

CORN 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: Corn grain	627.84	560.04	685.72	610.09	569.52	560.04
Secondary product: Corn silage	1.52	1.18	0.78	0.70	7.56	5.73
Total, gross value of production	\$629.36	\$561.22	\$686.50	\$610.79	\$577.08	\$565.77
Operating costs:						
Seed	60.02	78.92	61.29	80.61	55.90	73.52
Fertilizer ^{3/}	139.18	132.53	146.62	139.37	177.46	168.69
Chemicals	25.19	28.23	27.68	30.96	24.94	27.90
Custom operations ^{4/}	10.98	11.98	9.80	10.67	9.67	10.53
Fuel, lube, and electricity	42.64	29.12	32.73	22.14	27.95	19.68
Repairs	15.37	15.69	13.46	13.72	13.04	13.29
Purchased irrigation water	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on operating capital	2.17	0.43	2.16	0.43	2.29	0.45
Total, operating costs	\$295.69	\$297.04	\$293.74	\$297.90	\$311.25	\$314.06
Allocated overhead:						
Hired labor	2.37	2.41	1.56	1.59	1.29	1.32
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	25.12	25.67	21.96	22.44	41.86	42.77
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment	76.36	81.48	73.02	77.91	68.64	73.24
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	107.37	116.10	123.66	133.40	74.02	79.85
Taxes and insurance	8.29	9.48	7.64	8.70	6.47	7.37
General farm overhead	14.18	14.49	13.35	13.61	11.60	11.83
Total, allocated overhead	\$233.69	\$249.63	\$241.19	\$257.65	\$203.88	\$216.38
Total, costs listed	\$529.38	\$546.67	\$534.93	\$555.55	\$515.13	\$530.44
Value of production less total costs listed	99.98	14.55	151.57	55.24	61.95	35.33
Value of production less operating costs	333.67	264.18	392.76	312.89	265.83	251.71
Supporting information:						
Yield (bushels per planted acre)	144	156	158	169	126	156
Price (dollars per bushel at harvest)	4.36	3.59	4.34	3.61	4.52	3.59
Enterprise size (planted acres) ^{1/}	250	250	281	281	77	77
Production practices: ^{1/}						
Irrigated (percent)	12	12	5	5	2	2
Dryland (percent)	88	88	95	95	98	98

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