

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

Crop Acres		160				Enterprise
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Total
Oilseed Sunflowers	1,000.00	Pound	\$0.23	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$36,000.00
Total Revenue				\$225.00	\$225.00	\$36,000.00
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Enterprise
Production Costs						
Herbicide						
Herbicide and Apply Oilseed Sunflow	1	Acre	\$34.75	\$34.75	\$34.75	\$5,560.00
Seed						
Seed - Oil Sunflower Dryland	1	Acre	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$2,000.00
Fertilizer						
Fertilizer (N) - Liquid	40	Pound	\$0.60	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$3,840.00
Custom						
Custom Haul - Sunflowers	10	CWT	\$0.30	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$480.00
Fertilizer Application - Liquid High	1	Acre	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$760.00
Custom Harvest - Sunflowers Dryland	1	Acre	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous						
Crop Insurance Oil Sunflowers Dryland	1	Acre	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$1,760.00
Insecticide						
Insecticide and Apply Oil Sunflowers	1	Acre	\$11.63	\$11.63	\$11.63	\$1,860.80
Machinery Labor						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.45	Hour	\$16.00	\$7.20	\$7.20	\$1,152.00
Other Labor	0.55	Hour	\$16.00	\$8.80	\$8.80	\$1,408.00
Diesel Fuel						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	2.4	Gallon	\$2.92	\$7.01	\$7.01	\$1,120.90
Gasoline						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$5.28	\$5.28	\$5.28	\$844.48
Repairs & Maintenance						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$80.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$960.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$480.00
Interest on Credit Line			8.50%	\$6.72	\$6.72	\$1,075.39
Total Variable Costs				\$161.13	\$161.13	\$25,781.56
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:				\$63.87	\$63.87	\$10,218.44
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$0.16	Pound		
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Enterprise
Equipment Fixed Costs						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$200.00
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$1,920.00
Implements	1	Acre	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1,600.00
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor	1	Acre	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$4,000.00
Cash Rent - Sunflowers Dryland	1	Acre	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$8,000.00
Whole Farm Insurance	1	Acre	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$320.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$100.25	\$100.25	\$16,040.00
Total Specified Costs				\$261.38	\$261.38	\$41,821.56
Returns Above Specified Costs				(\$36.38)	(\$36.38)	(\$5,821.56)
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$0.26	Pound		

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example Yield Percent	Example Yield Pound	To Cover Variable Costs	To Cover Total Costs
75%	750.00	\$0.21	\$0.35
90%	900.00	\$0.18	\$0.29
100%	1000.00	\$0.16	\$0.26
110%	1100.00	\$0.15	\$0.24
125%	1250.00	\$0.13	\$0.21

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