

**Estimating 2009 Costs of Production  
 Wheat Following Crops Other Than Rice,  
 Sand/Silt Loam Soils**

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ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>FERTILIZERS</b>					
DAP 18-46-0	lb	0.60	150.0000	90.00	_____
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb	0.51	250.0000	127.50	_____
<b>HERBICIDES</b>					
Harmony Extra XP	oz	11.00	0.5000	5.50	_____
<b>CROP SEED</b>					
Wheat Seed Public	lb	0.27	100.0000	27.00	_____
<b>ADJUVANTS</b>					
Surfactant (80-20)	pt	1.55	0.2000	0.31	_____
<b>CUSTOM HIRE</b>					
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre	5.00	1.0000	5.00	_____
Cstm Ap Air Fert	lb	0.06	250.0000	15.63	_____
Cstm Ap Air Herb	acre	6.00	1.0000	6.00	_____
Cstm Haul Wheat	bu	0.21	50.0000	10.50	_____
<b>OPERATOR LABOR</b>					
Tractors	hour	9.92	0.3103	3.08	_____
Harvesters	hour	9.92	0.0851	0.84	_____
<b>HAND LABOR</b>					
Implements	hour	8.60	0.0942	0.81	_____
<b>DIESEL FUEL</b>					
Tractors	gal	4.00	3.2445	12.98	_____
Harvesters	gal	4.00	1.4243	5.70	_____
<b>REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>					
Implements	acre	3.07	1.0000	3.07	_____
Tractors	acre	1.12	1.0000	1.12	_____
Harvesters	acre	1.90	1.0000	1.90	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	9.14	1.0000	9.14	_____
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<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				326.07	_____
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>					
Implements	acre	7.55	1.0000	7.55	_____
Tractors	acre	7.91	1.0000	7.91	_____
Harvesters	acre	8.40	1.0000	8.40	_____
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<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>				23.86	_____
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<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES</b>				349.93	_____

<sup>1</sup> fertilizer rates are for single crop wheat; not for a soybean-wheat double crop.

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**Table 2. Estimated resource use and costs for field operations, per acre, Wheat Following Crops Other Than Rice, Sand/Silt Loam Soils, 2009**

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-----			
Disk Harrow	28'	MFWD 225	0.070	2.00	Oct	7.06	3.99	1.15	2.76	0.14	1.39				16.35
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre			1.00	Oct							1.0000	5.00	5.00	5.00
DAP 18-46-0	lb											150.0000	0.60	90.00	90.00
Field Cultivate	32'	MFWD 225	0.046	1.00	Oct	2.35	1.33	0.31	1.50	0.04	0.46				5.95
Grain Drill	20'	2WD 190	0.094	1.00	Oct	4.01	2.26	1.12	2.45	0.18	1.75				11.59
Wheat Seed Public	lb											100.0000	0.27	27.00	27.00
Ditcher	3	MFWD 105	2.909	0.01	Oct	0.68	0.33	0.05	0.08	0.02	0.29				1.43
Cstm Ap Air Fert	lb			1.00	Feb							125.0000	0.06	7.81	7.81
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb											125.0000	0.51	63.75	63.75
Cstm Ap Air Herb	acre			1.00	Mar							1.0000	6.00	6.00	6.00
Harmony Extra XP	oz											0.5000	11.00	5.50	5.50
Surfactant (80-20)	pt											0.2000	1.55	0.31	0.31
Cstm Ap Air Fert	lb			1.00	Mar							125.0000	0.06	7.81	7.81
Urea, Solid (46% N)	lb											125.0000	0.51	63.75	63.75
Header Wheat/Sorghum	30'	Rigid 325hp	0.085	1.00	Jun	7.60	8.40	0.44	0.76	0.08	0.84				18.04
Cstm Haul Wheat	bu											50.0000	0.21	10.50	10.50
TOTALS						21.70	16.31	3.07	7.55	0.48	4.73			287.43	340.79
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															9.14
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															349.93

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

**Wheat, Following Crops Other Than Rice, Sand/Silt Loam Soils, 2009**

<b>Farm Owner</b>		<b>Crop Price (\$/bu)</b>						
BEY (bu/acre)	5.76	6.40	7.04	7.68	8.32	8.96	9.60	
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)							
33	-128	-107	-85	-64	-43	-21	0	
36	-115	-92	-69	-46	-23	0	23	
39	-99	-74	-49	-25	0	25	49	
42	-80	-54	-27	0	27	54	80	
46	-59	-29	0	29	59	88	117	
50	-32	0	32	65	97	129	162	
56	0	36	72	108	144	180	216	

Farm Owner is assumed to have 100% Equity in Land

<b>Tenant 75-25 Crop-Share</b>		<b>Crop Price (\$/bu)</b>						
BEY (bu/acre)	5.76	6.40	7.04	7.68	8.32	8.96	9.60	
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)							
45	-129	-107	-86	-64	-43	-21	0	
48	-115	-92	-69	-46	-23	0	23	
52	-99	-75	-50	-25	0	25	50	
56	-81	-54	-27	0	27	54	81	
62	-59	-30	0	30	59	89	118	
68	-33	0	33	65	98	130	163	
76	0	36	73	109	145	182	218	

Landowner Receives 25% of the Crop.

Tenant pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator

<b>Tenant 50-50 Crop-Share</b>		<b>Crop Price (\$/bu)</b>						
BEY (bu/acre)	5.76	6.40	7.04	7.68	8.32	8.96	9.60	
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)							
41	-79	-66	-52	-39	-26	-13	0	
44	-70	-56	-42	-28	-14	0	14	
47	-61	-46	-30	-15	0	15	30	
52	-50	-33	-17	0	17	33	50	
57	-36	-18	0	18	36	54	72	
62	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100	
70	0	22	45	67	89	112	134	

Landowner Receives 50% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Elevator.

Landowner Pays 50% of:

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

<b>Tenant 80-20 Crop-Share</b>		<b>Crop Price (\$/bu)</b>						
BEY (bu/acre)	5.76	6.40	7.04	7.68	8.32	8.96	9.60	
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)							
42	-129	-107	-86	-64	-43	-21	0	
45	-115	-92	-69	-46	-23	0	23	
49	-99	-75	-50	-25	0	25	50	
53	-81	-54	-27	0	27	54	81	
58	-59	-29	0	29	59	88	118	
63	-33	0	33	65	98	130	163	
71	0	36	72	109	145	181	217	

Landowner Receives 20% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Elevator.