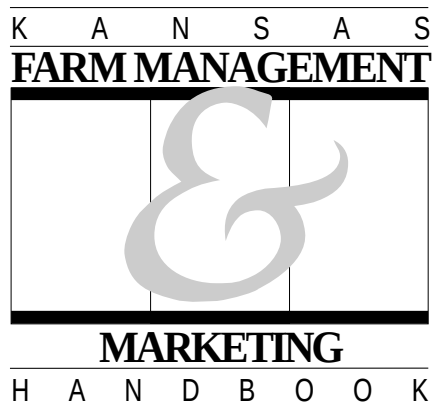




Oil-Type Sunflowers Cost-Return Budget (W-SF-F Rotation) in Western Kansas

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Dryland sunflowers, both confectionary and oil-type, are being used by more farmers in western Kansas as the spring crop in wheat-spring crop-fallow rotations. Sunflower and grain sorghum production are similar in many respects such as in tillage practices, crop water requirements and fertility needs. Quality of land and the amount of experience and the management expertise of crop producers with the crop have a large impact of sunflower yields in this region. Sunflower moth is a problem in sunflower production, but can be controlled with management practices such as planting date selection and timely application of insecticides. See the KSU Management Guide MF-903 for cost-return projections of the wheat crop that precedes sunflowers in the wheat-spring crop-fallow rotation.

Yield Goals

Cost per bushel and net returns in crop production are highly dependent on yields. The following estimated budget includes three different yield levels. Yield goals vary for a number of reasons such as soil type or land quality, historical weather patterns, input levels, and management. Budgeting for alternative yield goals can help producers compare the profitability of crop enterprises on farmland tracts with varying yield potentials. Multi-peril crop insurance expenses are included in Western Kansas crop budgets as a cost of managing crop production risk in an area prone to great yield variability.

Variable and Fixed Costs

Variable costs such as fertilizer, repairs, and fuel-oil are costs that may vary with the level of production. The cost columns show the interest on the variable costs (Lines 1 through 13) for one-half year. Fixed costs do not vary with level of production and are incurred by virtue of owning assets such as land and machinery. Land values are not adjusted for alternative yield goals in this budget. In customizing this budget to fit your farm, attention should be given to using land values representative of your farm's productive capacity.

Profit and Return Factors

Projections of net percentage return on investment permit comparisons to be made among alternative enterprises or other investments. Asset turnover is the ratio of gross revenue to total investment in fixed assets. This financial measure represents the efficiency of capital use.

Table 1. Factors Used for Cost-Return Budget

Item	Yield Level (lb)			
	1,300	1,500	1,700	
Fertilizer:				
N (Anhy.)	40	40	50	\$0.17/lb
N (Dry)	0	0	0	\$0.30/lb
P	0	0	0	\$0.28/lb
K	0	0	0	\$0.13/lb
Lime	0	0	0	\$0.005/lb
Seed,				
seeds/acre	17,000	17,000	17,000	
Seed price,				
\$/1,000 seeds	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	
Labor hours	1.20	1.20	1.20	
Labor price/hour				\$9.00
Land value/acre*				\$525
Land interest rate				6.00%
Land real estate tax rate				0.50%
Machinery investment**				\$191
Machinery life				10 yrs
Salvage value				35.00%
Interest rate on machinery				10.00%
Insurance rate on machinery				0.25%
Interest on variable costs				10.00%

*All land costs were computed and then multiplied by a factor of 1.5 to account for fallow land.

**Investment required per crop and fallow acres.

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	Yield Level (lbs)			Your Farm
	1,300	1,500	1,700	
VARIABLE COSTS PER ACRE: ¹				
1. Labor	\$ 10.80	\$ 10.80	\$ 10.80	
2. Seed	9.35	9.35	9.35	
3. Herbicide	11.34	11.34	11.34	
4. Insecticide	12.58	12.58	12.58	
5. Fertilizer and Lime	6.80	6.80	8.50	
6. Fuel and Oil	7.19	7.19	7.19	
7.				
8. Machinery and Equipment Repairs	8.62	8.62	8.62	
9.				
10. Crop Insurance	4.94	5.18	5.70	
11. Drying				
12. Custom Hire				
13. Crop Consulting				
14. Miscellaneous	5.00	5.00	5.00	
15. Interest on 1/2 Variable Costs	3.83	3.84	3.95	
A. TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.70	\$ 83.03	
FIXED COSTS PER ACRE: ¹				
16. Real Estate Taxes	3.94	3.94	3.94	
17. Interest on Land ²	47.25	47.25	47.25	
18. Rent for Rented Land				
19. Depreciation on Crop Machinery	12.42	12.42	12.42	
20. Interest on Crop Machinery ³	12.89	12.89	12.89	
21.				
22.				
23. Insurance on Machinery	0.48	0.48	0.48	
B. TOTAL FIXED COSTS	\$ 76.97	\$ 76.97	\$ 76.97	
C. TOTAL COSTS (A + B)	\$ 157.42	\$ 157.67	\$ 160.01	
D. YIELD PER ACRE	1,300	1,500	1,700	
E. PRICE PER CWT ⁴	\$ 13.31	\$ 13.31	\$ 13.31	
F. NET GOVERNMENT PAYMENT ⁴	\$ 13.96	\$ 13.96	\$ 13.96	
G. RETURNS PER ACRE [(D × E) + F]	\$ 186.99	\$ 213.61	\$ 240.23	
H. RETURNS OVER VARIABLE COSTS (G-A)	\$ 106.54	\$ 132.91	\$ 157.20	
I. RETURNS OVER TOTAL COSTS (G-C)	\$ 29.57	\$ 55.94	\$ 80.22	
J. VARIABLE COSTS PER CWT (A ÷ D)	\$ 6.19	\$ 5.38	\$ 4.88	
K. FIXED COSTS PER CWT (B ÷ D)	\$ 5.92	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.53	
L. TOTAL COSTS PER CWT (C ÷ D)	\$ 12.11	\$ 10.51	\$ 9.41	
M. ASSET TURNOVER (G ÷ INVESTMENT) ⁵	19.11%	21.83%	24.55%	
N. NET RETURN ON INVESTMENT [(I+15+17+20) ÷ INVESTMENT] ⁵	9.56%	12.26%	14.75%	

¹Totals were derived using information listed in Table 1.²Assumes interest rate shown in Table 1.³Assumes one-half the average investment [(initial investment + salvage value) ÷ 2] at the interest rate shown in Table 1.⁴See MF-1013 "Prices for Crop and Livestock Cost-Return Budgets" and MF-2236 "Government Program Payments for Crop Cost Return Budgets" for additional information on crop prices and program payments.⁵Investment equals total value of all fixed assets shown in Table 1.**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, MANHATTAN, KANSAS**

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