

2021 Cotton, No-Till, Non-Irrigated Budget

	Unit	Quantity	Price	Total	Your Farm
Revenue¹	Gross Revenue (\$/Acre)				
Cotton	lb	1,120	\$0.76	\$848.29	_____
Government Payments	\$/acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Other Revenue	\$/acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
		Total Revenue		\$848.29	_____
Variable Expenses					
Seed ²	Thous.	50	\$2.24	\$111.76	_____
Wrap ³	lb	1,120	\$0.02	\$26.88	_____
Fertilizer & Lime (Table 1) ⁴	Acre	1	\$136.27	\$136.27	_____
Chemical (Table 2) ⁵	Acre	1	\$137.87	\$137.87	_____
Crop Scout or Consultant	Acre	1	\$11.00	\$11.00	_____
Repair & Maintenance (Table 3) ⁶	Acre	1	\$30.71	\$30.71	_____
Fuel, Oil & Filter (Table 3) ⁶	Acre	1	\$19.38	\$19.38	_____
Operator Labor (Table 3) ⁶	Acre	1	\$12.35	\$12.35	_____
Crop Insurance ⁷	Acre	1	\$8.75	\$8.75	_____
Machinery Rental	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Custom Work	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Other Transportation Costs	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Other	Acre	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
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Operating Interest ⁸	%	\$494.97	4.65%	\$11.51	_____
		Total Variable Expenses		\$506.48	_____
		Return Above Variable Expenses		\$341.81	_____
Fixed Expenses					
Machinery ⁶					
Capital Recovery (Table 3)	Acre	1	\$142.77	\$142.77	_____
Other Fixed Machinery Costs	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Property Taxes	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Cash Rent ⁹	Acre	1	\$97.00	\$97.00	_____
Insurance (Non-Machinery)	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
Management Labor	Acre	1	\$18.00	\$18.00	_____
Other Fixed Costs	Acre	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
		Total Fixed Expenses		\$257.77	_____
		Total Expenses		\$764.25	_____
		Return Above Specified Expenses		\$84.04	_____

Breakeven Price for Selected Yield

Yield (lb)	Variable Cost (\$/lb)	Total Specified Cost (\$/lb)
870	\$0.58	\$0.88
920	\$0.55	\$0.83
970	\$0.52	\$0.79
1,020	\$0.50	\$0.75
1,070	\$0.47	\$0.71
1,120	\$0.45	\$0.68
1,170	\$0.43	\$0.65
1,220	\$0.42	\$0.63
1,270	\$0.40	\$0.60
1,320	\$0.38	\$0.58
1,370	\$0.37	\$0.56

Breakeven Yield for Selected Price

Price (\$/lb)	Variable Cost (lb)	Total Specified Cost (lb)
\$0.51	998	1,506
\$0.56	909	1,371
\$0.61	834	1,258
\$0.66	770	1,163
\$0.71	716	1,080
\$0.76	669	1,009
\$0.81	627	947
\$0.86	591	891
\$0.91	558	842
\$0.96	529	798
\$1.01	503	759

FOOTNOTES

- 1) Cotton price estimate includes the loan rate plus an estimated loan equity payment and seed and hauling allowance. Cotton yield is the predicted 2021 linear trend line yield for cotton in Tennessee, using state average yields from 2000-2020. Most ginning arrangements provide producers cottonseed revenue net ginning costs.
- 2) Seed cost varies by variety and seed size. Check with farm suppliers for rebates, discounts and incentives for seed and chemicals. Substantial cost savings may be available.
- 3) Bale wrap is estimated at \$0.02 per lb of lint.
- 4) Lime is assumed to be applied once every four years at a rate of 2 tons per acre. Includes the cost of application. Fertilizer quantities and prices are shown in elemental lb. Check with farm suppliers for rebates, discounts and incentives for fertilizers, seed and chemicals. Substantial cost savings may be available. Substantial variation in prices for seed, chemical and fertilizer exist based on quantity purchased, product purchased and location of purchase.
- 5) Assumes a normal crop rotation with minimal weed infestation. A continuous cotton system may require additional expenses for chemicals and/or land preparation. Weed control chemicals should be selected for specific weed or grass problems that are present. In-season per-acre cost includes boll weevil eradication fees and chemical expenses for control of plant bugs, bollworm and other insect pests. Additional sprays may be necessary for specific insects. Generic chemicals may be a cost-effective option. Contact your chemical supplier, qualified consultant or weed control specialist. Alternative weed control options are available in the University of Tennessee Weed Control Manual for Tennessee. Follow all labels, state and national regulations when using all chemicals. Check with farm suppliers for rebates, discounts and incentives for seed and chemicals. Substantial cost savings may be available. Significant variation in chemical costs between location and product exist.
- 6) Machinery expenses will vary dramatically by operation, financial resources and land base. The machinery cost estimates provided in Table 3 are provided as an estimate of cost of ownership and operation for specified pieces of machinery that would be available to a "representative" row-crop farm in Tennessee. To estimate machinery costs for a specific set of equipment, interested parties can utilize the Excel version of the budgets and modify the Machinery Assumptions Table.
- 7) Crop insurance is an estimate and will vary by policy, county and coverage election. The estimate provided is the average premium paid per insured acre of cotton in Tennessee for the previous production year, as reported by USDA RMA's Summary of Business Report.
- 8) Operating interest is assumed to be charged on half of all variable expenses.
- 9) Cash rental rates are the 2020 USDA-NASS reported cash rental rates for cropland in Tennessee. Substantial differences may exist in cash rental rates reported by NASS and the prevailing rate in your location.

Table 1. Fertilizer & Lime⁴

Fertilizer	Description	Quantity (lbs)	Price (\$)	Total (\$/Acre)	Your Farm (\$/Acre)
Nitrogen	Urea	40	\$0.39	\$15.61	
	UAN 32%	40	\$0.39	\$15.63	
Phosphorous	P ₂ O ₅	60	\$0.50	\$29.80	
Potassium	K ₂ O	90	\$0.37	\$33.40	
Sulfur		10	\$2.50	\$25.00	
Boron		0.5	\$3.67	\$1.83	
Lime	Limestone	1,000	\$30.00	\$15.00	
Other		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total				\$136.27	

Table 2. Chemicals⁵

Chemical	Function	Description	Unit	Number of Apps.	Quantity	Price	Total (\$/Acre)	Your Farm (\$/Acre)
Herbicides	Burndown	Roundup	qt.	1	1	\$5.69	\$5.69	
		Clarity	oz.	1	8	\$0.72	\$5.74	
	Pre-Emerge	Cotoran	pt.	1	1	\$5.00	\$5.00	
		Caparol	pt.	1	1	\$3.03	\$3.03	
Post-Emerge	Roundup	Liberty	oz.	1	26	\$0.57	\$14.82	
		Roundup	qt.	1	1	\$5.69	\$5.69	
	Sequence	pt.	1	2.5	\$5.99	\$14.98		
	Surfactant	\$/acre		3	1	\$1.50	\$4.50	
Growth Regulator	Mepex (Mepiquat Chloride)		pt.	1	2	\$1.00	\$2.00	
			oz.	1	12	\$0.15	\$1.80	
Defoliant		Ethephon	oz.	1	32	\$0.16	\$5.12	
Boil Opener	Seed Treatment		acre	1	1	\$12.00	\$12.00	
			acre	1	1	\$48.00	\$48.00	
Insecticides	In-Season		acre	1	1	\$9.50	\$9.50	
			acre	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Seed Treatment		acre	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
			acre	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fungicides	Other			0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
				0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Other			0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
				0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total						\$137.87		

Table 3. Machinery⁶

Power Unit	Implement	Size	Capital Recovery	Repairs & Maintenance	Fuel, Oil & Filter	Labor	Total	Your Farm (\$/Acre)
Chop Stalks	Tractor, 215 hp	15'	\$6.46	\$3.84	\$2.47	\$1.96	\$14.74	
Burndown	SP Boom Sprayer	90'	\$7.45	\$0.27	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$8.23	
	Tractor, 215 hp	12-row	\$10.64	\$4.64	\$2.13	\$1.69	\$19.11	
Fertilize	Fertilize Spreader	90'	\$4.21	\$1.53	\$1.70	\$1.35	\$8.79	
Weed Control	SP Boom Sprayer	90'	\$7.45	\$0.27	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$8.23	
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Weed Control	Hooded Sprayer	90'	\$1.64	\$0.32	\$0.59	\$0.47	\$3.03	
Fertilize	Tractor, 215 hp	90'	\$4.21	\$1.53	\$1.70	\$1.35	\$8.79	
Spray	SP Boom Sprayer	90'	\$7.45	\$0.27	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$8.23	
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Harvest	Picker/Module Builder (Round)	6-row	\$61.50	\$16.95	\$7.42	\$2.50	\$88.38	
Harvest	Tractor, 215 hp	Module Handler	\$1.96	\$0.00	\$1.57	\$1.25	\$4.79	
Other			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total			\$142.77	\$30.71	\$19.38	\$12.35	\$205.21	