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**Estimating 2008 Costs of Production, Cotton**  
**Northeast Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, Furrow, 12 Row,**  
**Stale Seedbed, WS/RRFlex**  
**AG-1143 12-07**

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>HARVEST AIDS</b>					
Aim	oz	5.70	1.0000	5.70	_____
Dropp SC	oz	2.01	1.6000	3.23	_____
Finish 6	pt	7.20	0.3300	2.38	_____
Ethephon	pint	2.93	1.6000	4.70	_____
<b>FERTILIZERS</b>					
0-60-120-10-1	acre	72.28	1.0000	72.29	_____
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb	0.20	218.0000	43.60	_____
<b>HERBICIDES</b>					
Glyphosate Plus	pt	1.88	6.1000	11.47	_____
Clarity	pt	8.43	0.5000	4.22	_____
Gramoxone Extra	pt	3.75	0.2500	0.94	_____
Dual Magnum	pt	12.14	1.0000	12.14	_____
Caparol 4L	pt	3.64	0.7500	2.73	_____
Valor SX	lb	65.37	0.0562	3.68	_____
<b>INSECTICIDES</b>					
Centric 40WG	oz	4.16	2.0000	8.32	_____
Trimax	oz	3.79	1.5000	5.69	_____
Orthene 90S	lb	6.28	1.0000	6.28	_____
Bidrin 8L	oz	0.75	16.0000	12.13	_____
Pyrethroid	ac	2.60	2.0000	5.21	_____
<b>IRRIGATION SUPPLIES</b>					
IrrPipe+lay+pickup	acre	10.30	1.0000	10.30	_____
<b>CROP SEED</b>					
Cottonseed WS/RRFlex	thous	0.45	48.0000	21.84	_____
Cruiser Seed Trmnt	thous	0.18	48.0000	8.88	_____
Dynasty - Seed Trt	thous	0.13	48.0000	6.38	_____
<b>TECHNOLOGY FEE</b>					
WS/RRF Tech N	thous	1.14	48.0000	54.72	_____
Eradication Fee DZ	ac	14.00	1.0000	14.00	_____
<b>GROWTH REGULATORS</b>					
Mepiquat Chloride	oz	0.13	26.0000	3.41	_____
<b>ADJUVANTS</b>					
Surfactant (80-20)	pt	1.27	0.4000	0.51	_____
<b>CUSTOM HIRE</b>					
Cstm Ap Air - 3 gal	appl	4.00	1.0000	4.00	_____
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl	5.50	9.0000	49.50	_____
Insect Scouting	acre	10.00	1.0000	10.00	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.45	0.8428	7.96	_____
Self-Propelled	hour	9.45	0.2104	1.99	_____
<b>IRRIGATION LABOR</b>					
Furrow Irr.	hour	8.19	0.3017	2.48	_____
<b>HAND LABOR</b>					
Implements	hour	8.19	0.2568	2.10	_____
Self-Propelled	hour	8.19	0.1914	1.57	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.33	8.3543	19.47	_____
Self-Propelled	gal	2.33	3.4973	8.14	_____
Furrow Irr.	gal	2.33	12.0000	27.96	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	acre	6.34	1.0000	6.34	_____
Tractors	acre	3.20	1.0000	3.20	_____
Self-Propelled	acre	10.71	1.0000	10.71	_____
Furrow Irr.	ac-in	0.17	12.0000	2.12	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	19.23	1.0000	19.23	_____
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				501.50	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	13.43	1.0000	13.43	_____
Tractors	acre	24.48	1.0000	24.48	_____
Self-Propelled	acre	51.77	1.0000	51.77	_____
Furrow Irr.	each	2993.11	0.0083	24.94	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				114.62	_____
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<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				616.12	_____

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Table 2. Estimated resource use and costs for field operations, per acre AG-1143 NE, Furrow, 12R, SS, WS/RRFlex, University of Arkansas

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	POWER UNIT SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	POWER UNIT COST		EQUIPMENT COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING/DURABLE INPUT			TOTAL COST
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Stalk Shredder-Flail	20'	MFWD 150	0.082	1.00	Nov	1.74	1.93	1.39	1.03	0.08	0.78				6.87
TerraTill Bed w/roll	6R-38	MFWD 225	0.107	1.00	Nov	3.37	3.62	0.59	1.30	0.10	1.02				9.90
Fert Appl T&O	12-R 40	MFWD 190	0.033	1.00	Nov	0.88	0.95			0.03	0.31				2.14
0-60-120-10-1	acre											1.0000	72.28	72.29	72.29
Disk Bed (Hipper)	12R-38	MFWD 225	0.049	1.00	Nov	1.55	1.66	0.30	0.98	0.04	0.47				4.96
Sprayer( 600-825Gal)	90'		0.011	1.00	Feb	0.39	0.88			0.01	0.16				1.43
Glyphosate Plus	pt											1.5000	1.88	2.82	2.82
Clarity	pt											0.5000	8.43	4.22	4.22
Sprayer( 600-825Gal)	90'		0.011	0.25	Apr	0.10	0.22			0.00	0.04				0.36
Gramoxone Extra	pt											0.2500	3.75	0.94	0.94
Row Cond (Harrow)Fld	38'	MFWD 225	0.039	1.00	Apr	1.23	1.32	0.16	0.85	0.03	0.37				3.93
Plant - Folding	12R-38	MFWD 190	0.049	1.00	May	1.32	1.41	0.90	2.14	0.09	0.88				6.65
Cottonseed WS/RRFlex	thous											48.0000	0.45	21.84	21.84
WS/RRF Tech N	thous											48.0000	1.14	54.72	54.72
Cruiser Seed Trmnt	thous											48.0000	0.18	8.88	8.88
Dynasty - Seed Trt	thous											48.0000	0.13	6.38	6.38
Fert Appl T&O	12-R 40	MFWD 190	0.033	1.00	May	0.88	0.95			0.03	0.31				2.14
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb											109.0000	0.20	21.80	21.80
Sprayer( 600-825Gal)	90'		0.011	1.00	May	0.39	0.88			0.01	0.16				1.43
Glyphosate Plus	pt											1.5000	1.88	2.82	2.82
Sprayer( 600-825Gal)	90'		0.011	1.00	May	0.39	0.88			0.01	0.16				1.43
Glyphosate Plus	pt											1.5000	1.88	2.82	2.82
Dual Magnum	pt											1.0000	12.14	12.14	12.14
Fert Appl T&O	12-R 40	MFWD 190	0.033	1.00	Jun	0.88	0.95			0.03	0.31				2.14
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb											109.0000	0.20	21.80	21.80
Spray (Direct/Hood)	12R-38	MFWD 170	0.044	1.00	Jun	1.07	1.20	0.38	0.56	0.06	0.60				3.81
Caparol 4L	pt											0.7500	3.64	2.73	2.73
Glyphosate Plus	pt											1.0000	1.88	1.88	1.88
Cstm Ap Air - 3 gal	appl			1.00	Jun							1.0000	4.00	4.00	4.00
Centric 40WG	oz											2.0000	4.16	8.32	8.32
Mepiquat Chloride	oz											4.0000	0.13	0.52	0.52
Spray (Band)	40' Fold	MFWD 170	0.042	0.60	Jun	0.61	0.69	0.07	0.10	0.03	0.34				1.81
Valor SX	lb											0.0562	65.37	3.68	3.68
Glyphosate Plus	pt											0.6000	1.88	1.13	1.13
IrrPipe+lay+pickup	acre			1.00	Jun							1.0000	10.30	10.30	10.30
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Trimax	oz											1.5000	3.79	5.69	5.69
Insect Scouting	acre			1.00	Jul							1.0000	10.00	10.00	10.00
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Orthene 90S	lb											0.5000	6.28	3.14	3.14
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Bidrin 8L	oz											8.0000	0.75	6.06	6.06
Mepiquat Chloride	oz											10.0000	0.13	1.31	1.31
Eradication Fee DZ	ac			1.00	Jul							1.0000	14.00	14.00	14.00
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Orthene 90S	lb											0.5000	6.28	3.14	3.14
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Pyrethroid	ac											1.0000	2.60	2.61	2.61
Mepiquat Chloride	oz											12.0000	0.13	1.57	1.57

Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl		1.00	Aug								1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Bidrin 8L	oz											8.0000	0.75	6.06	6.06
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl		1.00	Aug								1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Pyrethroid	ac											1.0000	2.60	2.61	2.61
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl		1.00	Sep								1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Aim	oz											0.3300	5.70	1.88	1.88
Dropp SC	oz											1.6000	2.01	3.23	3.23
Finish 6	pt											0.3300	7.20	2.38	2.38
Surfactant (80-20)	pt											0.2000	1.27	0.25	0.25
Cstm Ap Air - 5 gal	appl		1.00	Sep								1.0000	5.50	5.50	5.50
Aim	oz											0.6700	5.70	3.82	3.82
Ethephon	pint											1.6000	2.93	4.70	4.70
Surfactant (80-20)	pt											0.2000	1.27	0.25	0.25
Boll Buggy-1st pick	6R-38(325)MFWD 190	0.172	1.00	Oct	4.57	4.90	1.12	2.83	0.17	1.63					15.05
Cotton Picker-1st-BB	6R-38(350)	0.172			17.58	48.91			0.34	3.04					69.53
Module Builder-1st	6R-38(325)MFWD 190	0.172	1.00	Oct	4.57	4.90	1.43	3.64	0.34	3.04					17.58
Furrow Irr.	each		1.00	Jun				24.94				0.0083			24.94
Application 1	ac-in						7.52		0.07	0.62		3.0000			8.14
Application 2	ac-in						7.52		0.07	0.62		3.0000			8.14
Application 3	ac-in						7.52		0.07	0.62		3.0000			8.14
Application 4	ac-in						7.52		0.07	0.62		3.0000			8.14
TOTALS					41.52	76.25	36.42	38.37	1.80	16.10				388.23	596.89
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															19.23
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															616.12

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**Table 3. Alternative cotton production practices and which cotton budgets contain them.**

Production Practice	Cost per acre <sup>a</sup>	Southeast/Central Eradication Zone	Ridge Eradication Zone	Northeast Eradication Zone
<b>Bud worm/boll worm control</b>				
Lannate 2.4 SL (1 gal./ 4 acres)	\$19.96	None	None	None
Larvin 3.2 (1 gal./ 3.5 acres)	\$24.00	None	None	None
Tracer (1 gal./ 64 acres)	\$18.52	None	None	None
Tracer (1/2 rate) + Pyretheroid	\$14.80	None	None	None
<b>Red spider mite control</b>				
Kelthane (1.25 qts)	\$17.74	None	None	None
Zeal (0.83 oz)	\$20.86	None	None	None
Zephyr (5 oz)	\$27.52	None	None	None
<b>Herbicide applications</b>				
Staple LX banded application (.75 oz)	\$8.15	None	None	None
Prowl 3.3 EC, incorporated (1.2 pts)	\$9.30	None	None	None
Treflan HFP, incorporated (.75 pts)	\$9.74	None	None	None
Treflan HFP, incorporated (1.5 pts)	\$11.64	None	None	None
<b>Row cultivate plus directed spray</b>	\$6.78 + material	None	None	None
<b>Defoliation for Irrigated Cotton</b>	\$25.97	AG-1120 – 1129	AG-1131 – 1139	AG-1141 – 1149
<b>Defoliation for Dryland Cotton</b>	\$21.62	AG-1119	AG-1130	AG-1140
<b>Cruiser seed treatment</b>	\$9.25	AG-1119 – 1122; 1124 – 1128	AG-1130 – 1132; 1134 – 1138	AG-1140 – 1145; 1147 – 1179
<b>Gaucha seed treatment</b>	\$9.50	AG-1123	AG-1133	None
<b>Avicta Complete Pak seed treatment</b>	\$23.64	None	None	None
<b>Aeris Complete Pak seed treatment</b>	\$17.79	None	None	None
<b>Harvest</b>				
4 row harvester, first pick <sup>b</sup>	\$69.83	AG-1119, 1120, 1121, 1122	AG-1130	AG-1140, 1148
4 row harvester, second pick <sup>b</sup>	\$59.16	None	None	None
6 row harvester, (38" rows), first pick <sup>b</sup>	\$69.67	AG-1123 – 1129	AG-1131 – 1139	AG-1141 – 1147; 1149
6 row harvester, (38" rows), second pick <sup>b</sup>	\$59.02	None	None	None
Module Builder	\$26.39	All	All	All
<b>Irrigation</b>				
Furrow (3 ac. in) – additional \$24.94/ac fixed cost	\$8.42 per application	AG-1122 – 1123; 1125 – 1129	AG-1132 – 1137	AG-1141 – 1144
Center pivot (1 ac. in) – additional \$68.20/ac fixed cost	\$6.30 per application	AG-1120, 1121, 1124	AG-1131, 1138, 1139	AG-1145 – 1149
Furrow, stationary relift (3 ac. in) – additional \$24.42/ac fixed cost	\$5.03 per application	None	None	None

<sup>a</sup> Machinery costs per acre assume that each machine is fully utilized on the farm.

<sup>b</sup> This harvest cost includes the direct and fixed costs of the cotton picker only.