

Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- Not to be Used without Updating
2025 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Irrigated Alfalfa
South Plains Extension District - 2

Crop Acres		122				
REVENUE		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Hay - Alfalfa		6.00	Ton	\$240.00	\$1,440.00	\$175,680.00
Total Revenue					\$1,440.00	\$175,680.00
VARIABLE COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs						
Custom						
Custom Baling		6	Ton	\$65.00	\$390.00	\$47,580.00
Fertilizer Application - Liquid Low		1	Acre	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$427.00
Crop Consultant		1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$1,464.00
Fertilizer						
Fertilizer (P) - Liquid		65	Pound	\$0.92	\$59.54	\$7,263.88
Fertilizer (N) - Liquid		30	Pound	\$0.60	\$18.00	\$2,196.00
Sulfur		12	Pound	\$0.12	\$1.44	\$175.68
Herbicide						
Herbicide and Application Alfalfa		1	Acre	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$2,684.00
Insecticide						
Insecticide Application Alfalfa		1	Acre	\$25.90	\$25.90	\$3,159.80
Miscellaneous						
Crop Insurance Alfalfa		1	Acre	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$305.00
Irrigation						
Energy Cost		24.00	AcreInch	\$10.00	\$240.00	\$29,280.00
Irrigation Labor		1.25	Hour	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$2,440.00
Machinery Labor						
Tractors/Self-Propelled		1	Hour	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$1,952.00
Diesel Fuel						
Tractors/Self-Propelled		2.01	Gallon	\$2.92	\$5.87	\$715.80
Gasoline						
Pickup/General Use Equipment		1	Acre	\$5.41	\$5.41	\$659.75
Repairs & Maintenance						
Pickup/General Use Equipment		1	Acre	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$61.00
Irrigation Equipment		1	Acre	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$5,124.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled		1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$732.00
Implements		1	Acre	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$366.00
Interest on Credit Line				8.50%	\$21.31	\$2,600.29
Total Variable Costs					\$894.97	\$109,186.19
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:					\$545.03	\$66,493.81
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs				\$149.16	Ton	
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	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$6,710.00
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
Allocated Establishment Cost		1	Acre	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$12,200.00
Cash Rent - Alfalfa		1	Acre	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$15,860.00
Whole Farm Insurance		1	Acre	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$244.00
Total Fixed Costs					\$335.25	\$40,900.50
Total Specified Costs					\$1,230.22	\$150,086.69
Returns Above Specified Costs					\$209.78	\$25,593.31
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs				\$205.04	Ton	

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example	Example	To Cover	To Cover
Yield	Yield	Variable	Total
Percent	Ton	Costs	Costs
75%	4.50	\$198.88	\$273.38
90%	5.40	\$165.73	\$227.82
100%	6.00	\$149.16	\$205.04
110%	6.60	\$135.60	\$186.40
125%	7.50	\$119.33	\$164.03

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