

Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- Not to be Used without Updating
2020 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Dryland Sesame
South Plains Extension District - 2

Crop Acres		160		Enterprise	
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total
Sesame - Non-irrigated	700.00	Pound	\$0.28	\$196.00	\$31,360.00
Total Revenue				\$196.00	\$31,360.00
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs					
Custom					
Fertilizer Application - Liquid High	1	Acre	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$760.00
Custom Harvest - Sesame	1	Acre	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$4,000.00
Custom Haul - Sesame	7	CWT	\$0.12	\$0.84	\$134.40
Fertilizer					
Fertilizer (N) - Liquid	30	Pound	\$0.38	\$11.40	\$1,824.00
Herbicide					
Herbicide - Sesame	1	Acre	\$21.75	\$21.75	\$3,480.00
Miscellaneous					
Crop Insurance Sesame - Dryland	1	Acre	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1,600.00
Seed					
Seed - Sesame	2.5	Pound	\$4.00	\$10.00	\$1,600.00
Machinery Labor					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.46	Hour	\$12.00	\$5.52	\$883.20
Other Labor	0.54	Hour	\$12.00	\$6.48	\$1,036.80
Diesel Fuel					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	2.2	Gallon	\$1.90	\$4.18	\$668.80
Gasoline					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$4.40	\$4.40	\$704.00
Repairs & Maintenance					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$80.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$960.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$480.00
Interest on Credit Line			6.00%	\$3.79	\$607.03
Total Variable Costs				\$117.61	\$18,818.23
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:				\$78.39	\$12,541.77
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$0.17	Pound	
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Equipment Fixed Costs					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$200.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$1,920.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1,600.00
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor	1	Acre	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$4,000.00
Cash Rent - Dryland	1	Acre	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$8,000.00
Whole Farm Insurance	1	Acre	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$320.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$100.25	\$16,040.00
Total Specified Costs				\$217.86	\$34,858.23
Returns Above Specified Costs				(\$21.86)	(\$3,498.23)
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$0.31	Pound	

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example Yield Percent	Example Yield Pound	To Cover Variable Costs	To Cover Total Costs
75%	525.00	\$0.22	\$0.41
90%	630.00	\$0.19	\$0.35
100%	700.00	\$0.17	\$0.31
110%	770.00	\$0.15	\$0.28
125%	875.00	\$0.13	\$0.25

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