



# Wheat, Low Yield Threshold\*-2023

NC STATE  
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ESTIMATED COSTS AND RETURNS PER ACRE, 2023  
65 BUSHEL YIELD AVERAGE HISTORY\*

	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE OR COST/UNIT	TOTAL PER ACRE	YOUR FARM
<b>1. GROSS RECEIPTS</b>					
WHEAT***	BU.	55.00	\$7.35	\$404.25	_____
TOTAL RECEIPTS:				<b>\$404.25</b>	_____
<b>2. VARIABLE COSTS</b>					
SEED (CERTIFIED)	MIL	1.50	\$16.50	\$24.75	_____
FERTILIZER					
30-0-0, NITROGEN SOLUTION	LBS	230.00	\$0.36	\$82.80	_____
0-46-0, SUPER PHOSPHATE	LBS	60.00	\$0.46	\$27.60	_____
0-0-60, POTASH	LBS	34.00	\$0.51	\$17.34	_____
LIME (PRORATED)	TON	0.33	\$57.00	\$18.81	_____
HERBICIDES**	ACRE	1.00	\$10.49	\$10.49	_____
FUNGICIDES**	ACRE	1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
INSECTICIDES**	ACRE	1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	_____
AERIAL APPLICATION	APPL	0.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	_____
HAULING	BU.	55.00	\$0.15	\$8.25	_____
TRACTOR/MACHINERY	ACRE	1.00	\$54.05	\$54.05	_____
SCOUT	ACRE	0.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	_____
LABOR	HRS	1.31	\$14.16	\$18.55	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	DOL.	\$117.92	8.0%	\$9.43	_____
TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS:				<b>\$272.07</b>	_____
<b>3. INCOME ABOVE VARIABLE COSTS:</b>				<b>\$132.18</b>	_____
<b>4. FIXED COSTS</b>					
TRACTOR/MACHINERY	ACRE	1.00	\$58.27	\$58.27	_____
TOTAL FIXED COSTS:				<b>\$58.27</b>	_____
<b>5. OTHER COSTS</b>					
GENERAL OVERHEAD	DOL.	\$272.07	7.0%	\$19.04	_____
TOTAL OTHER COSTS:				<b>\$19.04</b>	_____
<b>6. TOTAL COSTS:</b>				<b>\$349.38</b>	_____
<b>7. NET RETURNS TO LAND, RISK, AND MANAGEMENT:</b>				<b>\$54.87</b>	_____

<u>BREAK-EVEN YIELD</u>		<u>BREAK-EVEN PRICE</u>	
VARIABLE COSTS	37 BU.	VARIABLE COSTS	\$4.95
TOTAL COSTS	47 BU.	TOTAL COSTS	\$6.35

-THIS BUDGET WAS DEVELOPED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT INCLUDE LAND RENT, EACH GROWER SHOULD CALCULATE THEIR COST BASED ON THEIR PRICE OF INPUTS, LOCATION, AND MAINTENEECE PRACTICES  
 - FERTILIZER AMOUNTS ARE BASED ON HISTORICAL DATA OF REMOVAL RATES FOR N, P2O5, K2O AND YEILD. GROWERS SHOULD SOIL SAMPLE TO DETERMINE RATES OF APPLICATION FOR NUTRIENTS IN WHEAT



WHEAT FOR GRAIN						
PER ACRE MACHINERY AND LABOR REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEAT						
MONTH	OPERATION	TIMES	LABOR	MACHINE	VARIABLE	FIXED
		OVER	HOURS	HOURS	COSTS	COSTS
11	TANDOM LIGHT DISK 20'	1.00	0.14	0.12	\$3.80	\$5.02
6	BROADCAST SEEDER	1.00	0.12	0.10	\$1.52	\$1.77
6	TRACTOR MTD SPRAYER 60 FT	2.00	0.10	0.08	\$3.08	\$7.72
6	COMBINE W/ HEADER 20'	1.00	0.22	0.18	\$45.65	\$43.76
PER ACRE TOTALS FOR SELECTED OPERATIONS			0.58	0.48	\$54.05	\$58.27
UNALLOCATED LABOR(HRS./AC.)			0.73			

INCOME ABOVE VARIABLE COSTS AT DIFFERING YIELDS AND PRICES					
YIELD	PRICE (\$/bu.)				
BU.	\$6.62	\$6.98	\$7.35	\$7.72	\$8.09
50	\$59.68	\$77.68	\$96.18	\$114.68	\$133.18
52	\$72.62	\$91.34	\$110.58	\$129.82	\$149.06
55	\$92.03	\$111.83	\$132.18	\$152.53	\$172.88
58	\$111.44	\$132.32	\$153.78	\$175.24	\$196.70
61	\$130.85	\$152.81	\$175.38	\$197.95	\$220.52

\*THE YEILD REPRESENTED IN THIS BUDGET IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE MAINTENANCE PRACTICES LISTED. IT IS ASSUMED FARMERS WILL ADJUST THEIR MAINTENANCE PRACTICES BASED ON THEIR ABILITY TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT WITH THEIR GIVEN YEILD HISTORY.  
 \*\*HERBICIDE COST ASSUME NO RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT, GROWERS SHOULD ONLY APPLY PESTICIDES AS NEEDED  
 \*\*\*FEED WHEAT PRICES IN THIS BUDGET ARE BASED ON FUTURES PRICES + .80 BASIS FOR LOCAL CONTRACTS AS OF 12-15-2022, PRICE AND BASIS FOR FEED WHEAT IN NORTH CAROINA IS RELATIVE TO THE PRICE OF CORN  
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