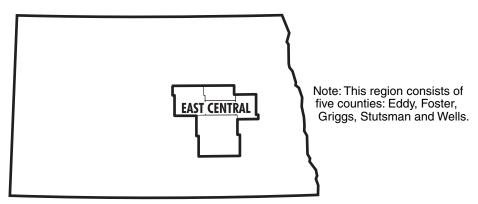


Projected 2008 Crop Budgets East Central North Dakota

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The 2008 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

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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, or rental, expense of machinery and land, and real estate tax if land is owned, respectively.

The budget can be used for long run decisions if the revenues and costs are realistic for several ears. (Crop prices, direct costs, and the land charge are best estimates for only the 2008 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 2002 farm bill has expired and a new farm bill had not yet passed at the time of this publication. Projected crop prices are higher than average and no government payments, coupled to 2008 production, are expected.

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 2000-2006, after the low and high yield years are removed. Yields for safflower, yellow mustard, buckwheat, millet, rye, lentils and chickpeas are from NDSU extension agronomists and industry sources.
- **Fertilizer:** Cost of fertilizer applied, based on soil test, to meet yield goal of 130% of market yield. N fertilizer can be reduced if previous crop was soybean, dry bean, field peas or lentil.

Soil test	- recrop:
Nitrogen	- 40 lb
Phosphorus	- 8 ppm
Potassium	- 280 ppm

Fertilizer prices:

Nitrogen	44/lb
Phosphorus	40/lb
Potassium	29/lb

Seed Prices:

Spring Wheat	11.25/bu
Durum	19.50/bu
Barley	8.50/bu
Corn grain RR/Bt	1.77/thou.kern.
Corn grain RR	1.60/thou.kern.
Oil Sunflower	.72/thou.kern.
Conf. Sunflower	1.30/thou.kern.
Soybean RR	30.50/50 lb
Dry Beans	.67/lb
Flax	16.50/bu
Canola	3.65/lb
Oats	5.00/bu
Field Peas	10.50/bu
Millet	.24/lb
Buckwheat	.33/lb
Mustard	.88/lb
Rye	4.50/bu
Winter Wheat	10.00/bu

Fuel prices:

Diesel	2.90/gal
Gas	3.10/gal

Lubrication charge: 15% of fuel cost

- Crop Insurance: Coverage levels are 70% on all insurable crops. MPCI estimates are used, except for RA-HPO on all wheat, soybeans, corn and canola.
- **Miscellaneous:** soil testing, machinery rent and custom work.
- **Operating Interest:** Direct costs charged 7.50% 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, \$1 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: 4.5% 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

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	37		29	
Market Price	6.27		7.30	
MARKET INCOME	231.99		211.70	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	16.88		29.25	
-Herbicides	13.50		13.50	
-Fungicides*	1.50		1.50	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	45.60		31.94	
-Crop Insurance	13.20		12.20	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.83		15.48	
-Repairs	11.38		11.26	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	4.48		4.37	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	123.86		121.00	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.76		3.66	
-Machinery Depreciation	13.78		13.54	
-Machinery Investment	8.17		8.05	
-Land Charge	39.50	- <u></u> -	39.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	65.21		64.74	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	189.07		185.74	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	42.92		25.96	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.35		4.1 ⁷	
-Indirect Costs	1.76		2.23	
-Total Costs	5.11		6.40	

notes:

*Early season foliar fungicide would cost about \$3-\$4 and late season fungicide would cost about \$6 or \$12 per acre, depending on product availability, plus application. Trials consistantly show yield response of 5-10% with early season fungicide, if wheat planted into residue, and 15-20% with late application if weather favors disease development.

Malting Barley Corn Grain

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	57		94	
Market Price	4.79*		3.16	
MARKET INCOME	273.03		297.04	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	12.75		47.74*	
-Herbicides	11.70		8.50	
-Fungicides	1.25		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		5.50**	
-Fertilizer	42.72		63.93	
-Crop Insurance	4.90		19.20	
-Fuel & Lubrication	17.55		21.93	
-Repairs	12.09		14.71	
-Drying	0.00		13.25	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.92		7.36	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	108.37		203.62	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	4.19		5.50	
-Machinery Depreciation	15.01		21.40	
-Machinery Depreciation	9.03		12.53	
	9.03 39.50		39.50	
-Land Charge				
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	====== 67.73		====== 78.93	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	176.09		282.55	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	96.94		14.49	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs -Total Costs	(bu): 1.90 1.19 3.09		(bu): 2.17 0.84 3.01	

Barley notes:

*On average, about 40% of production is feed quality. Use \$3.33 estimate for feed barley price.

Corn notes:

*RR/Bt corn is planted for corn borer control on 80 percent of acres and RR corn without Bt Trait is on 20 percent of acres for corn borer refuge.

**Insecticide seed treatment for wireworm, rootworm, white grub and suppression of cutworm.

Soybeans

Drybeans*

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	30		1390	
Market Price	8.46		0.243	
MARKET INCOME	253.80		337.77	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	35.50*		33.50	
-Herbicides	8.50		24.80	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00**	
-Insecticides	0.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	6.71		21.80	
-Crop Insurance	11.20		19.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	16.12		20.16	
-Repairs	11.82		13.87	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	5.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.58		5.05	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	98.93		139.68	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.84		4.69	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.41		17.85	·····
-Machinery Investment	8.63		11.64	·····
-Land Charge	39.50		39.50	
Land Onlarge	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	66.38		73.68	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	165.31		213.35	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	88.49		124.42	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs Tatal Costs	(bu): 3.30 2.21		(lb): 0.10 0.05	
-Total Costs	5.51		0.15	

Soybean notes:

*Roundup (glyphosate) resistant soybeans.

**Soybean aphid insecticide would cost about \$8 per acre plus application.

Drybean notes:

*Acreage limititations existed under the farm bill. The general rule is drybean acres can not be planted on base acres. If farm or producer has drybean history, drybean can be planted on base acres but government payments on those acres will be forfeited.

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

Oil Sunflower

Confectionery Sunflower

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	1400		1270	
Market Price	0.202		0.264	
MARKET INCOME	282.80		335.28	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	15.84		24.70	
-Herbicides	20.00		20.00	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides*	12.00		18.00	
-Fertilizer	30.67		26.18	
-Crop Insurance	8.80		12.10	
-Fuel & Lubrication	17.30		17.89	
-Repairs	12.06		12.26	
-Drying	2.80		2.54	
-Miscellaneous	7.25		13.00	
-Operating Interest	4.75		5.50	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	131.47		152.17	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	4.35		4.40	
-Machinery Depreciation	16.05		16.27	·
-Machinery Investment	9.94		10.22	·
-Land Charge	39.50		39.50	
Land Onlarge	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	69.84		70.39	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	201.31	<u> </u>	222.56	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	81.49		112.72	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	0.09		0.12	
-Indirect Costs	0.05		0.06	
-Total Costs	0.14		0.18	

Oil Sunflower notes:

*Includes seed treatment for control of wireworm and flea beetle, \$6, and one spraying for head feeding insects (red seed weevil, lygus bug and banded moths) at about \$6 per acre. Custom application cost of \$5.75 is under "Miscellaneous."

Confectionery Sunflower notes:

*Includes seed treatment for control of wireworm and flea beetle, \$6, and two sprayings for head feeding insects (red seed weevil, lygus bug and banded moths) at about \$6 per application. Each custom application cost of \$5.75 is under "Miscellaneous."

Canola

Flax

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	1360		19	
Market Price	0.199		10.69	
MARKET INCOME	270.64		203.11	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	18.25		11.55	
-Herbicides	18.50		15.73	
-Fungicides	0.00*		0.00	
-Insecticides	6.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	51.28***		20.79	
-Crop Insurance	14.90		7.50	
-Fuel & Lubrication	16.18		16.51	
-Repairs	11.61		12.01	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50	······································	1.50	
-Operating Interest	5.18	······································	3.21	
- p g	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	143.41		88.80	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.81		3.86	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.19		14.30	
-Machinery Investment	8.64		8.99	
-Land Charge	39.50		39.50	
	=====		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	66.13		66.65	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	209.54		155.46	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	61.10		47.65	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.11		4.67	
-Indirect Costs	0.05	·	3.51	
-Total Costs	0.05		8.18	
	0.10		0.10	

Canola notes:

*Fungicide for white mold would cost about \$18 plus application. **Insecticide seed treatment for flea beetles. ***Fertilizer cost includes 20 lbs sulfer.

Field Peas

Oats

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	35		59	
Market Price	6.18*		2.21	
MARKET INCOME	216.30		130.39	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	31.50		10.00	
-Herbicides	18.50		1.88	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	9.06		35.97	
-Crop Insurance	9.60		7.80	
-Fuel & Lubrication	17.66		18.79	
-Repairs	12.88		12.35	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	6.00		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.95		3.31	
1 3			======	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	109.15		91.60	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	4.05		4.26	
-Machinery Depreciation	15.82		15.37	
-Machinery Investment	9.17		9.21	
-Land Charge	39.50		39.50	
Land Onlarge	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	68.53		68.34	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	177.68		159.94	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	38.62		(29.55)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.12		1.5 ⁵	
-Indirect Costs	1.96		1.16	
-Total Costs	5.08		2.71	

Field Pea notes: *Food quality price. Use \$4.50 price estimate for feed quality peas.

Yellow Mustard

Buckwheat

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	900		950	
Market Price	0.263		0.193	
MARKET INCOME	236.70		183.35	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	10.56		16.50	
-Herbicides	9.00		8.75	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	6.00*		0.00	
-Fertilizer	24.47		14.06	
-Crop Insurance	0.00		0.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	14.69		15.25	
-Repairs	10.73		11.29	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	2.89		2.53	
operating interest	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	79.84		69.87	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.46		3.62	
-Machinery Depreciation	12.99		13.57	
-Machinery Investment	7.74		8.14	
-Land Charge	39.50		39.50	
	=====		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	63.69		64.82	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	143.53		134.69	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	93.17		48.66	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs -Total Costs	(lb): 0.09 0.07 0.16		(lb): 0.07 0.07 0.14	

Yellow Mustard notes: *Insecticide seed treatment for flea beetles.

Millet

Winter Wheat

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	1700		44*	
Market Price	0.087		5.82	
MARKET INCOME	147.90		256.08	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	6.00		10.00	
-Herbicides	1.50		10.70	
-Fungicides	0.00		6.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	23.77		57.56	
-Crop Insurance	0.00		13.20	
-Fuel & Lubrication	16.56		14.19	
-Repairs	11.74		10.63	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		6.00	
-Operating Interest	2.29		4.81	
1 3	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	63.36		133.09	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.89		3.60	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.31		13.05	
-Machinery Investment	8.68		7.43	
-Land Charge	39.50	··	39.50	
Earla Onargo	======		======	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	66.37		63.59	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	129.74		196.68	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	18.16		59.40	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.04		3.02	
-Indirect Costs	0.04		1.45	
-Total Costs	0.08		4.47	
				<u> </u>

Winter Wheat notes:

*Yield is per harvested acre, 2000-2006 acreage abandonment averaged 12%.

Rye

	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield Market Price	40 2.81	
MARKET INCOME	112.40	
DIRECT COSTS -Seed -Herbicides -Fungicides -Insecticides -Fertilizer -Crop Insurance -Fuel & Lubrication -Repairs -Drying -Miscellaneous -Operating Interest	5.40 0.00 0.00 50.73 6.00 16.47 11.35 0.00 1.50 3.43	
SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	====== 94.88	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS -Misc. Overhead -Machinery Depreciation -Machinery Investment -Land Charge	3.87 14.07 8.45 39.50	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	====== 65.89	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	160.77	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMEN	T (48.37)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT -Direct Costs -Indirect Costs -Total Costs	(bu): 2.37 1.65 4.02	

notes:

2008 Machinery List

Machine	Purch. Price	Annual Use	Years to trade	Trade in	Deprec.	Invest.	Repairs	Ac/hr
2WD 100HP Tractor	55500	400 hr	20	17877	4.70 /hr	4.13 /hr	5.65 /hr	
2WD 160HP Tractor	91300	500 hr	15	27021	8.57 /hr	5.32 /hr	9.30 /hr	
4WD 280HP Tractor	125700	500 hr	15	37199	11.80 /hr	7.33 /hr	7.31 /hr	
SP Combine (base unit)	160200	250 hr	12	39855	40.12 /hr	18.00 /hr	26.01 /hr	
Tandem Truck (used)	31000	150 hr	15	10300	9.20 /hr	6.20 /hr	5.73 /hr	
Semi & Trailer (used)	36000	150 hr	10	10300	17.13 /hr	6.95 /hr	7.13 /hr	
Pick-up Truck	20900	300 hr	10	4300	5.53 /hr	1.89 /hr	2.67 /hr	
Swather 25 ft	17500	1000 ac	20	4150	0.67 /ac	0.49 /ac	0.31 /ac	12.1
Sprayer 90 ft	27200	4000 ac	12	12326	0.31 /ac	0.22 /ac	0.35 /ac	42.5
Chisel Plow 35 ft	26600	1600 ac	15	15545	0.46 /ac	0.59 /ac	0.71 /ac	16.2
Field Cultivator 45 ft	33300	3000 ac	15	18376	0.33 /ac	0.39 /ac	0.59 /ac	23.2
Tandem Disk 28 ft	25600	800 ac	20	7330	1.14 /ac	0.93 /ac	0.72 /ac	12.2
Heavy Harrow 70 ft	23100	2000 ac	20	13512	0.24 /ac	0.41 /ac	0.26 /ac	39.7
Row-crop cultivator 12-30	11100	800 ac	15	6109	0.42 /ac	0.48 /ac	0.41 /ac	11.6
Air Seeder 35 ft	81200	1800 ac	12	38264	1.99 /ac	1.49 /ac	3.22 /ac	14.8
Planter 12-30	40800	800 ac	20	13586	1.70 /ac	1.53 /ac	2.26 /ac	10.6
Bean cutter 6-30	8700	400 ac	20	2500	0.77 /ac	0.63 /ac	0.48 /ac	6.5
Corn head 6-30	25600	400 ac	20	2532	2.90 /ac	1.59 /ac	0.71 /ac	5.7
Grain head w/pu	11200	1200 ac	10	3960	0.60 /ac	0.28 /ac	0.21 /ac	8.5
Grain str. cut 25 ft	15100	1600 ac	8	6058	0.71 /ac	0.30 /ac	0.28 /ac	8.5
Head w/sunf pans 25 ft	18800	400 ac	20	1983	2.10 /ac	1.17 /ac	0.35 /ac	8.5
Soybeans str. cut 25 ft	21900	800 ac	20	2033	1.24 /ac	0.67 /ac	0.41 /ac	8.5
Head w/drybean pickups	21900	400 ac	20	2315	2.45 /ac	1.36 /ac	0.41 /ac	8.5
Rock picker	16000	50 hr	20	5103	0.36 /ac	0.32 /ac	0.24 /ac	29.1
Grain auger	6900	50 hr	20	530	6.37 /hr	3.34 /hr	0.68 /hr	

Example Sequence of Operations

Field operations sequence for spring wheat and durum.

OP. NO.	DESCRIPTION	(FEET) WIDTH	(MPH) SPEED	(AC/HR) Fld Cap	(\$/AC) FUEL & LUBE	(\$/AC) EST. REPAIRS
1	Field Cultivate	45	5.0	23.2	\$ 1.77	\$ 0.91
2	Pick Rocks				0.50	0.43
3	Plant	35	5.0	14.8	2.77	3.71
4	Spray (130%)	90	6.0	42.5	0.45	0.63
5	Swath (20%)	25	5.0	12.1	0.24	0.15
6	Combine	25	4.0	8.5	3.98	3.34
7	Chisel Plow	35	4.5	16.2	2.53	1.16
	Trucks*				1.59	0.56
	Grain auger (pto))			0.20	0.01
	Pickup truck allocation				1.80	0.48
			Total		15.83	11.38

* Truck costs will vary between crops.

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