

**Estimating 2008 Costs of Production**  
**Soybean, Early Season, Center Pivot, Conventional**

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ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
DIRECT EXPENSES					
FERTILIZERS					
0-18-36	lb	0.17	200.0000	34.60	_____
HERBICIDES					
Dual Magnum	pt	12.14	1.5000	18.21	_____
Canopy SP	oz	1.39	3.0000	4.17	_____
Storm	pt	10.23	1.0000	10.23	_____
INSECTICIDES					
Orthene 90S	lb	8.59	1.0000	8.59	_____
SEED/PLANTS					
Soybean Seed Private	lb	0.38	60.0000	22.80	_____
ADJUVANTS					
Surfactant (80-20)	pt	1.27	0.4000	0.51	_____
CUSTOM HIRE					
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre	4.92	1.0000	4.92	_____
Cstm Ap Grd. Herb	acre	5.02	1.0000	5.02	_____
Cstm Ap Air Insect	acre	5.00	1.0000	5.00	_____
Cstm Haul Soybeans	bu	0.15	45.0000	6.75	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	9.45	0.2626	2.48	_____
Harvesters	hour	9.45	0.1021	0.97	_____
IRRIGATION LABOR					
Center pivot Irr.	hour	8.19	0.0568	0.49	_____
HAND LABOR					
Implements	hour	8.19	0.1190	0.97	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.33	2.8599	6.67	_____
Harvesters	gal	2.33	1.4457	3.37	_____
Center pivot Irr.	gal	2.33	14.0000	32.62	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	3.36	1.0000	3.36	_____
Tractors	acre	1.09	1.0000	1.09	_____
Harvesters	acre	2.03	1.0000	2.03	_____
Center pivot Irr.	ac-in	1.39	7.0000	9.80	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	5.98	1.0000	5.98	_____
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				190.63	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	9.92	1.0000	9.92	_____
Tractors	acre	8.30	1.0000	8.30	_____
Harvesters	acre	9.58	1.0000	9.58	_____
Center pivot Irr.	each	8866.29	0.0083	73.89	_____
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				101.69	_____
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				292.32	_____

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**Table 2. Estimated resource use and costs for field operations, per acre, Early Season, Soybeans, Center Pivot, Conventional, 2008**

OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	POWER UNIT SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	POWER UNIT COST		EQUIPMENT COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING/DURABLE INPUT			TOTAL COST
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Disk Harrow	28'	MFWD 225	0.070	1.00	Apr	2.20	2.36	0.59	1.53	0.07	0.66				7.34
Field Cultivate Fld	32'	MFWD 225	0.046	1.00	Apr	1.47	1.57	0.33	1.72	0.04	0.44				5.53
Cstm Ap Grd Fert	acre			1.00	Apr							1.0000	4.92	4.92	4.92
0-18-36	lb											200.0000	0.17	34.60	34.60
Plant - Rigid	12R-20	MFWD 190	0.094	1.00	Apr	2.50	2.68	1.42	3.38	0.18	1.66				11.64
Soybean Seed Private	lb											60.0000	0.38	22.80	22.80
Ditcher		MFWD 105	0.020	0.10	Apr	0.03	0.02		0.01	0.00	0.02				0.08
Field Cult & Inc Fld	32'	MFWD 225	0.049	1.00	May	1.56	1.67	0.42	2.17	0.07	0.67				6.49
Dual Magnum	pt											1.5000	12.14	18.21	18.21
Canopy SP	oz											3.0000	1.39	4.17	4.17
Cstm Ap Grd. Herb	acre			1.00	Jun							1.0000	5.02	5.02	5.02
Storm	pt											1.0000	10.23	10.23	10.23
Surfactant (80-20)	pt											0.4000	1.27	0.51	0.51
Cstm Ap Air Insect	acre			1.00	Jul							1.0000	5.00	5.00	5.00
Orthene 90S	lb											1.0000	8.59	8.59	8.59
Header - Soybean	25' Flex	275hp	0.102	1.00	Aug	5.40	9.58	0.60	1.11	0.10	0.97				17.66
Cstm Haul Soybeans	bu			1.00	Aug							45.0000	0.15	6.75	6.75
Center pivot Irr.	each			1.00	May				73.89			0.0083			73.89
Application 1	ac-in			1.00	May			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 2	ac-in			1.00	May			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 3	ac-in			1.00	Jun			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 4	ac-in			1.00	Jun			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 5	ac-in			1.00	Jun			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 6	ac-in			1.00	Jul			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
Application 7	ac-in			1.00	Jul			6.06		0.00	0.07	1.0000			6.13
TOTALS						13.16	17.88	45.78	83.81	0.54	4.91			120.80	286.34
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL															5.98
UNALLOCATED LABOR															0.00
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST															292.32

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**Table 3. Breakeven Yields (BEY) Required to Cover Direct Expenses and Net Returns above Direct Expenses for Price/Yield Combinations and Select Land Tenure Arrangements, per acre.**

**Soybean, Early Season, Center Pivot Irrigated, Conventional, 2008**

**Farm Owner**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	5.70	6.51	7.32	8.13	8.94	9.75	10.56
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)						
18	-86	-72	-57	-43	-29	-14	0
19	-78	-62	-47	-31	-16	0	16
21	-68	-51	-34	-17	0	17	34
23	-56	-37	-19	0	19	37	56
26	-42	-21	0	21	42	62	83
29	-23	0	23	47	70	94	117
33	0	27	54	81	107	134	161

Farm Owner is assumed to have 100% Equity in Land

**Tenant 75-25 Crop-Share**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	5.70	6.51	7.32	8.13	8.94	9.75	10.56
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)						
24	-86	-72	-58	-43	-29	-14	0
26	-78	-62	-47	-31	-16	0	16
28	-68	-51	-34	-17	0	17	34
31	-56	-38	-19	0	19	38	56
34	-42	-21	0	21	42	63	84
39	-24	0	24	47	71	94	118
45	0	27	54	81	108	135	162

Landowner Receives 25% of the Crop.

Tenant pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator

Landowner Pays 100% of Fixed Irrigation Expenses

**Tenant 90-10 Crop-Share**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	5.70	6.51	7.32	8.13	8.94	9.75	10.56
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)						
20	-86	-72	-57	-43	-29	-14	0
21	-78	-62	-47	-31	-16	0	16
23	-68	-51	-34	-17	0	17	34
26	-56	-37	-19	0	19	37	56
29	-42	-21	0	21	42	62	83
32	-23	0	23	47	70	94	117
37	0	27	54	81	108	135	162

Landowner Receives 10% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator.

**Tenant 80-20 Crop-Share**

BEY (bu/acre)	Crop Price (\$/bu)						
	5.70	6.51	7.32	8.13	8.94	9.75	10.56
	Returns above Variable Costs (\$/Acre)						
22	-86	-72	-57	-43	-29	-14	0
24	-78	-62	-47	-31	-16	0	16
26	-68	-51	-34	-17	0	17	34
29	-56	-38	-19	0	19	38	56
32	-42	-21	0	21	42	63	84
36	-24	0	24	47	71	94	118
42	0	27	54	81	108	135	162

Landowner Receives 20% of the Crop

Tenant Pays 100% of Hauling Crop to Grain Elevator.