

**2026 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre  
Cotton - Conventional Seed, Till-24 Row, Dryland, 800 lb. Yield Goal - Lower Coast  
Coastal Bend Extension District - 11**

Crop Acres		500				
REVENUE		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Cotton Lint		800.00	Pound	\$0.69	\$552.00	\$276,000.00
Cottonseed		0.58	Ton	\$235.00	\$136.30	\$68,150.00
Total Revenue					\$688.30	\$344,150.00
VARIABLE COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
<b>Production Costs</b>						
Custom					<b>\$188.16</b>	
Fertilizer Application		1	Ounce	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$80.00
Pick and Module		800	Pound	\$0.15	\$120.00	\$60,000.00
Ginning - Picker		800	Pound	\$0.09	\$68.00	\$34,000.00
Fertilizer					<b>\$69.6</b>	
24-8-0		0.1665	Ton	\$418.00	\$69.60	\$34,798.50
Herbicide					<b>\$42.44</b>	
Trifluralin		32	Ounce	\$0.21	\$6.72	\$3,360.00
2, 4D Amine		2	Pint	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3,000.00
Cotton PreEmerge Herbicide		1	Quart	\$17.75	\$17.75	\$8,875.00
Cotton Early Season Herbicide		0.1	Quart	\$8.75	\$0.88	\$437.50
Cotton Mid Season Herbicide		3	Ounce	\$0.20	\$0.60	\$300.00
Select		1	Pint	\$10.49	\$10.49	\$5,245.00
Seed					<b>\$124.61</b>	
Cotton Seed		52.8	Thousand	\$1.96	\$103.49	\$51,744.00
Cotton Seed - Insect Treatment		52.8	Thousand	\$0.40	\$21.12	\$10,560.00
Miscellaneous					<b>\$22.21</b>	
Crop Insurance -Cotton LC		1	Acre	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$6,000.00
Pickup Milage Charge		1	Acre	\$3.81	\$3.81	\$1,905.00
Boll Weevil Program LC		1.6	Bale	\$4.00	\$6.40	\$3,200.00
Other Chemicals					<b>\$21.86</b>	
2, 4D Amine		2	Pint	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3,000.00
Glyphosate		1	Quart	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$3,250.00
Generic PIX		32	Ounce	\$0.06	\$2.00	\$1,000.00
Defoliant - Picker		4	Ounce	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$2,000.00
Ethephon		21	Ounce	\$0.16	\$3.36	\$1,680.00
Other Labor					<b>\$1.42</b>	
Hand Labor		0.08	Hour	\$17.75	\$1.42	\$710.00
Insecticide					<b>\$2.94</b>	
Fleahopper Control LC		1.6	Ounce	\$1.84	\$2.94	\$1,472.00
Machinery Labor					<b>\$4.82</b>	
Tractors/Self-Propelled		0.28	Hour	\$17.21	\$4.82	\$2,409.40
Diesel Fuel					<b>\$10.06</b>	
Tractors/Self-Propelled		3.53	Gallon	\$2.85	\$10.06	\$5,030.25
Repairs & Maintenance					<b>\$16.63</b>	
Tractors/Self-Propelled		1	Acre	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$5,377.97
Implements		1	Acre	\$5.87	\$5.87	\$2,937.24
Interest on Credit Line				6.50%	\$12.74	\$6,371.66
Total Variable Costs					<b>\$517.49</b>	<b>\$258,743.51</b>
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:					\$170.81	\$85,406.49
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs				\$0.48	Pound	
FIXED COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Machinery Depreciation					<b>\$22.55</b>	
Tractors/Self-Propelled		1	Acre	\$14.33	\$14.33	\$7,166.82
Implements		1	Acre	\$8.22	\$8.22	\$4,110.34
Equipment Investment					<b>\$9.51</b>	
Tractors/Self-Propelled		\$110.17	Dollars	6.50%	\$7.16	\$3,580.46
Implements		\$36.09	Dollars	6.50%	\$2.35	\$1,172.87
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor		1	Acre	\$34.42	\$34.42	\$17,207.50
LCB - Land Charge		1	Acre	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$35,000.00
Total Fixed Costs					\$136.48	\$68,237.98
Total Specified Costs					<b>\$653.96</b>	<b>\$326,981.49</b>
Returns Above Specified Costs					\$34.34	\$17,168.51
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs				\$0.65	Pound	

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