

TABLE 1. Acreage Summary, Otero County,
Actual 2024

BUDGET AREA.....	DELL CITY AREA, OTERO COUNTY		
FARM SIZE.....	640 ACRES		
IRRIGATION TYPE.....	PIVOT/FLOOD		
NUMBER OF CROPS.....	5		

		WATER USE	
	LAND USE (ACRES)	AC.IN. PER AC.	TOTAL AC.IN.
ACREAGE SUMMARY:			
ALFALFA ESTABLISHMENT	55.00 *	6	330
ALFALFA	280.00	40	11,200
WHEAT	170.00	25	4,250
ARP	0.00		
FLEX IN COTTON	30.00	30	900
WHITE CORN	50.00	48	2,400
COTTON	42.50	30	1,275
ARP	0.00		
FLEX IN COTTON	7.50	30	225
GRAIN SORGHUM	25.50	36	918
ARP	0.00		
FLEX IN COTTON	4.50	30	135
ROADS, CORNERS, DITCHES, HOMESTEAD	30.00		
TOTAL	640.00		21,633
ACRE FEET PER ACRE OF WATER RIGHTS			2.82

* DOUBLE-CROPPED

TABLE 2. Basic cost information for Dell City area, Otero County,
Actual 2024

Item		
Labor Wage Rate:		
Equipment operators	\$/hour	\$20.00
General & Irrigators	\$/hour	\$16.77
Purchased Inputs:		
Fertilizer:		
Nitrogen (N)	\$/pound	\$0.87
Phosphate (P205)	\$/pound	\$0.45
Anhydrous Ammonia (NH3)	\$/ton	\$745.00
Seed:		
Alfalfa	\$/pound	\$4.12
Wheat	\$/pound	\$0.50
White Corn	\$/bag	\$205.00
Cotton	\$/pound	\$8.10
Diesel fuel	\$/gallon	\$3.46
Gasoline	\$/gallon	\$2.98
Electricity (Rio Grande Elec)	cents/KwHr	5.52
LP Gas	\$/gallon	\$2.75
Baling Wire	\$/pound	\$1.32
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	\$300.00 /acre (full value)	\$2.70
Personal Property Tax Rate	- NR - R	\$/\$1,000 (Assessed Value) \$27.02 \$20.69
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 Dell City area, Otero County,
Actual 2024

Item			
Electricity (Domestic & Shop)	\$256.00	per month	\$3,072
Telephone	\$249.60	per month	\$2,995
Accounting & Legal			\$1,875
Misc. Supplies & Hand Tools			\$5,811
Pickup and Auto			
miles	65,920	@	\$0.670 per mile
Insurance			
- general liability (non-employee)			\$2,022
- fire/theft			\$1,600
Property Taxes			
- non-planted land			\$0
- other than land & machinery			\$6,010
Building repairs and maintenance			\$1,536
Dues, fees, publications			\$461
Farmstead Equipment			\$205
Total			\$69,754
Total per planted acre			\$114.35

TABLE 6. Alfalfa establishment, sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County, Actural 2024
Planting dates: August 1 - September 1

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS						TOTAL
PURCHASED INPUTS									
SEED	\$4.12	30 LBS	\$123.60						\$123.60
PUMP WATER*		6 AC. IN.							
SUBTOTAL			\$123.60						\$123.60
PREHARVEST OPERATIONS									
	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL	
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58	
CHISEL	155 HP	0.20 HR		\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.37	\$5.18	\$16.75	
PLOW	155 HP	0.48 HR		\$9.60	\$14.89	\$4.95	\$13.37	\$42.81	
DISC (2X)	155 HP	0.28 HR		\$5.60	\$8.69	\$2.54	\$6.33	\$23.16	
DRAG (2X)	155 HP	0.30 HR		\$6.00	\$9.31	\$1.61	\$5.99	\$22.90	
DRILL	93 HP	0.12 HR		\$2.40	\$2.18	\$0.32	\$3.48	\$8.38	
IRRIGATE (3X)		0.30 HR		\$5.03	\$11.45	\$0.00	\$2.07	\$18.55	
SUBTOTAL		1.82 HR		\$35.43	\$57.06	\$12.05	\$39.60	\$144.13	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES									
DOWNTIME		0.12 HR		\$2.30				\$2.30	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$6.38				\$6.38	
INSURANCE			\$0.71					\$0.71	
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$19.27				\$19.27	
SUBTOTAL		0.12	\$0.71	\$27.95				\$28.66	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1.94 HR	\$124.31	\$63.38	\$57.06	\$12.05	\$39.60	\$296.39	

TABLE 7. Alfalfa hay, pivot sprinkler-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County, Actural 2024
Harvesting dates: June 1 - October 10

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD						TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS								
ALFALFA HAY	\$288.00	6.50 TONS (STACKED)						\$1,872.00
GRAZING	\$22.80	1.00 ACRE						\$22.80
TOTAL								\$1,894.80
PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS				FIXED COST	TOTAL
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	75 LBS	\$65.25					\$65.25
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	200 LBS	\$90.00					\$90.00
INSECTICIDE	\$16.03	2 X/ACRE	\$32.05					\$32.05
ESTABLISHMENT: Principal		5 YEARS					\$59.28	\$59.28
: Interest							\$15.09	\$15.09
BALING TWINE	\$1.32	56 LBS	\$0.74					\$0.74
PUMP WATER*		40 AC. IN.						
SUBTOTAL			\$188.04				\$74.37	\$262.40
PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
DRAG	93 HP	0.15 HR		\$3.00	\$2.72	\$0.14	\$0.26	\$6.12
IRRIGATE (11X)		1.10 HR		\$18.45	\$76.31	\$0.00	\$13.83	\$108.58
SUBTOTAL		1.25 HR		\$21.45	\$79.03	\$0.14	\$14.09	\$114.71
HARVEST OPERATIONS								
SWATHER (5X)	16 FT	0.55 HR		\$11.00	\$7.12	\$0.76	\$13.39	\$32.27
BALER (5X)	93 HP	0.85 HR		\$17.00	\$15.42	\$0.95	\$3.12	\$36.50
LOAD (5X)	93 HP	1.00 HR		\$20.00	\$18.15	\$24.76	\$9.43	\$72.34
SUBTOTAL		2.40 HR		\$48.00	\$40.70	\$26.47	\$25.94	\$141.11
OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.60 HR		\$12.00				\$12.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$12.50				\$12.50
INSURANCE			\$1.39					\$1.39
LAND TAXES							\$2.70	\$2.70
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$134.94				\$134.94
OTHER EXPENSES			\$114.35					\$114.35
SUBTOTAL		0.60 HR	\$115.74	\$159.44			\$2.70	\$277.88
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		4.25 HR	\$303.78	\$228.88	\$119.73	\$26.60	\$117.10	\$796.10
NET OPERATING PROFIT								\$1,098.70
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		(\$119.41 @ 9.25%)						\$11.05
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT								\$23.21
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK								\$1,064.45

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

BUDGET SUMMARY			
GROSS RETURN	\$1,894.80		
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$450.11		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES	\$1,444.69	(GROSS MARGIN)	
FIXED EXPENSES	\$117.10		
NET FARM INCOME	\$1,327.59	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)	
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$228.88		
NET OPERATING PROFIT	\$1,098.70	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)	
CAPITAL COSTS	\$34.25		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK	\$1,064.45		

TABLE 8. Wheat, flood-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area,
 Actual 2024
 Planting dates: August 15 - September 15
 Harvesting dates: June 15 - July 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	BASE					TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS								
WHEAT	\$9.28	35.00 CWT						\$324.87
DIRECT PAYMENT	\$0.00	35.00 CWT	0.85					\$0.00
COUNTER CYCLICAL PAYMENT	\$0.00							\$0.00
GRAZING	\$25.00	1.00 ACRE						\$25.00
TOTAL								\$349.87
PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS				FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	\$0.50	150 LBS	\$75.00					\$75.00
ANHYDROUS (NH3)	\$0.37	125 LBS	\$46.56					\$46.56
LIVESTOCK FAC & EQUIP							\$5.00	\$5.00
PUMP WATER*		25 AC. IN.						\$0.00
CROP INSURANCE	\$0.29		\$0.29					\$0.29
SUBTOTAL			\$121.86				\$5.00	\$126.86
PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58
ANHYDROUS APPL	155 HP	0.20 HR	\$7.00	\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.07	\$3.87	\$22.15
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58
DRILL	93 HP	0.12 HR		\$2.40	\$2.18	\$0.32	\$3.48	\$8.38
IRRIGATE (5X)		2.50 HR		\$41.93	\$47.69	\$0.00	\$4.01	\$93.63
SUBTOTAL		3.10 HR	\$7.00	\$53.93	\$64.76	\$3.92	\$17.70	\$147.31
HARVEST OPERATIONS								
COMBINE (CUSTOM)			\$26.00					\$26.00
SUBTOTAL			\$26.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.00
OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.15 HR		\$3.00				\$3.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$9.71				\$9.71
INSURANCE			\$1.08					\$1.08
LAND TAXES							\$2.70	\$2.70
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$27.29				\$27.29
OTHER EXPENSES			\$114.35					\$114.35
SUBTOTAL		0.15 HR	\$115.43	\$40.00			\$2.70	\$158.13
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		3.25 HR	\$270.29	\$93.92	\$64.76	\$3.92	\$25.40	\$458.30
NET OPERATING PROFIT								(\$108.43)
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		(\$78.10 @ 9.25%)						\$7.22
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT								\$7.96
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK								(\$123.61)

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 BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$349.87	
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$338.97		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES		\$10.90	(GROSS MARGIN)
FIXED EXPENSES	\$25.40		
NET FARM INCOME		(\$14.50)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$93.92		
NET OPERATING PROFIT		(\$108.43)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)
CAPITAL COSTS	\$15.18		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		(\$123.61)	

TABLE 9. White corn, flood-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County,
Actual 2024
Planting dates: April 15 - May 15
Harvesting dates: October 1 - November 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS			
CORN	\$7.69	70.00 CWT	\$538.30
GRAZING	\$22.80	1.00 ACRE	\$22.80
TOTAL			\$561.10

PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	\$2.05	25 000	\$51.25		\$51.25
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	30 LBS	\$26.10		\$26.10
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	70 LBS	\$31.50		\$31.50
TRACE ELEMENTS	\$0.15	65 LBS	\$9.75		\$9.75
ANHYDROUS (NH3)	\$0.37	175 LBS	\$65.19		\$65.19
INSECTICIDE (CUSTOM)	\$16.03	3 ACRE	\$48.08		\$48.08
HERBICIDE	\$9.45	1 ACRE	\$9.45		\$9.45
LIVESTOCK FAC & EQUIP				\$5.00	\$5.00
PUMP WATER*		48 AC. IN.			\$0.00
SUBTOTAL			\$241.31	\$5.00	\$246.31

PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58
CHISEL	155 HP	0.20 HR		\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.37	\$5.18	\$16.75
ANHYDROUS APPL	155 HP	0.20 HR	\$7.00	\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.07	\$3.87	\$22.15
DISC & SPRAY	155 HP	0.19 HR		\$3.80	\$5.89	\$1.86	\$7.12	\$18.68
LISTER	155 HP	0.12 HR		\$2.40	\$3.72	\$0.88	\$3.75	\$10.75
PLANTER	93 HP	0.17 HR		\$3.40	\$3.08	\$0.50	\$5.75	\$12.73
ROLLING CULT (3X)	93 HP	0.39 HR		\$7.80	\$7.08	\$1.80	\$2.72	\$19.40
IRRIGATE (8X)		4.00 HR		\$67.08	\$91.57	\$0.00	\$7.70	\$166.36
SUBTOTAL		5.41 HR	\$7.00	\$95.28	\$128.11	\$8.75	\$39.26	\$278.39

HARVEST OPERATIONS

COMBINE (CUSTOM)			\$23.25					\$23.25
HAUL (CUSTOM)			\$14.00					\$14.00
SUBTOTAL			\$37.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.25

OVERHEAD EXPENSES

DOWNTIME		0.27 HR		\$5.45				\$5.45
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$17.15				\$17.15
INSURANCE			\$1.91					\$1.91
LAND TAXES							\$2.70	\$2.70
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$45.39				\$45.39
OTHER EXPENSES			\$114.35					\$114.35
SUBTOTAL		0.27 HR	\$116.26	\$67.99			\$2.70	\$186.95
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		5.68 HR	\$401.82	\$163.27	\$128.11	\$8.75	\$46.96	\$748.90

NET OPERATING PROFIT (\$187.80)

INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL	(\$154.87	@	9.25%)	\$14.33
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT						\$17.43

RETURN TO LAND AND RISK (\$219.56)

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$561.10	
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$538.67		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES		\$22.43	(GROSS MARGIN)
FIXED EXPENSES	\$46.96		
NET FARM INCOME		(\$24.53)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$163.27		
NET OPERATING PROFIT		(\$187.80)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)
CAPITAL COSTS	\$31.75		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		(\$219.56)	

TABLE 10. Upland cotton (stripper), flood-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County, Actural 2024
Planting dates: April 15 - May 15
Harvesting dates: November 1 - January 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	BASE	TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS				
COTTON LINT	\$0.70	1,000.00 LBS		\$704.60
COTTON SEED	\$0.08	1,600.00 LBS		\$134.40
PROGRAM PAYMENT	\$0.0000	1,000.00 LBS	0.85	\$0.00
PLC PAYMENT	\$0.3346	720.00 LBS	0.85	\$204.78
TOTAL				\$1,043.78

PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	\$8.10	25 LBS	\$202.50		\$202.50
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	72 LBS	\$62.64		\$62.64
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	184 LBS	\$82.80		\$82.80
HERBICIDE (CUSTOM)	\$19.93	1 X/ACRE	\$19.93		\$19.93
INSECTICIDE (CUSTOM)	\$18.91	1 X/ACRE	\$18.91		\$18.91
CROP INSURANCE	\$0.59	FCIC	\$0.59		\$0.59
PUMP WATER*		30 AC. IN.			
SUBTOTAL			\$387.37		\$387.37

PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58
PLOW	155 HP	0.48 HR		\$9.60	\$14.89	\$4.95	\$13.37	\$42.81
DISC (2X)	155 HP	0.28 HR		\$5.60	\$8.69	\$2.54	\$6.33	\$23.16
FLOAT (2X)	93 HP	0.32 HR		\$6.40	\$5.81	\$0.29	\$1.13	\$13.63
LISTER	155 HP	0.12 HR		\$2.40	\$3.72	\$0.88	\$3.75	\$10.75
PLANTER	155 HP	0.17 HR		\$3.40	\$5.27	\$1.26	\$8.84	\$18.77
ROLLING CULT. (4X)	93 HP	0.52 HR		\$10.40	\$9.44	\$2.40	\$3.63	\$25.87
HAND HOE (CUSTOM)			\$25.00					\$25.00
IRRIGATE (6X)		3.00 HR		\$50.31	\$57.23	\$0.00	\$4.81	\$112.36
SUBTOTAL		5.03 HR	\$25.00	\$90.91	\$109.40	\$13.59	\$45.03	\$283.92

HARVEST OPERATIONS								
COTTON STRIPPER	93 HP	0.62 HR		\$12.40	\$11.25	\$3.46	\$49.99	\$77.10
HAUL	93 HP	1.00 HR		\$20.00	\$18.15	\$0.95	\$7.35	\$46.44
GIN COTTON (CUSTOM)			\$204.40					\$204.40
SUBTOTAL		1.62 HR	\$204.40	\$32.40	\$29.40	\$4.41	\$57.34	\$327.94

POST HARVEST OPERATIONS								
SHREDDER	93 HP	0.29 HR		\$5.80	\$5.26	\$0.32	\$2.44	\$13.82

OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		0.91 HR		\$18.10				\$18.10
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$22.20				\$22.20
INSURANCE			\$2.47					\$2.47
LAND TAXES						\$2.70		\$2.70
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$79.15				\$79.15
OTHER EXPENSES			\$114.35					\$114.35
SUBTOTAL		0.91 HR	\$116.82	\$119.45		\$2.70		\$238.96

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		7.85 HR	\$733.58	\$248.56	\$144.06	\$18.31	\$107.51	\$1,252.02
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NET OPERATING PROFIT								(\$208.24)
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INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL	(\$227.25	@	9.25%)			\$21.02
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT								\$48.65

RETURN TO LAND AND RISK								(\$277.91)
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BUDGET SUMMARY

GROSS RETURN		\$1,043.78	
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$895.95		
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES	\$147.82	(GROSS MARGIN)	
FIXED EXPENSES	\$107.51		
NET FARM INCOME	\$40.32	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)	
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$248.56		
NET OPERATING PROFIT	(\$208.24)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)	
CAPITAL COSTS	\$69.67		
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK	(\$277.91)		

TABLE 11. Grain sorghum, flood-irrigated, budgeted per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County, Actural 2024
Planting dates: May 1 - June 15
Harvesting dates: October 15 - November 15

ITEM	PRICE	YIELD	BASE	TOTAL
GROSS RETURNS				
GRAIN SORGHUM	\$7.30	50.00 CWT		\$364.75
PROGRAM PAYMENT	\$0.00	50.00 CWT	0.85	\$0.00
PLC PAYMENT	\$0.00	0.00 CWT		\$0.00
GRAZING	\$22.80	1 ACRE		\$22.80
TOTAL				\$387.55

PURCHASED INPUTS	PRICE	QUANTITY	PURCHASED INPUTS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
SEED	\$1.04	12 LBS	\$12.48		\$12.48
ANHYDROUS (NH3)	\$0.37	150 LBS	\$55.88		\$55.88
NITROGEN (N)	\$0.87	18 LBS	\$15.66		\$15.66
PHOSPHATE (P2O5)	\$0.45	46 LBS	\$20.70		\$20.70
INSECTICIDE	\$14.17	1 ACRE	\$14.17		\$14.17
HERBICIDE	\$12.26	1 ACRE	\$12.26		\$12.26
LIVESTOCK FAC & EQUIP				\$5.00	\$5.00
PUMP WATER		36 AC. IN.	\$0.00		\$0.00
CROP INSURANCE	\$1.96				\$1.96
SUBTOTAL			\$131.15	\$5.00	\$138.11

PREHARVEST OPERATIONS	POWER UNIT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE	PURCHASED INPUTS	LABOR	FUEL & LUBE	REPAIRS	FIXED COST	TOTAL
DISC	155 HP	0.14 HR		\$2.80	\$4.34	\$1.27	\$3.17	\$11.58
CHISEL	155 HP	0.20 HR		\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.37	\$5.18	\$16.75
ANHYDROUS APPL	155 HP	0.20 HR	\$7.00	\$4.00	\$6.20	\$1.07	\$3.87	\$22.15
DISC & SPRAY	155 HP	0.19 HR		\$3.80	\$5.89	\$1.86	\$7.12	\$18.68
LISTER	155 HP	0.12 HR		\$2.40	\$3.72	\$0.88	\$3.75	\$10.75
PLANTER	155 HP	0.17 HR		\$3.40	\$5.27	\$1.26	\$8.84	\$18.77
ROLLING CULT (3X)	93 HP	0.39 HR		\$7.80	\$7.08	\$1.80	\$2.72	\$19.40
IRRIGATE (6X)		3.00 HR		\$60.00	\$68.68	\$0.00	\$5.78	\$134.46
SUBTOTAL		4.41 HR	\$7.00	\$88.20	\$107.40	\$9.50	\$40.43	\$252.53

HARVEST OPERATIONS								
COMBINE (CUSTOM)	14 FT SP		\$15.00					\$15.00
SUBTOTAL		0.00 HR	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00

OVERHEAD EXPENSES								
DOWNTIME		1.10 HR		\$22.05				\$22.05
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				\$15.88				\$15.88
INSURANCE			\$1.76					\$1.76
LAND TAXES							\$2.70	\$2.70
SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT				\$29.33				\$29.33
OTHER EXPENSES			\$114.35					\$114.35
SUBTOTAL		1.10 HR	\$116.11	\$67.26			\$2.70	\$186.08

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		5.51 HR	\$269.26	\$155.46	\$107.40	\$9.50	\$48.13	\$591.72
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NET OPERATING PROFIT								(\$204.17)
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INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL	(\$98.28	@	9.25%)			\$9.09
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT								\$18.20

RETURN TO LAND AND RISK								(\$231.46)
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BUDGET SUMMARY				
GROSS RETURN		\$387.55		
VARIABLE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$386.17			
RETURN OVER VARIABLE EXPENSES		\$1.38	(GROSS MARGIN)	
FIXED EXPENSES	\$48.13			
NET FARM INCOME		(\$46.75)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LABOR, LAND & RISK)	
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COST	\$155.46			
NET OPERATING PROFIT		(\$202.21)	(RETURN TO CAPITAL, LAND & RISK)	
CAPITAL COSTS	\$27.29			
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		(\$229.50)		

TABLE 12. Summary of per acre costs and returns for a 640 acre farm with above average management, Dell City area, Otero County,
Actual 2024

	ALFALFA ESTABLISHMENT	ALFALFA HAY	WHEAT	WHITE CORN	STRIPPER COTTON	GRAIN SORGHUM
		TONS	CWT	CWT	LBS	CWT
PRIMARY YIELD		6.50	35.00	70.00	1,000.00	50.00
PRIMARY PRICE		\$288.00	\$9.28	\$30.49	\$0.70	\$7.30
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$204.78	\$0.00
SECOND INCOME		\$22.80	\$25.00	\$22.80	\$134.40	\$22.80
GROSS RETURN		\$1,894.80	\$349.87	\$561.10	\$1,043.78	\$387.55
CASH OPERATING EXPENSES						
SEED	\$123.60		\$75.00	\$51.25	\$202.50	\$12.48
FERTILIZER		\$187.30	\$46.56	\$132.54	\$62.64	\$92.24
CHEMICALS				\$57.52	\$38.84	\$26.43
CROP INSURANCE			\$0.29		\$0.59	\$1.96
OTHER PURCHASED INPUTS		\$0.74			\$82.80	
CANAL WATER						
FUEL, OIL & LUBRICANTS-EQUIPMENT	\$45.61	\$43.42	\$17.07	\$36.53	\$86.82	\$38.72
FUEL-IRRIGATION	\$11.45	\$76.31	\$47.69	\$91.57	\$57.23	\$68.68
REPAIRS	\$12.05	\$26.60	\$3.92	\$8.75	\$18.31	\$9.50
CUSTOM CHARGES			\$33.00	\$44.25	\$229.40	\$22.00
LAND TAXES		\$2.70	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$2.70
OTHER EXPENSES	\$0.71	\$115.74	\$115.43	\$116.26	\$116.82	\$116.11
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES	\$193.41	\$452.81	\$341.68	\$541.37	\$898.65	\$390.83
RETURN OVER CASH EXPENSES	(\$193.41)	\$1,441.99	\$8.19	\$19.73	\$145.12	(\$3.28)
FIXED EXPENSES	\$39.60	\$114.40	\$22.70	\$44.26	\$104.81	\$45.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$233.01	\$567.21	\$364.37	\$585.63	\$1,003.46	\$436.26
NET FARM INCOME	(\$233.01)	\$1,327.59	(\$14.50)	(\$24.53)	\$40.32	(\$48.71)
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COSTS	\$63.38	\$228.88	\$93.92	\$163.27	\$248.56	\$155.46
NET OPERATING PROFIT	(\$296.39)	\$1,098.70	(\$108.43)	(\$187.80)	(\$208.24)	(\$204.17)
CAPITAL COSTS						
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		\$11.05	\$7.22	\$14.33	\$21.02	\$9.09
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT		\$23.21	\$7.96	\$17.43	\$48.65	\$18.20
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS	\$0.00	\$34.25	\$15.18	\$31.75	\$69.67	\$27.29
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK	(\$296.39)	\$1,064.45	(\$123.61)	(\$219.56)	(\$277.91)	(\$231.46)

TABLE 13. Whole farm summary, Dell City area, Otero County,
Actural 2024

GROSS RETURNS		
ALFALFA HAY	280.00 ACRES	
CROP		\$530,544
WHEAT	170.00 ACRES	
CROP		\$55,228
GRAZING		\$4,250
PROGRAM PAYMENT		\$0
PLC PAYMENT		\$0
WHITE CORN	50.00 ACRES	
CROP		\$26,915
GRAZING		\$1,140
COTTON	84.50 ACRES	
LINT		\$59,539
SEED		\$11,357
PROGRAM PAYMENT		\$0
PLC PAYMENT		\$17,304
GRAIN SORGHUM	25.50 ACRES	
CROP		\$9,301
PROGRAM PAYMENT		\$0
PLC PAYMENT		\$0
GRAZING		\$581
GROSS RETURN		<u>\$716,158</u>
CASH OPERATING EXPENSES		
SEED		\$39,540
FERTILIZER		\$74,632
CHEMICALS		\$6,832
CROP INSURANCE		\$266
OTHER PURCHASED INPUTS		\$7,202
CANAL WATER		\$0
FUEL, OIL & LUBRICANTS-EQUIPMENT		\$27,718
FUEL-IRRIGATION		\$41,271
REPAIRS		\$11,006
CUSTOM CHARGES		\$27,768
LAND TAXES		\$1,648
OTHER EXPENSES		\$70,714
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES		<u>\$308,597</u>
RETURN OVER CASH EXPENSES		\$407,562
FIXED EXPENSES		\$33,699
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$342,295
NET FARM INCOME		\$373,863
LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COSTS		\$116,671
NET OPERATING PROFIT		\$257,192
CAPITAL COSTS		
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL		\$7,045
INTEREST ON EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT		\$13,297
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS		<u>\$20,342</u>
RETURN TO LAND AND RISK		<u>\$236,850</u>

LAND VALUE	RETURN TO RISK*	RETURN ON INVESTMENT**
\$500 /ACRE	\$231,039	49.45%
\$750 /ACRE	\$228,134	37.82%
\$1,000 /ACRE	\$225,228	30.61%
\$1,250 /ACRE	\$222,322	25.72%
\$1,500 /ACRE	\$219,417	22.17%

* 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)