

**2026 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Dryland Cotton
Southwest Extension District - 10**

Crop Acres		100				Enterprise
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total	
Cotton Lint	400.00	Pound	\$0.69	\$276.00	\$27,600.00	
Cottonseed	680.00	Pound	\$0.12	\$81.60	\$8,160.00	
Total Revenue				\$357.60	\$35,760.00	
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total	
Production Costs						
Custom						
Custom Apply Fertilizer	1	Acre	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$825.00	
Gin, Bag, Tie - CWT	10.8	CWT	\$3.00	\$32.40	\$3,240.00	
Fertilizer						
UAN(32% N)	1.26	CWT	\$17.08	\$21.52	\$2,152.08	
Fertilizer 18-46-0	54	Pound	\$0.35	\$18.90	\$1,890.00	
Herbicide						
Glyphosate	1.4	Pint	\$1.63	\$2.28	\$228.38	
Prowl H2O	2	Pint	\$6.09	\$12.19	\$1,218.75	
Insecticide						
Karate Z	1	Ounce	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$81.00	
Miscellaneous						
Crop Insurance - Cotton Dry	1	Acre	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$1,100.00	
Boll Weevil Eradication Program	1	Acre	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$200.00	
Seed						
Cotton Seed BIIRRF	35	Thousand	\$1.68	\$58.77	\$5,877.36	
Other Chemicals						
Gramoxone SL	24	Ounce	\$0.28	\$6.83	\$682.50	
Aim	0.75	Ounce	\$5.94	\$4.45	\$445.31	
Crop Oil Concentrate	0.25	Pint	\$1.62	\$0.40	\$40.47	
Machinery Labor						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1.17	Hour	\$18.54	\$21.69	\$2,169.18	
Other Labor	0.32	Hour	\$18.54	\$5.93	\$593.28	
Diesel Fuel						
Tractors/Self-Propelled	9.81	Gallon	\$2.75	\$26.98	\$2,697.75	
Gasoline						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$2,999.56	
Repairs & Maintenance						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$4.84	\$4.84	\$483.84	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$25.25	\$25.25	\$2,525.41	
Implements	1	Acre	\$11.86	\$11.86	\$1,185.89	
Interest on Credit Line			8.10%	\$10.79	\$1,079.41	
Total Variable Costs				\$317.15	\$31,715.16	
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:				\$40.45	\$4,044.84	
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$0.59	Pound		
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total	
Machinery Depreciation						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	1	Acre	\$25.20	\$25.20	\$2,520.00	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$30.32	\$30.32	\$3,031.68	
Implements	1	Acre	\$15.48	\$15.48	\$1,547.53	
Equipment Investment						
Pickup/General Use Equipment	\$105.00	Dollars	8.10%	\$8.51	\$850.50	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	\$269.00	Dollars	8.10%	\$21.79	\$2,178.90	
Implements	\$112.10	Dollars	8.10%	\$9.08	\$908.05	
Dryland Winter Garden Rent	1	Acre	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	
Total Fixed Costs				\$130.37	\$13,036.65	
Total Specified Costs				\$447.52	\$44,751.80	
Returns Above Specified Costs				(\$89.92)	(\$8,991.80)	
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$0.91	Pound		

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