDE					
Bravo Ultrex	qt	12.50	1.0000	12.50	_____
Quadris	oz	2.29	32.0000	73.28	_____
HERBICIDE					
Trifluralin 4EC	pt	2.48	2.7500	6.82	_____
INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE					
Thiodan 3 EC	qt	9.09	1.0000	9.09	_____
IRRIGATION SUPPLIES					
DripTape (2 seasons)	feet	0.00	6550.0000	52.40	_____
sulfuric acid	oz	0.01	26.0000	0.39	_____
SEED/PLANTS					
Hybrid Wtrmelon seed	lb	145.00	0.1800	26.10	_____
Watermelon Seedlings	thou	61.50	12.0000	738.00	_____
HORT. SUPPLIES					
Plastic Mulch, 3x4K'	roll	60.00	0.6100	36.60	_____
Bee Rental	hive	75.00	1.0000	75.00	_____
HIRED LABOR CREW					
Transplant melons	hour	3.43	8.0000	27.44	_____
Pickup plastic	hour	3.43	8.0000	27.44	_____
CUSTOM HORT. HARVEST					
Harvest/Sell Wtrmlns	cwt	3.00	200.0000	600.00	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	7.50	1.1240	8.43	_____
HAND LABOR					
Implements	hour	7.50	0.5010	3.75	_____
IRRIGATION LABOR					
Drip Trailer System	hour	7.50	0.1890	1.41	_____
UNALLOCATED LABOR	hour	7.50	0.8992	6.74	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.20	8.4445	18.57	_____
Drip Trailer System	gal	2.20	113.4000	249.48	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	4.61	1.0000	4.61	_____
Tractors	acre	6.69	1.0000	6.69	_____
Drip Trailer System	hour	0.05	94.5000	4.72	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	60.62	1.0000	60.62	_____
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				2084.22	_____
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES				-634.22	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	9.50	1.0000	9.50	_____
Tractors	acre	19.71	1.0000	19.71	_____
Well, 300 feet	acre	21.91	1.0000	21.91	_____
Drip Trailer System	hour	1.21	94.5000	114.34	_____
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				165.47	_____
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				2249.69	_____
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				-799.69	_____
ALLOCATED COST ITEMS					
Cash Rent, Irr. Veg	acre	100.00	1.0000	100.00	_____
RESIDUAL RETURNS				-899.69	_____

Brand names are mentioned only as examples and imply no endorsement.

Table 17.B Estimated resource use and costs for field operations, per acre
 Watermelon, Seedless; Plastic Mulch, Drip Irr., Well
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OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST	
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST		
						-----dollars-----				-----dollars-----						
Heavy Disk	14'	150 hp	0.167	1.00	Oct	3.72	2.65	0.98	1.91	0.167	1.25					10.53
Chisel Plow	16'	130 hp	0.117	1.00	Oct	2.71	2.80	0.27	0.66	0.117	0.87					7.35
Heavy Disk	14'	150 hp	0.167	1.00	Oct	3.72	2.65	0.98	1.91	0.167	1.25					10.53
80" Row Disk	3R-80	150 hp	0.094	1.00	Oct	2.09	1.49	0.55	1.00	0.094	0.70					5.85
Order seedlings	order			1.00	Dec							1.0000				
Hybrid Wtrmelon seed lb												0.1800	145.00	26.10	26.10	
Fert Appl (Liquid)	3R-80	150 hp	0.098	1.00	Dec	2.18	1.55	0.44	1.27	0.147	1.10					6.56
Phosphorus(46% P2O5) cwt												1.3000	17.00	22.10	22.10	
Pmlch/Driptape Layer	3R-80	130 hp	0.110	1.00	Dec	2.55	2.64	0.44	1.14	0.440	3.30					10.08
DripTape (2 seasons) feet												6550.0000	0.00	52.40	52.40	
Plastic Mulch, 3x4K' roll												0.6100	60.00	36.60	36.60	
Spray (Band)	27'	150 hp	0.061	1.00	Dec	1.35	0.97	0.13	0.20	0.091	0.68					3.35
Trifluralin 4EC	pt											2.7500	2.48	6.82	6.82	
Well, 300 feet	acre			1.00	Jan				21.91			1.0000				21.91
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			9.41	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.70
Watermelon Seedlings chou												12.0000	61.50	738.00	738.00	
Transplant melons	hour											8.0000	3.43	27.44	27.44	
Irrigation, Well H2O inch												0.5000				
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			9.41	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.70
Irrigation, Well H2O inch												0.5000				
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			9.41	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.70
Irrigation, Well H2O inch												0.5000				
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			9.41	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.70
Irrigation, Well H2O inch												0.5000				
UAN (32% N)	cwt											0.1000	12.00	1.20	1.20	
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Cultivate (Early)	3R-80	150 hp	0.127	1.00	Mar	2.83	2.01	0.37	0.77	0.127	0.95					6.95
Bravo Ultrex	qt											0.5000	12.50	6.25	6.25	
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Mar			9.41	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.70
Irrigation, Well H2O inch												0.5000				
UAN (32% N)	cwt											0.1000	12.00	1.20	1.20	
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01	

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