

Ag Management Guide

2014

Southern CO - Irrigated Alfalfa

Estimated Production Costs & Returns

GROSS RECIPTS FROM PRODUCTION						
GROSS RECIPTS	Unit	Price	Yield	Per Acre	Per Ton	YOUR FARM
ALFALFA	TONS	\$200.00	6.0	\$1,200	\$200.00	
NET GOV'T PAYMENTS	ACRE			\$0	\$0.00	
Total Receipts				\$1,200	\$200.00	\$0
DIRECT COSTS						
	Unit	Cost/ Unit	Quantity	Cost Per Acre	Cost Per Ton	YOUR FARM
OPERATING PREHARVEST						
ESTABLISHMENT ALLOCATION	DOLS	45.00	1.00	45.00	7.50	
FERTILIZER	DOLS	80.00	1.00	80.00	13.33	
HERBICIDE	DOLS	25.00	1.00	25.00	4.17	
INSECTICIDE	DOLS	20.00	1.00	20.00	3.33	
CUSTOM APPLICATION	DOLS	8.00	1.00	8.00	1.33	
IRRIGATION LABOR	DOLS	25.00	1.00	25.00	4.17	
LABOR	DOLS	6.00	1.00	6.00	1.00	
INTEREST EXPENSE (6 mths @ 7.5%)	DOLS	7.84	1.00	7.84	1.31	
Total Pre-Harvest Expenses				216.84	36.14	\$0
HARVEST COSTS						
CUSTOM SWATHING	DOLS	30.00	1.00	30.00	5.00	
CUSTOM BALING	DOLS	45.00	1.00	45.00	7.50	
CUSTOMING HAUL/STACK	DOLS	24.00	1.00	24.00	4.00	
Total Harvest Costs				99.00	16.50	
Total Operating Costs				315.84	52.64	\$0
PROPERTY & OWNERSHIP COSTS						
GENERAL FARM OVERHEAD	DOLS	20.00	1.00	20.00	3.33	
OWNERSHIP COSTS	DOLS	50.00	1.00	50.00	8.33	
REAL ESTATE TAXES	DOLS	8.00	1.00	8.00	1.33	
Total Property & Ownership Costs				78.00	13.00	\$0
Total Direct Costs				393.84	65.64	\$0
NET RECEIPTS BEFORE FACTOR PAYMEN	806.16	134.36	\$0			
FACTOR PAYMENTS						
Land @ 4%				100.00	16.67	
RETURN TO MANAGEMENT & RISK				706.16	117.69	\$0

BREAKEVEN ANALYSIS - PER ACRE RETURNS OVER TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (\$/ACRE)

		ALTERNATIVE PRICES									
		\$/TONS									
			-25% -10%		+10%				+25%		
ALTERNATIVE YIELDS		\$	150.00	\$	180.00	\$200.00	\$	220.00	\$	250.00	
-25%	4.50		\$281.16		\$416.16	\$506.16		\$596.16		\$731.16	
-10%	5.40		\$416.16		\$578.16	\$686.16		\$794.16		\$956.16	
TONS	6.00		\$506.16		\$686.16	\$806.16		\$926.16		\$1,106.16	
+10%	6.60		\$596.16		\$794.16	\$926.16		\$1,058.16		\$1,256.16	
+25%	7.50		\$731.16		\$956.16	\$1,106.16		\$1,256.16		\$1,481.16	