

Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- Not to be Used without Updating
2024 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Irrigated Cotton - Drip
South Plains Extension District - 2

Crop Acres		122			
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Cotton Lint	1,500.00	Pound	\$0.72	\$1,080.00	\$131,760.00
Cottonseed	1.07	Ton	\$225.00	\$239.63	\$29,234.25
Total Revenue				\$1,319.63	\$160,994.25
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs					
Custom					
Fertilizer Application - Liquid High	1	Acre	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$579.50
Scouting	1	Acre	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$1,098.00
Strip and Module - Cotton	1500	Pound	\$0.08	\$120.00	\$14,640.00
Ginning - Cotton	45.454545	CWT	\$2.90	\$131.82	\$16,081.82
Fertilizer					
Fertilizer (P) - Liquid	45	Pound	\$0.88	\$39.78	\$4,853.16
Fertilizer (N) - Liquid	135	Pound	\$0.61	\$82.49	\$10,063.17
Herbicide					
Herbicide - Cotton Preplant	1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$732.00
Herbicide - Cotton At Plant	1	Acre	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$793.00
Herbicide - Cotton Postplant	1	Acre	\$57.00	\$57.00	\$6,954.00
Spot Spray and Chemical	0.2	Acre	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$366.00
Insecticide					
Insecticide and Apply Cotton	1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$1,464.00
Boll Weevil Assessment Irrigated	3	Bale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous					
Crop Insurance Cotton - Drip	1	Acre	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$8,540.00
Crop Insurance Hail	4	100	\$2.25	\$9.00	\$1,098.00
Seed					
Seed - Cotton Irrigated	40	Thousand	\$1.59	\$63.60	\$7,759.20
Other Chemicals					
Acid	24	Pound	\$0.50	\$12.00	\$1,464.00
Harvest Aid Apply Cotton Drip	1	Acre	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$3,660.00
Other Labor					
Hoeing	0.2	Acre	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$366.00
Irrigation					
Energy Cost	14.00	AcreInch	\$10.00	\$140.00	\$17,080.00
Irrigation Labor	1.25	Hour	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$1,830.00
Machinery Labor					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.75	Hour	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$1,098.00
Other Labor	0.85	Hour	\$12.00	\$10.20	\$1,244.40
Diesel Fuel					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	4	Gallon	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$1,463.51
Gasoline					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$5.20	\$5.20	\$634.75
Repairs & Maintenance					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$61.00
Irrigation Equipment	1	Acre	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$3,660.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$732.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$366.00
Interest on Credit Line			9.00%	\$31.53	\$3,846.33
Total Variable Costs				\$922.36	\$112,527.84
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:				\$397.27	\$48,466.41
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$0.46	Pound	
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Equipment Fixed Costs					
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$152.50
Irrigation Equipment	1	Acre	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$9,150.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$1,464.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1,220.00
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor	1	Acre	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$3,050.00
Cash Rent - Cotton Drip	1	Acre	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$15,860.00
Whole Farm Insurance	1	Acre	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$244.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$255.25	\$31,140.50
Total Specified Costs				\$1,177.61	\$143,668.34
Returns Above Specified Costs				\$142.02	\$17,325.91
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$0.63	Pound	

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example Yield Percent	Example Yield Pound	To Cover Variable Costs	To Cover Total Costs
75%	1125.00	\$0.61	\$0.83
90%	1350.00	\$0.51	\$0.69
100%	1500.00	\$0.46	\$0.63
110%	1650.00	\$0.41	\$0.57
125%	1875.00	\$0.36	\$0.50

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