

Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- *Not to be Used without Updating*
2019 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Sorghum - Conventional Till-24 Row, Dryland, 72 bu. Yield Goal
Coastal Bend Extension District - 11

Crop Acres		500						
REVENUE				Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Grain Sorghum, Lower Coast				72.00	Bushel	\$3.64	\$262.08	\$131,040.00
Total Revenue							\$262.08	\$131,040.00
VARIABLE COSTS				Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs								
Custom								
Fertilizer Application				1	Ounce	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$75.00
Custom Haul - Sorghum				42	CWT	\$0.35	\$14.70	\$7,350.00
Fertilizer								
24-8-0				0.165	Ton	\$266.00	\$43.89	\$21,945.00
Herbicide								
Atrazine 4L				2	Quart	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3,000.00
Sorghum PreEmerge Herbicide				14	Ounce	\$0.92	\$12.88	\$6,440.00
Insecticide								
Headworm Control				2.6	Ounce	\$1.16	\$3.02	\$1,508.00
Transform				1	Ounce	\$7.73	\$7.73	\$3,865.00
Stinkbug Control				2	Ounce	\$0.33	\$0.66	\$330.00
Miscellaneous								
Crop Insurance -Sorghum LC				1	Acre	\$6.05	\$6.05	\$3,025.00
Pickup Milage Charge				1	Acre	\$3.88	\$3.88	\$1,940.00
Other Labor								
Hand Labor				0.04	Hour	\$16.00	\$0.64	\$320.00
Seed								
Treated Sorghum Seed				4.5	Pound	\$3.20	\$14.40	\$7,200.00
Machinery Labor								
Tractors/Self-Propelled				0.81	Hour	\$19.50	\$15.80	\$7,897.50
Diesel Fuel								
Tractors/Self-Propelled				9.67	Gallon	\$2.46	\$23.79	\$11,894.10
Repairs & Maintenance								
Tractors/Self-Propelled				1	Acre	\$31.16	\$31.16	\$15,580.13
Implements				1	Acre	\$16.86	\$16.86	\$8,432.33
Interest on Credit Line						6.75%	\$6.52	\$3,260.01
Total Variable Costs							\$208.12	\$104,062.07
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:							\$53.96	\$26,977.93
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs						\$2.89	Bushel	
FIXED COSTS				Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Machinery Depreciation								
Tractors/Self-Propelled				1	Acre	\$35.02	\$35.02	\$17,509.35
Implements				1	Acre	\$21.89	\$21.89	\$10,944.30
Equipment Investment								
Tractors/Self-Propelled				\$267.53	Dollars	6.00%	\$16.05	\$8,025.85
Implements				\$113.06	Dollars	6.00%	\$6.78	\$3,391.88
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor				1	Acre	\$13.10	\$13.10	\$6,552.00
LCB - Land Charge				1	Acre	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$35,000.00
Total Fixed Costs							\$162.85	\$81,423.37
Total Specified Costs							\$370.97	\$185,485.44
Returns Above Specified Costs							(\$108.89)	(\$54,445.44)
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs						\$5.15	Bushel	

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example Yield Percent	Example Yield Bushel	To Cover Variable Costs	To Cover Total Costs
75%	54.00	\$3.85	\$6.87
90%	64.80	\$3.21	\$5.72
100%	72.00	\$2.89	\$5.15
110%	79.20	\$2.63	\$4.68
125%	90.00	\$2.31	\$4.12

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