

FARM MANAGEMENT PLANNING GUIDE

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Projected 2021 Crop Budgets

NORTH VALLEY North Valley North Dakota

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This region consists of three counties: Grand Forks, Pembina and Walsh.

The 2021 crop budgets provide an estimate of revenues and costs for selected crops. Each set of budgets are developed for a multi-county region. There is considerable variation in soil type and productivity, weather conditions, as well as management and production practices within each region. Therefore, THESE BUDGETS ARE ONLY INTENDED TO BE USED AS A GUIDE. EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP HIS/HER OWN BUDGETS!

The profitability budget accounts for full economic opportunity costs for land and machinery investment, regardless of farm operator equity position. The bottom line is the return to labor and management. This is the expected "payment" to the producer for the labor and managerial efforts required by the crop enterprise. Each individual must make the decision whether it is sufficient.

The budget can be changed to conform to the more common definition of accounting profit (return to unpaid labor and management, and owner equity) by





replacing the machinery investment and land charge cost items with your per acre interest and rental expense of machinery and land, and real estate tax if land is owned.

The budget can be used for long run decisions if the revenues and costs are realistic for several years. (Crop prices, direct costs, and the land charge are best estimates for only the 2021 crop year, but crop yields are historic averages and machinery ownership costs are an average for the total length of ownership). If the budget shows a high return to labor and management, and is representative for several years, increased acreage and corresponding investment should be considered. However, if long-run returns to labor and management are unsatisfactory the best decision may be to exit the crop enterprise and employ the machinery and land investment, and labor and management, in a different enterprise or investment.

For short-run planning decisions you can omit the indirect costs if the land and machinery required to produce the different enterprises are in place. Simply compare the crop enterprises by calculating return over direct costs. Labor requirements and risk should also be considered. Insurance is not available for some crops. The budget can be used to estimate cashflow by making a few modifications. Machinery depreciation should be omitted and the machinery investment number replaced with your per acre principal and interest payment on machinery debt. For owned land, the land charge should be replaced with your per acre real estate tax and principal and interest payment on land debt.

The 2018 Farm Bill continues the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) support programs. PLC and ARC payments have been omitted from the budgets because those payments, if any, are tied to historic farm program base acres, not to current crop selection or production.

Primary Assumptions:

Crops are planted on dryland recrop ground. Costs of moving crop to local market/storage are included.

- **Market Price:** Best estimates of NDSU extension economists. The greater of projected market price and marketing loan rate is used.
- Market Yields: Average yield for the 7 year period 2013-2019, after the low and high yield years are removed. Yields for safflower, yellow mustard, buckwheat, millet, rye and chickpeas are from NDSU extension agronomists and industry sources.
- **Fertilizer:** Cost of fertilizer applied, based on soil test, to meet yield goal. N fertilizer can be reduced if previous crop was soybean, dry bean, field peas or lentil.

Fertilizer prices:

Nitrogen	39/lb
Phosphorus	44/lb
Potassium	27/lb

Seed Prices:

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Spring Wheat	11.50/bu
Durum	13.00/bu
Barley	9.50/bu
Corn GM	2.69/thou.kern.
Soybean GM	.34/thou.kern.
Dry Beans	.75/thou.kern.
Oil Sunflower	1.55/thou.kern.
Conf. Sunflower	2.75/thou.kern.
Canola	11.30/lb
Flax	18.50/bu
Field Peas	14.00/bu
Oats	6.25/bu
Mustard	2.10/lb
Winter Wheat	9.00/bu

Fuel prices:

Diesel	2.00/gal
Gas	2.10/gal

Lubrication charge: 15% of fuel cost

- **Crop Insurance:** Revenue Protection was used for all wheat, barley, soybeans, corn, canola, sunflowers, field peas, dry beans and lentils with a 75% coverage level and enterprise units. APH insurance was used for other crops for which 70% coverage and optional units were assumed.
- Miscellaneous: soil testing, machinery rent and custom work.
- **Operating Interest:** Direct costs charged 4.5% interest for 6 month period.
- **Misc. Overhead:** Machinery housing and insurance at .5% and .85%, respectively, of average machinery investment. Also, liability insurance and license fees of trucks. In addition, \$4.00 per acre is assumed for general farm utilities, farm publications, meetings, dues, income tax preparation, legal fees, etc.

Land charge = average cash rent.

Machinery investment: 4.0% real interest rate, over the years of machine ownership, is charged on average machinery investment. The real, or inflation adjusted, rate is the commercial rate minus the inflation rate. Ave. mach. investment = (Purchase price + Disposal price)/2

Depreciation = (Purchase price - disposal price / years ownership)

Spring Wheat

Durum

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	62		62	
Market Price	5.71		6.41*	
MARKET REVENUE	354.02		397.42	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	23.00		23.50	
-Herbicides	22.50		22.50	
-Fungicides**	17.00		17.00	
-Insecticides***	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	77.15		77.15	
-Crop Insurance	7.50		12.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	14.69		14.69	
-Repairs	21.66		21.66	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	8.25		8.25	
-Operating Interest	4.31		4.43	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	======= 196.06		 201.18	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	8.86		8.86	
-Machinery Depreciation	22.62		22.62	
-Machinery Investment	14.05		14.05	
-Land Charge	88.00		88.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	133.53		133.53	·
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	329.59		334.71	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	24.43		62.71	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.16		3.24	
-Indirect Costs	2.15		2.15	
-Total Costs	5.32		5.40	

Wheat notes:

*Durum price is for milling quality. There is high risk of lower quality and lower price.

**Includes seed treatment, an early season foliar fungicide, and a late season fungicide which is recommended when conditions are favorable for fusarium head blight (scab).

***Cereal grain aphid insecticide would cost about \$4. Wheat midge insecticide would cost about \$6.

Malting Barley Corn Grain

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	74		136	
Market Price	4.97*		3.80	
MARKET REVENUE	367.78		516.80	
DIRECT COSTS -Seed	19.00		84.74*	
-Beed -Herbicides	19.00		27.00	
-Fungicides	17.00**		0.00	
	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides -Fertilizer				
	53.62		86.92	
-Crop Insurance	6.50		14.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.12		19.80	
-Repairs	21.75		28.86	
-Drying	0.00		24.84	
-Miscellaneous	8.25		8.25	
-Operating Interest	3.62		6.62	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	======= 164.56		======== 301.03	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	8.93		11.78	
-Machinery Depreciation	22.53		36.48	
-Machinery Investment	13.86		21.49	
-Land Charge	88.00		88.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	133.32		157.75	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	297.88		458.78	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	69.90		58.02	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	2.22		2.21	
-Indirect Costs	1.80		1.16	
-Total Costs	4.03		3.37	

Barley notes:

*There is risk of not making malting barley quality. Use \$2.88 for feed barley.

**Includes seed treatment, an early season foliar fungicide, and a late season fungicide which is recommended when conditions are favorable for fusarium head blight (scab).

Corn notes:

*GM corn with herbicide tolerance and above ground insect control traits.

Soybeans

Drybeans

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	34		1710	
Market Price	10.27		0.3	
MARKET REVENUE	349.18		513.00	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	65.80*		61.88	
-Herbicides	28.00		46.90*	
-Fungicides	0.00		20.00**	
-Insecticides	4.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	2.80		35.68	
-Crop Insurance	7.00		20.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	11.93		13.77	
-Repairs	19.83		22.96	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		16.75	
-Operating Interest	3.17		5.35	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	144.03		243.29	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	8.23		9.02	
-Machinery Depreciation	21.33		25.87	
-Machinery Investment	12.91		15.59	
-Land Charge	88.00		88.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	130.47		138.48	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	274.50		381.77	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	74.68	·	131.23	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	4.24		0.142	
-Indirect Costs	3.84		0.081	
-Total Costs	8.07		0.081	
	0.07		0.220	

Soybean notes:

*GM soybeans with herbicide tolerance. The cost includes \$8 for inoculant and fungicide treatment in addition to seed expense.

**Insecticide for soybean aphid, spider mite, or foliage-feeding caterpillars.

Drybean notes:

*Includes dessicant prior to straight cutting.

**Fungicide for white mold. A second treatment may be necessary. Fungicide for rust at \$4-\$12 plus application maybe necessary.

Oil Sunflower

Confection Sunflower

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1690		1230	
Market Price	0.202		0.268	
MARKET REVENUE	341.38		329.64	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	37.20		55.00	
-Herbicides	27.70		29.90	
-Fungicides	0.00*		0.00*	
-Insecticides	5.00**		10.00**	
-Fertilizer	37.00		23.64	
-Crop Insurance	12.00		17.50	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.76		13.12	
-Repairs	20.38		19.96	
-Drying	5.16		3.60	
-Miscellaneous	16.75		25.25	
-Operating Interest	3.94		4.45	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	178.89		202.42	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	9.23		8.96	
-Machinery Depreciation	24.66		23.86	
-Machinery Investment	15.59		15.18	
-Land Charge	88.00		88.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	137.48		136.00	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	316.37		338.42	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	25.01		(8.78)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs -Total Costs	(lb): 0.106 0.081 0.187		(lb): 0.165 0.111 0.275	
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Oil Sunflower notes:

*Fungicide for rust would cost \$4 plus application.

**One spraying for head feeding insects (red seed weevil, lygus bug and banded moths). Custom application cost of \$8 is under "Miscellaneous."

Confection Sunflower notes:

*Fungicide for rust would cost \$4 plus application.

**Two sprayings for head feeding insects (red seed weevil, lygus bug and banded moths) at about \$5 per application. Each custom application cost of \$8 is under "Miscellaneous."

Canola

Flax

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1970		23	
Market Price	0.187		10.82	
MARKET REVENUE	368.39		248.86	
DIRECT COSTS -Seed	56.50		18.50	
-Seed -Herbicides	23.10		24.70	
	23.10 0.00*		24.70	
-Fungicides	0.00			
-Insecticides -Fertilizer	0.00 72.50		0.00 27.11	
-Crop Insurance	10.50		15.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	12.38		13.79	
-Repairs	19.49		22.00	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	8.25		1.50	
-Operating Interest	4.56		2.76	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	======= 207.28		======= 125.36	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	8.13		8.48	
-Machinery Depreciation	21.50		22.61	
-Machinery Investment	12.48		14.14	
-Land Charge	88.00		88.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	130.11		133.23	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	337.39		258.59	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	31.00		(9.73)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.105		5.45	
-Indirect Costs	0.066		5.79	
-Total Costs	0.171		11.24	
	0.171		11167	

Canola notes:

*Fungicide for white mold would cost about \$18 plus application.

Flax notes:

*Fungicide treatment for pasmo has shown good yield response.

Field Peas

Oats

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	41		107	
Market Price	6.48		2.63	
MARKET REVENUE	265.68		281.41	<u> </u>
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	42.00		12.50	
-Herbicides	32.30		5.40	
-Fungicides	1.50		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	8.29		69.49	
-Crop Insurance	10.00		18.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.67		17.43	
-Repairs	22.00		23.43	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	6.00		8.25	
-Operating Interest	3.05		3.48	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	138.81		157.98	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS	0.71		0.07	
-Misc. Overhead	8.71		9.97	
-Machinery Depreciation	23.65		25.93	
-Machinery Investment	14.28		16.16	
-Land Charge	88.00 =======		88.00 ======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	======= 134.64		====== 140.06	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	273.45		298.04	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	(7.77)		(16.63)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.39		1.48	
-Indirect Costs	3.28		1.31	
-Total Costs	6.67		2.79	

Yellow Mustard Winter Wheat

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	900		55*	
Market Price	0.27		4.97	
	0.27			
MARKET REVENUE	243.00		273.35	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	25.20		11.70	
-Herbicides	14.00		24.50	
-Fungicides	0.00		9.00	
-Insecticides	6.00*		0.00	
-Fertilizer	23.36		67.07	
-Crop Insurance	0.00**		7.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	11.43		12.99	
-Repairs	18.86		19.89	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		8.25	
-Operating Interest	2.26		3.61	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	102.61	<u> </u>	164.01	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS -Misc. Overhead	707		0.40	
	7.87		8.40	
-Machinery Depreciation	19.77		21.25	
-Machinery Investment	12.34		12.75	
-Land Charge	88.00 =======		88.00	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	======= 127.98		======= 130.40	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	230.59		294.41	
	200.00		201111	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	12.41		(21.06)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.114		2.982	
-Indirect Costs	0.142		2.371	
-Total Costs	0.256		5.353	

Yellow Mustard notes:

*Insecticide seed treatment for flea beetles.

**Crop insurance is not available in this region.

Winter Wheat notes:

*Yield is per harvested acre. There is some risk of acreage abandonment in spring.

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