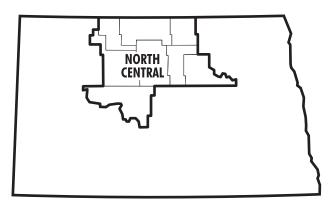


Projected 2008 Crop Budgets North Central North Dakota

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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 - 363 ppm

Fertilizer prices:

Nitrogen - .42/lb Phosphorus - .40/lb Potassium - .29/lb

Seed Prices:

Spring Wheat 11.25/bu
Durum 19.50/bu
Barley 8.50/bu
Corn grain RP/Pt 1.77/thou

Corn grain RR/Bt 1.77/thou.kern. Corn grain RR 1.60/thou.kern. .72/thou.kern. Oil Sunflower 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 .34/lb Lentils .88/lb Mustard Rve 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, sovbeans 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

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	32		31	
Market Price	6.05		7.00	
MARKET INCOME	193.60		217.00	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	16.88		39.00	
-Herbicides	13.50		13.50	
-Fungicides*	1.50		1.50	
-Insecticides**	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	35.78		34.14	
-Crop Insurance	10.80		10.70	
-Fuel & Lubrication	14.43		14.39	
-Repairs	10.89		10.88	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.95		4.71	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	109.23		130.31	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.65		3.64	
-Machinery Depreciation	13.25		13.22	
-Machinery Investment	7.93		7.92	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	61.33		61.27	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	170.56		191.58	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	23.04		25.42	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.41		4.20	
-Indirect Costs	1.92		1.98	
-Total Costs	5.33		6.18	

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.

^{**}Orange wheat blossom midge insecticide would cost about \$5 per acre plus application.

Malting Barley Corn Grain

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
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Market Yield	55		80	
Market Price	4.81*		3.20	
MARKET INCOME	264.55		256.00	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	12.75		39.06*	
-Herbicides	11.70		8.50	
-Fungicides	1.25		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		4.50**	
-Fertilizer	39.26		50.09	
-Crop Insurance	4.10		17.60***	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.52		21.37	
-Repairs	11.39		14.51	
-Drying	0.00		11.28	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.65		6.32	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	101.12		174.73	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	4.04		5.33	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.35		20.99	
-Machinery Investment	8.60		12.33	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	63.49		75.16	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	164.61		249.89	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	99.94		6.11	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	1.84		2.18	
-Indirect Costs	1.15		0.94	
-Total Costs	2.99		3.12	

Barley notes:

*On average, about 45% of production is feed quality. Use \$3.34 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.

^{***}Crop insurance only available by written agreement in some counties of the region.

Soybeans

Drybeans*

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	25		1400	
Market Price	8.33		0.243	
MARKET INCOME	208.25		340.20	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	35.50*		33.50	
-Herbicides	8.50		24.80	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	=
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	5.59		21.86	
-Crop Insurance	10.20		18.80	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.38	·	17.63	-
-Repairs	10.58		12.71	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	5.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.35		4.91	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	92.60		135.71	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.46		4.38	-
-Machinery Depreciation	13.07		16.67	
-Machinery Investment	7.51		10.60	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	60.54		===== 68.14	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	153.14		203.85	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	55.11		136.35	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	3.70		0.10	
-Indirect Costs	2.42		0.05	
-Total Costs	6.13		0.15	

Soybean notes:

Drybean notes:

^{*}Roundup (glyphosate) resistant soybeans.

^{*}Acreage limititations existed under the 2002 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.

Oil Sunflower

Confectionery Sunflower

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1410		1340	
Market Price	0.196		0.257	
MARKET INCOME	276.36		344.38	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	15.12	·	23.40	
-Herbicides	20.00		20.00	
-Fungicides	0.00	·	0.00	
-Insecticides*	12.00		18.00	
-Fertilizer	29.98		27.66	
-Crop Insurance	9.00		11.85	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.54		15.45	
-Repairs	11.16		11.12	
-Drying	2.82		2.68	
-Miscellaneous	7.25		13.00	
-Operating Interest	4.61		5.37	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	127.48		148.53	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	4.14		4.12	
-Machinery Depreciation	15.22		15.15	
-Machinery Investment	9.24		9.21	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	65.10		64.97	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	192.58		213.50	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	83.78		130.88	·
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	0.09		0.11	
-Indirect Costs	0.05		0.05	
-Total Costs	0.14		0.16	

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

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1000		20	
Market Price	1380 0.203		20 10.35	
Market Price	0.203		10.35	
MARKET INCOME	280.14		207.00	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	18.25		11.55	
-Herbicides	18.50		18.98	
-Fungicides	0.00*		0.00	
-Insecticides	6.00**		0.00	
-Fertilizer	50.68***		22.05	
-Crop Insurance	12.20		6.80	
-Fuel & Lubrication	13.67		13.16	
-Repairs	10.45		10.63	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	4.92		3.18	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	136.17		87.85	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.47		3.41	
-Machinery Depreciation	12.88		12.61	
-Machinery Investment	7.50		7.47	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
-Land Charge	30.30		=====	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	60.35		59.99	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	196.52		147.84	
SOM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	190.52		147.04	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	83.62		59.16	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	0.10		4.39	
-Indirect Costs	0.04		3.00	
-Total Costs	0.14		7.39	

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

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
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Market Yield	33		58	
Market Price*	6.18		2.24	
MARKET INCOME	203.94		129.92	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	31.50		10.00	
-Herbicides	18.50		1.88	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	8.55		33.90	
-Crop Insurance	8.60		6.90	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.04		17.59	
-Repairs	11.69		12.10	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	6.00		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.75		3.15	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	103.62		87.01	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.71		4.23	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.57		15.18	
-Machinery Investment	8.10		9.14	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	62.87		65.05	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	166.49		152.06	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	37.45		(22.14)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	3.14		1.50	
-Indirect Costs	1.91		1.12	
-Total Costs	5.05		2.62	

Field Pea notes:

^{*}Food quality price. Use \$4.50 price estimate for feed quality peas.

Lentils Yellow Mustard

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	1250		950	
Market Price	0.20		0.264	
MARKET INCOME	250.00		250.80	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	23.80		10.56	
-Herbicides	21.25		9.00	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		6.00*	
-Fertilizer	5.40		26.01	
-Crop Insurance	18.40		0.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.04		14.73	
-Repairs	12.19		10.75	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	6.00		1.50	
-Operating Interest	3.83		2.95	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	105.90		81.48	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.79		3.50	
-Machinery Depreciation	14.86		13.15	
-Machinery Investment	8.39	-	7.85	
-Land Charge	36.50	-	36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	63.54		61.00	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	169.44		142.49	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	80.56		108.31	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	0.08		0.09	
-Indirect Costs	0.05		0.06	
-Total Costs	0.14		0.15	
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Yellow Mustard notes:

^{*}Insecticide seed treatment for flea beetles.

Buckwheat

Millet

		Your		Your
	Per Acre	Figures	Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	950		1300	
Market Price	0.192		0.087	
MARKET INCOME	182.40		113.10	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	16.50		6.00	
-Herbicides	8.75		1.50	
-Fungicides	0.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	13.73		13.65	
-Crop Insurance	0.00		0.00	
-Fuel & Lubrication	15.25		16.22	
-Repairs	11.29		11.62	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	1.50		1.50	
-Operating Interest	2.51		1.89	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	69.53		52.39	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.65		3.81	
-Machinery Depreciation	13.70		14.20	
-Machinery Investment	8.23		8.65	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
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SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	62.08		63.16	
SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	131.61		115.55	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	50.79		(2.45)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(lb):		(lb):	
-Direct Costs	0.07		0.04	
-Indirect Costs	0.07		0.05	
-Total Costs	0.14		0.09	
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notes:

Winter Wheat

Rye

	Per Acre	Your Figures	Per Acre	Your Figures
Market Yield	44*		40	
Market Price	5.51		2.64	
MARKET INCOME	242.44		105.60	
DIRECT COSTS				
-Seed	10.00		5.40	
-Herbicides	10.70		0.00	
-Fungicides	6.00		0.00	
-Insecticides	0.00		0.00	
-Fertilizer	55.50		48.93	
-Crop Insurance	10.80		5.40	
-Fuel & Lubrication	14.19		16.47	
-Repairs	10.63		11.35	
-Drying	0.00		0.00	
-Miscellaneous	6.00		1.50	
-Operating Interest	4.64		3.34	
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SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS	128.46		92.39	
INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS				
-Misc. Overhead	3.60		3.90	
-Machinery Depreciation	13.05		14.21	
-Machinery Investment	7.43		8.54	
-Land Charge	36.50		36.50	
SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS	===== 60.59	========	===== 63.15	========
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SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS	189.05		155.54	
RETURN TO LABOR & MANAGEMENT	53.39		(49.94)	
LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT	(bu):		(bu):	
-Direct Costs	2.92		2.31	
-Indirect Costs	1.38		1.58	
-Total Costs	4.30		3.89	

Winter Wheat notes:

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

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	800 ac	15	2333	0.74 /ac	0.38 /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	Chisel + NH ₃	35	4.5	16.2	\$ 2.53	\$ 1.16
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	Heavy Harrow	70	5.5	39.7	0.59	0.49
	Trucks*				1.59	0.56
	Grain auger (pto))			0.20	0.01
	Pickup truck allo	cation			1.80	0.48
			Total		14.43	10.89

^{*} Truck costs will vary between crops.

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