

TABLE 1. Acreage Summary, Lea County,
Actual 2024

BUDGET AREA.....	SOUTHERN HIGH PLAINS, LEA COUNTY		
FARM SIZE.....	480 ACRES		
IRRIGATION TYPE.....	SPRINKLER		
NUMBER OF CROPS...	3		
	WATER USE		
ACREAGE SUMMARY:	LAND USE (ACRES)	AC.IN. PER AC.	TOTAL AC.IN.
ALFALFA ESTABLISHMENT	21.00	6	126
ALFALFA	125.00	42	5,250
WHEAT	106.25	20	2,125
ARP	0.00		
FLEX IN COTTON	18.75	20	375
COTTON	106.25	20	2,125
ARP	0.00		
FLEX IN COTTON	18.75	20	375
IDLE, FALLOW, ROADS	105.00		
	TOTAL		10,376
	ACRE FEET PER ACRE OF WATER RIGHTS		1.80

* DOUBLE-CROPPED

TABLE 2. Basic cost information for Lea County,
Actual 2024

Item			
Labor Wage Rate:			
Equipment operators	\$/hour		\$19.00
General & Irrigators	\$/hour		\$16.77
Purchased Inputs:			
Fertilizer:			
Nitrogen (N)	\$/pound		\$0.87
Phosphate (P205)	\$/pound		\$0.45
Seed:			
Alfalfa	\$/pound		\$4.12
Wheat	\$/pound		\$0.50
Cotton	\$/pound		\$8.10
Electricity (Lea Co Elec Coop)	cents/KwHr		12.08
Natural gas (Gas Co NM)	\$/TCF		\$4.05
Service Charge	\$/month		\$36.40
Diesel fuel	\$/gallon		\$3.46
Gasoline	\$/gallon		\$2.98
LP Gas	\$/gallon		\$2.29
Employee Liability Insurance	\$/ \$1,000 wages		\$20.00
Employee Benefits	percent/wages		18.00%
Labor Downtime	percent		25.00%
Financial Rates:			
Operating Capital Interest Rate	percent		9.25%
Land Interest Rate	percent		8.15%
Equipment Interest Rate	percent		7.15%
Real Interest Rate	percent		1.82%
Land Taxes	\$90.00 /acre (full value)		\$1.01
Personal Property Tax Rate	- NR - R	\$/ \$1,000 (Assessed Value)	\$33.52 \$27.11
Supervision Factors			
Field Crop-Irrigation	\$/labor hour		\$1.00
Field Crop-Equipment & General	\$/labor hour		\$0.50
Management Rate	percent		7.00%

TABLE 3. Overhead cost information for Lea County,
Actual 2024

Item			
Electricity (Domestic & Shop)		\$128.00 per month	\$1,536
Telephone		\$75.00 per month	\$900
Accounting & Legal			\$1,818
Misc. Supplies & Hand Tools			\$2,662
Pickup and Auto			
miles	26,368	@ \$0.670 per mile	\$17,667
Insurance			
- general liability (non-employee)			\$1,965
- fire/theft			\$1,555
Property Taxes			
- non-planted land			\$0
- other than land & machinery			\$6,010
Building repairs and maintenance			\$1,491
Dues, fees, publications			\$448
Farmstead Equipment			\$192
		Total	\$36,244
		Total per planted acre	\$96.65

TABLE 6. Alfalfa establishment, sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 480 acre farm with above average management, Lea County, Actual 2024
Planting dates: August 15 - September 1

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS						TOTAL
PURCHASED INPUTS									
SEED	\$4.12	30 LBS	\$123.60						\$123.60
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	55 LBS	\$47.85						\$47.85
PHOSPHATE (P205)	\$0.45	140 LBS	\$63.00						\$63.00
PUMP WATER		6 AC. IN.							
SUBTOTAL			\$234.45						\$234.45
PREHARVEST OPERATIONS									
	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL	
PLOW	155 HP	0.48 HR		\$9.12	\$14.89	\$4.95	\$9.91	\$38.87	
DISC (2X)	155 HP	0.28 HR		\$5.32	\$8.69	\$2.54	\$5.33	\$21.88	
FLOAT	155 HP	0.19 HR		\$3.61	\$5.89	\$1.02	\$5.29	\$15.81	
FERT SPREADER	126 HP	0.05 HR		\$0.95	\$1.43	\$0.20	\$0.44	\$3.01	
DRILL	126 HP	0.18 HR		\$3.42	\$5.14	\$0.90	\$5.14	\$14.60	
IRRIGATE (3X)		0.30 HR		\$5.03	\$9.79	\$0.72	\$6.44	\$21.98	
SUBTOTAL		1.48 HR		\$27.45	\$45.83	\$10.33	\$32.55	\$116.15	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES									
DOWNTIME		0.30 HR		\$5.61				\$5.61	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$4.94				\$4.94	
INSURANCE			\$0.55				\$0.55		
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$25.43				\$25.43	
SUBTOTAL		0.30 HR	\$0.55	\$35.98				\$36.53	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1.78 HR	\$235.00	\$63.43	\$45.83	\$10.33	\$32.55	\$387.13	

TABLE 7. Alfalfa hay, sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 480 acre farm with above average management, Lea County, Actual 2024
Harvest dates: May 20 - October 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD						TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS								
ALFALFA HAY	\$252.00	6.00 TONS (STACKED)						\$1,512.00
TOTAL							\$1,512.00	
PURCHASED INPUTS								
PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS				FIXED COST	TOTAL
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	90 LBS	\$40.50					\$40.50
INSECTICIDE (CUSTOM)	\$14.08	1 ACRE	\$14.08					\$14.08
HERBICIDE	\$12.80	1 ACRE	\$12.80					\$12.80
WIRE	\$0.37	51 LBS	\$19.10					\$19.10
ESTABLISHMENT: Principal		6 YEARS					\$64.52	\$64.52
: Interest							\$20.54	\$20.54
PUMP WATER*		42 AC. IN.						
SUBTOTAL			\$86.48				\$85.06	\$171.54
PREHARVEST OPERATIONS								
	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
FERT SPREADER	126 HP	0.05 HR		\$0.95	\$1.43	\$0.20	\$0.44	\$3.01
IRRIGATE		1.40 HR		\$23.48	\$68.52	\$5.07	\$45.06	\$142.13
SUBTOTAL		1.45 HR		\$24.43	\$69.95	\$5.27	\$45.50	\$145.14
HARVEST OPERATIONS								
SWATHER (5X)	16 FT SP	0.55 HR		\$10.45	\$7.12	\$0.76	\$30.59	\$48.92
BALER & ACCUM (5X)	155 HP	1.25 HR		\$23.75	\$38.78	\$6.88	\$20.09	\$89.50
FRONT END LOADER (5X)	126 HP	1.25 HR		\$23.75	\$35.68	\$8.90	\$13.19	\$81.52
SUBTOTAL		3.05 HR		\$57.95	\$81.58	\$16.53	\$63.88	\$219.95
OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.78 HR		\$14.73				\$14.73
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$14.83				\$14.83
INSURANCE			\$1.65					\$1.65
LAND TAXES							\$1.01	\$1.01
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$108.79				\$108.79
OTHER EXPENSES			\$96.65					\$96.65
SUBTOTAL		0.78 HR		\$98.30	\$138.34		\$1.01	\$237.65
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		5.28 HR		\$184.78	\$220.72	\$151.53	\$21.80	\$774.27
NET OPERATING PROFIT							\$737.73	
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		(\$70.22 @ 9.25%)						\$6.50
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT								\$12.48
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK							\$718.75	

* Pump water costs are shown under irrigation in the preharvest operations section.

BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$1,512.00	
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$358.11		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES		\$1,153.89	(GROSS MARGIN)
FIXED EXPENSES	\$195.44		
NET FARM INCOME		\$958.45	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$220.72		
NET OPERATING PROFIT		\$737.73	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)
CAPITAL COSTS	\$18.98		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		\$718.75	

TABLE 8. Wheat, sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 480 acre farm with above average management, Lea County, Actual 2024
 Planting dates: August 15 - October 30
 Harvest dates: June 20 - July 5

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	BASE	TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS				
WHEAT	\$5.46	48.00 BUSHELS		\$262.08
PROGRAM PAYMENT	\$0.00	48.00 BUSHELS	0.85	\$0.00
PLC PAYMENT	\$0.00			\$0.00
GRAZING	\$50.00	1.00 ACRE		\$50.00
TOTAL				\$312.08

PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	0.50	90 LBS	\$45.00		\$45.00
PHOSPHATE (P205)	0.45	70 LBS	\$31.50		\$31.50
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA (NH3)	0.15	200 LBS	\$30.00		\$30.00
PUMP WATER*		20 ACRE IN.			
CROP INSURANCE	0.47		\$0.47		\$0.47
SUBTOTAL			\$106.97		\$106.97

PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
CHISEL	155 HP	0.15 HR		\$2.85	\$4.65	\$1.05	\$3.84	\$12.39
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.66	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$2.67	\$10.94
ANNHYDROUS APPL	155 HP	0.17 HR		\$3.23	\$5.27	\$1.03	\$4.31	\$13.84
FERT SPREADER	126 HP	0.05 HR		\$0.95	\$1.43	\$0.20	\$0.44	\$3.01
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.66	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$2.67	\$10.94
DRILL	126 HP	0.18 HR		\$3.42	\$5.14	\$0.90	\$5.14	\$14.60
IRRIGATE (12X)		1.20 HR		\$20.12	\$32.63	\$2.41	\$21.46	\$76.63
SUBTOTAL		2.03 HR		\$35.89	\$57.81	\$8.13	\$40.51	\$142.35

HARVEST OPERATIONS								
COMBINE (CUSTOM)				\$12.67				\$12.67
HAUL (CUSTOM)				\$7.68				\$7.68
SUBTOTAL				\$20.35				\$20.35

OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.21 HR		\$3.94				\$3.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$6.46				\$6.46
INSURANCE				\$0.72				\$0.72
LAND TAXES							\$1.01	\$1.01
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$23.46				\$23.46
OTHER EXPENSES				\$96.65				\$96.65
SUBTOTAL		0.21 HR		\$97.37	\$33.86		\$1.01	\$132.24

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		2.24 HR		\$224.69	\$69.76	\$57.81	\$8.13	\$41.52	\$401.91
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NET OPERATING PROFIT									(\$89.83)
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INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		\$71.67	@	9.25%)				\$6.63
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT									\$3.45

RETURN TO LAND AND RISK									(\$99.90)
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* Pump water costs are shown under irrigation in the preharvest operations section.

BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$312.08			
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$290.63				
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES		\$21.45	(GROSS MARGIN)		
FIXED EXPENSES	\$41.52				
NET FARM INCOME		(\$20.07)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)		
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$69.76				
NET OPERATING PROFIT		(\$89.83)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)		
CAPITAL COSTS	\$10.08				
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		(\$99.90)			

TABLE 9. Upland cotton (stripper), sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 480 acre farm with above average management, Lea County, Actual 2024
 Planting dates: May 1 - May 25
 Harvest dates: November 1 - December 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	BASE	TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS				
LINT	\$0.70	425.00 LBS		\$299.46
SEED	\$0.13	680.00 LBS		\$88.40
PROGRAM PAYMENT	\$0.0000	425.00 LBS	0.85	\$0.00
PLC PAYMENT	\$0.3982	675.00 LBS	0.85	\$228.47
TOTAL				\$616.32

PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	\$8.10	20 LBS	\$162.00		\$162.00
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	32 LBS	\$27.84		\$27.84
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	40 LBS	\$18.00		\$18.00
INSECTICIDE	\$11.20	1 X/ACRE	\$11.20		\$11.20
HERBICIDE	\$8.00	1 X/ACRE	\$8.00		\$8.00
INSECTICIDE (CUSTOM)	\$11.07	1 X/ACRE	\$11.07		\$11.07
CROP INSURANCE			\$0.35		\$0.35
PUMP WATER*		20 ACRE IN.			
SUBTOTAL			\$238.46		\$238.46

PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
PLOW	155 HP	0.48 HR		\$9.12	\$14.89	\$4.95	\$9.91	\$38.87
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.66	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$2.67	\$10.94
FERT SPREADER	126 HP	0.05 HR		\$0.95	\$1.43	\$0.20	\$0.44	\$3.01
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.66	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$2.67	\$10.94
PRE-IRRIGATE		0.10 HR		\$1.68	\$4.08	\$0.30	\$2.68	\$8.74
PLANTER	155 HP	0.17 HR		\$3.23	\$5.27	\$1.26	\$8.51	\$18.27
CULTIVATOR (3X)	126 HP	0.39 HR		\$7.41	\$11.13	\$2.99	\$6.42	\$27.96
HOE (CUSTOM 2X)			\$20.00					\$20.00
IRRIGATE (7X)		0.70 HR		\$11.74	\$28.55	\$2.11	\$18.78	\$61.18
SUBTOTAL		2.17 HR	\$20.00	\$39.45	\$74.04	\$14.35	\$52.07	\$199.91

HARVEST OPERATIONS								
COTTON STRIPPER	126 HP	0.62 HR		\$11.78	\$17.70	\$3.03	\$11.20	\$43.70
MODULE BUILDER	155 HP	0.62 HR		\$11.78	\$19.23	\$7.93	\$16.31	\$55.25
GIN COTTON (CUSTOM)			\$79.99					\$79.99
SUBTOTAL		1.24 HR	\$79.99	\$23.56	\$36.93	\$10.95	\$27.51	\$178.94

POSTHARVEST OPERATIONS								
SHREDDER	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.66	\$4.34	\$0.80	\$4.38	\$12.19

OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.68 HR		\$12.83				\$12.83
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$11.82				\$11.82
INSURANCE			\$1.31					\$1.31
LAND TAXES						\$1.01		\$1.01
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$45.29				\$45.29
OTHER EXPENSES			\$96.65					\$96.65
SUBTOTAL		0.68 HR	\$97.96	\$69.94		\$1.01		\$168.91

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		4.23 HR	\$436.41	\$135.60	\$115.31	\$26.11	\$84.97	\$798.40
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NET OPERATING PROFIT (\$182.08)

INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL (\$153.27 @ 9.25%) \$14.18
 INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT \$9.33

RETURN TO LAND AND RISK (\$205.59)

* Pump water costs are shown under irrigation in the preharvest operations section.
BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$616.32	
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$577.83		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES	\$38.49	(GROSS MARGIN)	
FIXED EXPENSES	\$84.97		
NET FARM INCOME	(\$46.48)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)	
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$135.60		
NET OPERATING PROFIT	(\$182.08)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)	
CAPITAL COSTS	\$23.51		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		(\$205.59)	

TABLE 10. Summary of per acre costs and returns for a 480 acre farm with above average management, Lea County, Actual 2024

	ALFALFA ESTABLISHMENT	ALFALFA HAY	WHEAT	STRIPPER COTTON
		TONS	BU	LBS
PRIMARY YIELD		6.00	48.00	425.00
PRIMARY PRICE		\$252.00	\$5.46	\$0.70
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228.47
SECOND INCOME		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$88.40
GROSS RETURN		\$1,512.00	\$312.08	\$616.32
CASH OPERATING EXPENSES				
SEED	\$123.60		\$45.00	\$162.00
FERTILIZER	\$110.85	\$40.50	\$61.50	\$45.84
CHEMICALS		\$26.88		\$30.27
CROP INSURANCE			\$0.47	\$0.35
OTHER PURCHASED INPUTS		\$19.10		
CANAL WATER				
FUEL, OIL & LUBRICANTS-EQUIPMENT	\$36.04	\$83.01	\$25.18	\$82.69
FUEL-IRRIGATION	\$9.79	\$68.52	\$32.63	\$32.63
REPAIRS	\$10.33	\$21.80	\$8.13	\$26.11
CUSTOM CHARGES			\$20.35	\$99.99
LAND TAXES		\$1.01	\$1.01	\$1.01
OTHER EXPENSES	\$0.55	\$98.30	\$97.37	\$97.96
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES	\$291.15	\$359.12	\$291.64	\$578.84
RETURN OVER CASH EXPENSES	(\$291.15)	\$1,152.88	\$20.44	\$37.49
FIXED EXPENSES	\$32.55	\$194.43	\$40.51	\$83.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$323.70	\$553.55	\$332.15	\$662.80
RETURNS TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK	(\$323.70)	\$958.45	(\$20.07)	(\$46.48)
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COSTS	\$63.43	\$220.72	\$69.76	\$135.60
RETURNS TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK	(\$387.13)	\$737.73	(\$89.83)	(\$182.08)
CAPITAL COSTS				
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		\$6.50	\$6.63	\$14.18
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT		\$12.48	\$3.45	\$9.33
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS	\$0.00	\$18.98	\$10.08	\$23.51
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK	(\$387.13)	\$718.75	(\$99.90)	(\$205.59)

TABLE 11. Whole farm summary, Lea County,
Actual 2024

GROSS RETURNS		
ALFALFA HAY	125.00 ACRES	
CROP		\$189,000
WHEAT	106.25 ACRES	
CROP		\$27,846
GRAZING		\$5,313
PROGRAM PAYMENT		\$0
PLC PAYMENT		\$0
COTTON	143.75 ACRES	
LINT		\$43,047
SEED		\$12,708
PROGRAM PAYMENT		\$0
PLC PAYMENT		\$32,842
GROSS RETURN		<u>\$310,755</u>
CASH OPERATING EXPENSES		
SEED		\$30,664
FERTILIZER		\$20,514
CHEMICALS		\$7,712
CROP INSURANCE		\$100
OTHER PURCHASED INPUTS		\$2,388
CANAL WATER		\$0
FUEL, OIL & LUBRICANTS-EQUIPMENT		\$25,694
FUEL-IRRIGATION		\$16,928
REPAIRS		\$7,559
CUSTOM CHARGES		\$16,535
LAND TAXES		\$377
OTHER EXPENSES		\$36,726
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES		<u>\$165,198</u>
RETURN OVER CASH EXPENSES		\$145,557
FIXED EXPENSES		\$33,297
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$198,495</u>
NET FARM INCOME		\$112,260
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COSTS		\$55,827
NET OPERATING PROFIT		\$56,433
CAPITAL COSTS		
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		\$3,554
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT		\$3,268
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS		<u>\$6,822</u>
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		<u>\$49,611</u>

LAND VALUE	RETURN TO RISK*	RETURN ON INVESTMENT**
\$500 /ACRE	\$45,252	12.19%
\$700 /ACRE	\$43,509	10.10%
\$900 /ACRE	\$41,765	8.62%
\$1,100 /ACRE	\$40,022	7.52%
\$1,300 /ACRE	\$38,279	6.66%
\$1,500 /ACRE	\$36,535	5.99%

* RETURN TO LAND AND RISK MINUS (INTEREST RATE TIMES LAND VALUE TIMES ACREAGE)

** NET OPERATING PROFIT DIVIDED BY (MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT VALUE PLUS LAND VALUE)