

2026 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre
Hard Red Spring Wheat, Dryland, 35 bu. Yield Goal, Northwest - Lower Coast
Coastal Bend Extension District - 11

Crop Acres	500				
REVENUE	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Hard Red Spring Wheat	35.00	Bushel	\$5.20	\$182.00	\$91,000.00
Total Revenue				\$182.00	\$91,000.00
VARIABLE COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs					
Custom				\$9.96	
Fertilizer Application	1	Ounce	\$0.16	\$0.16	\$80.00
Custom Haul - Wheat	35	Bushel	\$0.28	\$9.80	\$4,900.00
Fertilizer				\$41.8	
24-8-0	0.1	Ton	\$418.00	\$41.80	\$20,900.00
Herbicide				\$4.75	
Glyphosate (Generic)	1	Quart	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$2,375.00
Insecticide				\$15.57	
Wheat Insect Control	1.5	Pint	\$10.38	\$15.57	\$7,785.00
Miscellaneous				\$9.81	
Pickup Milage Charge	1	Acre	\$3.81	\$3.81	\$1,905.00
Crop Insurance -Wheat LC	1	Acre	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$3,000.00
Seed				\$61.25	
HRS Wheat Seed	125	Pound	\$0.49	\$61.25	\$30,625.00
Other Labor				\$0.32	
Hand Labor	0.018	Hour	\$17.75	\$0.32	\$159.75
Machinery Labor				\$5.34	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.31	Hour	\$17.21	\$5.34	\$2,667.55
Diesel Fuel				\$9.66	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	3.39	Gallon	\$2.85	\$9.66	\$4,830.75
Repairs & Maintenance				\$19.66	
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$14.15	\$14.15	\$7,073.10
Implements	1	Acre	\$5.51	\$5.51	\$2,756.78
Interest on Credit Line			6.50%	\$5.89	\$2,945.76
Total Variable Costs				\$184.01	\$92,003.69
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:				(\$2.01)	(\$1,003.69)
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs			\$5.26	Bushel	
FIXED COSTS	Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Machinery Depreciation					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$14.54	\$14.54	\$7,268.38
Implements	1	Acre	\$6.71	\$6.71	\$3,353.63
Equipment Investment					
Tractors/Self-Propelled	\$110.82	Dollars	6.50%	\$7.20	\$3,601.59
Implements	\$52.09	Dollars	6.50%	\$3.39	\$1,692.89
Management Fee, Owner/Operator Labor	1	Acre	\$9.10	\$9.10	\$4,550.00
LCB - Land Charge	1	Acre	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$35,000.00
Total Fixed Costs				\$110.93	\$55,466.49
Total Specified Costs				\$294.94	\$147,470.18
Returns Above Specified Costs				(\$112.94)	(\$56,470.18)
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs			\$8.43	Bushel	

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