

FARM MANAGEMENT PLANNING GUIDE

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Projected 2021 Crop Budgets

SOUTH VALLEY

South Valley North Dakota

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Note: This region consists of three counties: Cass, Richland and Traill.

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

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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:

Spring Wheat	11.50/bu
Barley	9.50/bu
Corn GM	3.00/thou.kern.
Soybean GM	.34/thou.kern.
Dry Beans	.75/thou.kern.
Oil Sunflower	1.55/thou.kern.
Conf. Sunflower	2.75/thou.kern.
Oats	6.25/bu
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

Malting Barley

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	65		83	
Market Price	5.77		4.99*	
MARKET REVENUE	375.05		414.17	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	23.00		19.00	
-Herbicides	21.00		19.70	
-Fungicides**	17.00*		17.00**	
-Insecticides***	0.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	82.24		62.39	
-Crop Insurance	5.00		4.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	14.82		15.51	
-Repairs	21.75		22.01	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	8.25		8.25	
-Operating Interest	4.34		3.78	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	197.40		171.64	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	8.92		9.21	
-Machinery Depreciation	22.78		23.54	
-Machinery Investment	14.13		14.48	
-Land Charge	127.00		127.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	172.83		174.23	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	370.23		345.87	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	4.82		68.30	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.04		2.07	
-Indirect Costs	2.66		2.10	
-Total Costs	5.70		4.17	

Spring Wheat notes:

*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.

Barley notes:

*There is risk of not making malting barley quality. Use \$2.89 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 Grain

Soybeans

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	162		40	
Market Price	3.80		10.37	
MARKET REVENUE	615.60		414.80	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	100.50*		65.80*	
-Herbicides	28.00		35.00	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		4.00	
-Fertilizer	106.63		3.30	
-Crop Insurance	11.00		6.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	20.89		12.19	
-Repairs	29.57		20.00	
-Drying	28.98		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	8.25		1.50	
-Operating Interest	7.51		3.33	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	341.33		151.12	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	12.25		8.34	
-Machinery Depreciation	37.82		21.66	
-Machinery Investment	22.19		13.07	
-Land Charge	127.00		127.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	199.26		170.07	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	540.59		321.19	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	75.01		93.61	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	2.11		3.78	
-Indirect Costs	1.23	· <u> </u>	4.25	
-Total Costs	3.34		8.03	
	0.01		0.00	

Corn notes:

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

Soybean notes:

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

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

Drybeans

Oil Sunflower

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	2050		1990	
Market Price	0.30		0.205	
MARKET REVENUE	615.00		407.95	
DIRECT COSTS	01.00		0700	
-Seed	61.88		37.20	
-Herbicides	46.90*		27.70	
-Fungicides	20.00**		0.00*	
-Insecticides	0.00		5.00**	
-Fertilizer	49.15		46.50	
-Crop Insurance	15.00		10.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.64		14.18	
-Repairs	22.93		20.66	
-Drying	0.00		6.39	
-Miscellaneous	16.75		16.75	
-Operating Interest	5.54		4.15	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	251.79		188.53	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	9.02		9.41	
-Machinery Depreciation	26.12		25.17	
-Machinery Investment	15.53		15.85	
-Land Charge	127.00		127.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	177.67		177.43	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	429.46		365.96	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	185.54		41.99	
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LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	0.123		0.095	
-Indirect Costs	0.087		0.089	
-Total Costs	0.209		0.184	

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 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

Oats

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1650		100	
Market Price	0.271		2.75	
	0.271		2.1.0	
MARKET REVENUE	447.15		275.00	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	55.00		12.50	
-Herbicides	29.90		5.40	
-Fungicides	0.00*		0.00	
-Insecticides	10.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	36.62		64.94	
-Crop Insurance	15.00		9.50	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.71		17.12	
-Repairs	20.35		23.23	
-Drying	5.22		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	25.25		8.25	
-Operating Interest	4.75		3.17	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	215.80		144.11	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	9.21		9.84	
-Machinery Depreciation	24.59		25.55	
-Machinery Investment	15.55		15.96	
-Land Charge	127.00		127.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	176.35		178.35	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	392.15		322.46	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	55.00		(47.46)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.131		1.44	
-Indirect Costs	0.107		1.78	
-Total Costs	0.238		3.22	

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."

Winter Wheat

	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	60*	
Market Price	5.03	
MARKET REVENUE	301.80	
DIRECT COSTS		
-Seed	11.70	
-Herbicides	24.50	
-Fungicides	9.00	
-Insecticides	0.00	
-Fertilizer	75.05	
-Crop Insurance	5.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.21	
-Repairs	20.03	
-Drying	0.00	
-Miscellaneous	8.25	
-Operating Interest	3.75	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	======= 170.49	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS		
-Misc. Overhead	8.50	
-Machinery Depreciation	21.52	
-Machinery Investment	12.89	
-Land Charge	127.00	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	169.91	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	340.40	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	(38.60)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs -Total Costs	(bu): 2.84 2.83 5.67	

Winter Wheat notes:

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

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