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## Estimating 2009 Costs of Production Grain Sorghum, Flood Irrigated, Loamy Soils

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ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>FERTILIZERS</b>					
45-60-70	acre	159.66	1.0000	159.66	_____
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb.	0.30	200.0000	60.00	_____
Agrotain	lburea	0.02	200.0000	4.80	_____
<b>HERBICIDES</b>					
Atrazine 4L	pt	1.69	4.0000	6.76	_____
Dual II Magnum	pt	13.15	1.5000	19.73	_____
<b>INSECTICIDES</b>					
Insecticide - Midge	acre	2.97	1.0000	2.97	_____
<b>CROP SEED</b>					
Sorghum Concept Trt	lbseed	2.40	6.5000	15.60	_____
Insecticide Seed Trt	lbseed	0.96	6.5000	6.24	_____
<b>CUSTOM HIRE</b>					
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre	6.00	2.0000	12.00	_____
Cstm Ap Grd. Herb	acre	6.00	1.0000	6.00	_____
Cstm Ap Air Insect	acre	7.50	1.0000	7.50	_____
Haul Sorghum	bu	0.22	110.0000	24.20	_____
<b>GIN/DRY</b>					
Sorghum Checkoff	bu	0.01	110.0000	1.10	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.92	0.4167	4.15	_____
Harvesters	hour	9.92	0.1021	1.01	_____
<b>IRRIGATION LABOR</b>					
Flood Irr. - Crn-Sor	hour	8.60	0.0543	0.47	_____
<b>HAND LABOR</b>					
Implements	hour	8.60	0.1015	0.87	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	2.60	4.0578	10.55	_____
Harvesters	gal	2.60	1.2617	3.28	_____
Flood Irr. - Crn-Sor	gal	2.60	6.0000	15.60	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	acre	3.72	1.0000	3.72	_____
Tractors	acre	1.58	1.0000	1.58	_____
Flood Irr. - Crn-Sor	ac-in	0.32	6.0000	1.93	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	8.86	1.0000	8.86	_____
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				378.58	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	9.49	1.0000	9.49	_____
Tractors	acre	11.58	1.0000	11.58	_____
Flood Irr. - Crn-Sor	each	3058.64	0.0083	25.49	_____
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				46.56	_____
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				425.14	_____

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**Table 2. Estimated resource use and costs for field operations, per acre, Grain Sorghum, Flood Irrigated, Loamy Soils, 2009**

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	POWER UNIT SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	POWER UNIT COST		EQUIPMENT COST		ALLOC HOURS	LABOR COST	OPERATING/DURABLE INPUT			TOTAL COST	
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED			AMOUNT	PRICE	COST		
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----				
Disk Harrow	28'	MFWD 225	0.070	1.00	Nov	2.43	2.35	0.65	1.62	0.07	0.70					7.75
Chisel Plow(Folding)	24'	MFWD 190	0.076	1.00	Nov	2.22	2.07	0.69	1.44	0.07	0.76					7.18
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre			1.00	Mar								1.0000	6.00	6.00	6.00
45-60-70	acre												1.0000	159.66	159.66	159.66
Field Cultivate Fld	32'	MFWD 225	0.046	1.00	Mar	1.61	1.56	0.32	1.61	0.04	0.46					5.56
Plant & Pre-Rigid	8R-30	MFWD 170	0.101	1.00	Apr	2.68	2.71	1.23	2.79	0.20	1.88					11.29
Sorghum Concept Trt	lbseed												6.5000	2.40	15.60	15.60
Atrazine 4L	pt												2.0000	1.69	3.38	3.38
Dual II Magnum	pt												1.5000	13.15	19.73	19.73
Insecticide Seed Trt	lbseed												6.5000	0.96	6.24	6.24
Cstm Ap Grd. Herb	acre			1.00	May								1.0000	6.00	6.00	6.00
Atrazine 4L	pt												2.0000	1.69	3.38	3.38
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre			1.00	May								1.0000	6.00	6.00	6.00
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb.												200.0000	0.30	60.00	60.00
Agrotain	lburea												200.0000	0.02	4.80	4.80
Pull Levees	8 blade	MFWD 190	0.012	2.00	Jun-Aug	0.73	0.68	0.06	0.37	0.02	0.25					2.09
Blade-Box	6'-7'	2WD 130	0.020	2.00	Jun-Aug	0.80	0.67	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.40					1.91
Tear Down Levees	8 blade	MFWD 190	0.012	2.00	Jun-Aug	0.73	0.68	0.06	0.37	0.02	0.25					2.09
Cstm Ap Air Insect	acre			1.00	Jun								1.0000	7.50	7.50	7.50
Insecticide - Midge	acre												1.0000	2.97	2.97	2.97
Header Sorghum	25' Rigid	240hp	0.102	1.00	Sep	3.28		0.54	0.96	0.10	1.01					5.79
Haul Sorghum	bu												110.0000	0.22	24.20	24.20
Sorghum Checkoff	bu												110.0000	0.01	1.10	1.10
Grain Cart	bu	MFWD 190	0.031	1.00	Sep	0.93	0.86	0.15	0.31	0.03	0.32					2.57
Flood Irr. - Crn-Sor	each			1.00	Jun-Aug											25.49
Apply Water	ac-in							17.53								18.00
TOTALS						15.41	11.58	21.25	34.98	0.67	6.50				326.56	416.28
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL																8.86
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST																425.14

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**Table 3. Break-even Yields (BEY) Required to cover Direct Expenses and Net Returns above Direct Expenses at Price/Yield Combinations for Select Land Tenure Arrangements, per acre.**

**Grain Sorghum, Flood Irrigated, Loamy Soils, 2009**

Farm Owner							
BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	3.75	3.95	4.15	4.35	4.54	4.74	4.94
	Net Returns above Variable Costs (\$/acre)						
75	-89	-74	-59	-45	-30	-15	0
79	-78	-62	-47	-31	-16	0	16
82	-65	-49	-32	-16	0	16	32
86	-51	-34	-17	0	17	34	51
90	-36	-18	0	18	36	54	71
95	-19	0	19	38	56	75	94
101	0	20	40	60	79	99	119

Farm Owner is assumed to have 100% Equity in Land

Tenant 75-25 Crop-Share							
BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	3.75	3.95	4.15	4.35	4.54	4.74	4.94
	Net Returns above Variable Costs (\$/acre)						
102	-91	-76	-60	-45	-30	-15	0
107	-79	-63	-47	-32	-16	0	16
111	-66	-50	-33	-17	0	17	33
117	-52	-35	-17	0	17	35	52
123	-36	-18	0	18	36	55	73
130	-19	0	19	38	58	77	96
137	0	20	41	61	81	101	122

Landowner Receives 25% of the Crop.

Tenant pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator

**Tenant 50-50 Cost-Share**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	3.75	3.95	4.15	4.35	4.54	4.74	4.94
	Net Returns above Variable Costs (\$/acre)						
83	-49	-41	-33	-25	-16	-8	0
87	-43	-34	-26	-17	-9	0	9
91	-36	-27	-18	-9	0	9	18
96	-28	-19	-9	0	9	19	28
101	-20	-10	0	10	20	30	40
106	-11	0	11	21	32	42	53
113	0	11	22	33	45	56	67

Landowner Receives 50% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator.

Landowner Pays 100% of Irrigation Expenses (Except Labor).

Landowner Pays 50% of:

Seed, Fertilizer, Herbicides, Fungicides, Insecticides, and Aerial Application Costs.

**Tenant 80-20 Crop-Share**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	3.75	3.95	4.15	4.35	4.54	4.74	4.94
	Net Returns above Variable Costs (\$/acre)						
95	-90	-75	-60	-45	-30	-15	0
99	-79	-63	-47	-31	-16	0	16
104	-66	-49	-33	-16	0	16	33
109	-52	-34	-17	0	17	34	52
115	-36	-18	0	18	36	54	72
121	-19	0	19	38	57	76	95
128	0	20	40	61	81	101	121

Landowner Receives 20% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator.