

**2026 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Oilseed Sunflowers, Sprinkler Irrigated, Strip Tillage
Panhandle Extension District - 1**

Crop Acres	122					Enterprise
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Total
Oilseed Sunflowers	20.00	CWT	\$23.00	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$56,120.00
Total Revenue				\$460.00	\$460.00	\$56,120.00
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Enterprise
Production Costs						
Herbicide						
Glyphosphate	3	Acre	\$11.75	\$35.25	\$35.25	\$4,300.50
2-4D	1	Acre	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$358.68
Prowel H2O	1	Acre	\$14.15	\$14.15	\$14.15	\$1,726.30
Seed						
Seed - Oilseed Sunflower	1	Acre	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$4,148.00
Fertilizer						
Fertilizer (N) - Liquid	70	Pound	\$0.71	\$49.77	\$49.77	\$6,071.94
Fertilizer (P) - Liquid	25	Pound	\$0.99	\$24.83	\$24.83	\$3,028.65
Custom						
Herbicide Application	3	Acre	\$8.25	\$24.75	\$24.75	\$3,019.50
Pesticide Application	1	Acre	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$1,006.50
Custom Haul - Sunflowers	20	CWT	\$0.70	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$1,708.00
Custom Harvest - Sunflowers	1	Acre	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$5,490.00
Miscellaneous						
Crop Insurance Sunflowers - Irrigated	1	Acre	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$3,050.00
Insecticide						
Ammo	1	Acre	\$3.91	\$3.91	\$3.91	\$477.02
Seed Insecticide - Sunflower Irrigated	1	Acre	\$12.35	\$12.35	\$12.35	\$1,506.70
Irrigation						
Energy Cost	7.00	AcreInch	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$4,270.00
Irrigation Labor	0.45	Hour	\$18.85	\$8.44	\$8.44	\$1,030.27
Machinery Labor						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.08	Hour	\$18.54	\$1.48	\$1.48	\$180.95
Other Labor	0.1	Hour	\$18.54	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$226.19
Diesel Fuel						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.64	Gallon	\$2.65	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$206.91
Gasoline						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$10.14	\$10.14	\$10.14	\$1,237.50
Repairs & Maintenance						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$5.52	\$5.52	\$5.52	\$673.20
Irrigation Equipment	1	Acre	\$26.25	\$26.25	\$26.25	\$3,202.50
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$1.64	\$1.64	\$1.64	\$199.68
Implements	1	Acre	\$3.06	\$3.06	\$3.06	\$372.97
Interest on Credit Line			8.40%	\$14.43	\$14.43	\$1,760.54
Total Variable Costs				\$403.71	\$403.71	\$49,252.49
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:					\$56.29	\$6,867.51
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$20.19	CWT		
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	Enterprise
Machinery Depreciation						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$5.79	\$5.79	\$5.79	\$706.86
Irrigation Equipment	1	Acre	\$28.80	\$28.80	\$28.80	\$3,513.75
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$206.34
Implements	1	Acre	\$3.93	\$3.93	\$3.93	\$479.53
Equipment Investment						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	\$40.01	Dollars	8.40%	\$3.36	\$3.36	\$409.98
Irrigation Equipment	\$435.80	Dollars	8.40%	\$36.61	\$36.61	\$4,466.07
Tractors/Self-Propelled	\$13.18	Dollars	8.40%	\$1.11	\$1.11	\$135.03
Implements	\$16.81	Dollars	8.40%	\$1.41	\$1.41	\$172.31
Cash Rent - Sunflowers Irrigated	1	Acre	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$15,250.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$207.70	\$207.70	\$25,339.86
Total Specified Costs				\$611.41	\$611.41	\$74,592.35
Returns Above Specified Costs					(\$151.41)	(\$18,472.35)
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$30.57	CWT		

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