

**Projections for Planning Purposes Only -- Not to be Used without Updating**  
**2016 Estimated Costs and Returns per Acre**  
**RR Corn Silage - Irrigated - 500 Acres**  
**Central Texas Extension District - 8**

Crop Acres		500			Enterprise	
REVENUE		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Total
Corn Silage		25.00	Ton	\$38.00	\$950.00	\$475,000.00
Total Revenue					\$950.00	\$475,000.00
VARIABLE COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Production Costs						
Herbicide						
	Post Plant Herbicide	2	Quart	\$8.75	\$17.50	\$8,750.00
Seed						
	HR Corn Silage Seed	36	Thousand	\$3.00	\$108.00	\$54,000.00
Fertilizer						
	18-46-0	200	Pound	\$0.65	\$130.00	\$65,000.00
	0-0-60	150	Pound	\$0.48	\$72.00	\$36,000.00
	N	220	Pound	\$0.60	\$132.00	\$66,000.00
Custom						
	Custom Fertilize	1	Acre	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$2,500.00
	Custom Harvest and Haul Silage	25	Ton	\$8.00	\$200.00	\$100,000.00
Irrigation						
	Energy Cost	20.00	AcreInch	\$7.00	\$140.00	\$70,000.00
Machinery Labor						
	Tractors/Self-Propelled	0.24	Hour	\$10.00	\$2.40	\$1,200.00
Diesel Fuel						
	Tractors/Self-Propelled	1.91	Gallon	\$2.65	\$5.06	\$2,530.75
Repairs & Maintenance						
	Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$3.82	\$3.82	\$1,909.14
	Implements	1	Acre	\$8.70	\$8.70	\$4,348.41
Interest on Credit Line				4.75%	\$11.07	\$5,534.35
Total Variable Costs					\$835.55	\$417,772.66
Planned Returns Above Variable Costs:					\$114.45	\$57,227.34
Breakeven Price to Cover Variable Costs				\$33.42	Ton	
FIXED COSTS		Quantity	Units	\$/Unit	Total	Enterprise Total
Machinery Depreciation						
	Tractors/Self-Propelled	1	Acre	\$3.95	\$3.95	\$1,972.78
	Implements	1	Acre	\$11.30	\$11.30	\$5,651.27
Equipment Investment						
	Tractors/Self-Propelled	\$30.74	Dollars	6.00%	\$1.84	\$922.11
	Implements	\$48.35	Dollars	6.00%	\$2.90	\$1,450.49
Irrigated Land Rent		1	Acre	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25,000.00
Total Fixed Costs					\$69.99	\$34,996.65
Total Specified Costs					\$905.54	\$452,769.31
Returns Above Specified Costs					\$44.46	\$22,230.69
Breakeven Price to Cover Total Costs				\$36.22	Ton	

Example Breakeven Prices			
Example Yield Percent	Example Yield Ton	Price Needed to Cover Your Variable Costs	Price Needed to Cover Your Total Costs
75%	18.75	\$44.56	\$48.30
90%	22.50	\$37.14	\$40.25
100%	25.00	\$33.42	\$36.22
110%	27.50	\$30.38	\$32.93
125%	31.25	\$26.74	\$28.98

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