

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS 2008 - 2009 ^{1/2/}

ITEM	UNITED STATES		HEARTLAND		EASTERN UPLANDS	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Dollars Per Planted Acre						
Gross value of production						
Primary product: Soybeans	446.45	438.96	502.58	498.74	389.55	388.72
Total, gross value of production	\$446.45	\$438.96	\$502.58	\$498.74	\$389.55	\$388.72
Operating costs:						
Seed	44.35	55.26	42.98	53.50	42.21	52.55
Fertilizer ^{3/}	25.12	23.96	23.42	22.30	38.84	36.97
Chemicals	15.73	17.26	15.29	16.76	12.21	13.39
Custom operations	6.56	7.17	5.54	6.03	7.60	8.28
Fuel, lube, and electricity	20.20	13.48	15.82	10.48	16.78	11.12
Repairs	12.91	13.22	11.25	11.47	11.15	11.37
Purchased irrigation water	0.12	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on operating capital	2.80	0.19	2.56	0.17	2.88	0.19
Total, operating costs	\$127.79	\$130.67	\$116.86	\$120.71	\$131.67	\$133.87
Allocated overhead:						
Hired labor	2.07	2.09	1.23	1.23	2.89	2.89
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	16.77	16.82	15.34	15.34	17.80	17.80
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment	70.98	75.88	67.16	71.65	62.90	67.11
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	94.58	108.98	110.67	127.92	61.83	71.47
Taxes and insurance	9.64	10.84	9.51	10.68	7.38	8.28
General farm overhead	14.29	14.57	14.34	14.62	13.96	14.23
Total, allocated overhead	\$208.35	\$229.19	\$218.25	\$241.44	\$166.76	\$181.78
Total, costs listed	\$336.13	\$359.86	\$335.11	\$362.15	\$298.43	\$315.65
Value of production less total costs listed	110.32	79.10	167.47	136.58	91.12	73.06
Value of production less operating costs	318.66	308.29	385.72	378.02	257.88	254.84
Supporting information:						
Yield (bushels per planted acre)	43	47	46	51	36	40
Price (dollars per bushel at harvest)	10.48	9.30	11.04	9.86	10.79	9.84
Enterprise size (planted acres) ^{1/}	303	303	299	299	321	321
Production practices: ^{1/}						
Irrigated (percent)	9	9	4	4	6	6
Dryland (percent)	91	91	96	96	94	94

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