

2026 UNL #005 Alfalfa, Dryland, Conv. Till, Establish Spring Seed, Small Square Bales - 2026

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Economic Enterprise Budget

Category	amt applied	cost per unit	cost per acre	Enterprise Total
Revenue		Value / ton	Value / acre	Total
Total Gross Revenue	Add Revenue		\$ ---	\$ ---
Operating Costs	Amount / acre	Cost / unit	Cost / acre	Total
▶ Seed			\$126.00	\$6,300.00
▶ Fertilizer			\$46.00	\$2,300.00
▶ Pesticide			\$16.02	\$800.75
▶ Custom Services			\$24.00	\$1,200.00
▶ Labor			\$34.01	\$1,700.55
▶ Fuel and Energy			\$25.19	\$1,259.49
▶ Repairs and Maintenance			\$16.31	\$815.39
▶ Other:			\$42.00	\$2,100.00
Interest on Operating Capital			\$13.18	\$659.05
Total Operating Costs		\$122.39/ton	\$342.70	\$17,135.22
Net Return Above Total Operating		\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Ownership and Overhead Costs		Cost / ton	Cost / acre	Total
General Overhead			\$28.00	\$1,400.00
Facility Cash Costs			\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Cash Costs			\$0.00	\$0.00
▶ Land Rent:			\$0.00	\$0.00
▶ Real Estate Taxes:			\$62.44	\$3,122.00
Equipment Depreciation			\$102.07	\$5,103.72
Facility Depreciation			\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment Opportunity Cost			\$29.55	\$1,477.48
Facility Opportunity Cost			\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Opportunity Cost			\$133.80	\$6,690.00
Total Ownership and Overhead Costs		\$127.09/ton	\$355.86	\$17,793.20
Total Economic Cost		\$249.49/ton	\$698.57	\$34,928.42
Net Return Above Total Costs		\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---

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Field Operation Costs / Acre

Field Operation	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
Spread Fertilizer	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	2.28	1.58	0.04	3.08	1.10	
UNL Fertilizer Spreader			2.00	3.33	0.75	
	\$2.28	\$1.58	\$2.04	\$6.41	\$1.85	\$14.15
Disk	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Large Tractor >150 hp	2.70	2.86	0.26	6.55	4.43	
UNL Disk			1.76	4.00	1.02	
	\$2.70	\$2.86	\$2.02	\$10.55	\$5.45	\$23.57
Field Cultivation	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Large Tractor >150 hp	1.98	2.09	0.19	4.80	3.25	
UNL Field Cultivator			1.98	4.00	1.42	
	\$1.98	\$2.09	\$2.17	\$8.80	\$4.67	\$19.72
Spray Insecticide	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	0.18	0.12	0.00	0.24	0.09	
UNL Boom Sprayer			0.19	0.67	0.21	
	\$0.18	\$0.12	\$0.19	\$0.91	\$0.30	\$1.70
Spray Herbicide	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	0.90	0.62	0.02	1.21	0.43	
UNL Boom Sprayer			0.95	3.33	1.05	
	\$0.90	\$0.62	\$0.97	\$4.54	\$1.48	\$8.51
Swath /Condition Hay	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	2.97	2.05	0.05	4.00	1.43	
UNL Mower-conditioner			2.09	4.00	0.78	
	\$2.97	\$2.05	\$2.14	\$8.00	\$2.21	\$17.36
Bale Small Squares	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	16.63	11.48	0.28	22.40	7.98	
UNL Baler - Small Square			5.29	28.00	2.27	
	\$16.63	\$11.48	\$5.57	\$50.40	\$10.25	\$94.33
Load Small Square	Labor	Fuel	Repairs	Deprec.	Opp.	Total / acre
UNL Medium Tractor >80 hp	6.36	4.39	0.11	8.57	3.05	
UNL Wagon			1.09	3.90	0.30	
	\$6.36	\$4.39	\$1.20	\$12.47	\$3.36	\$27.78
Operations Totals:	\$34.01	\$25.19	\$16.31	\$102.07	\$29.55	\$207.13

Machine costs shown in this report do not include taxes, housing, insurance or licensing costs. 'THILM' expenses may be entered in detail for your own enterprises as cash overhead costs and summarized in 'Ownership and Overhead' costs.

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Purchased Materials, Inputs, and Services

Operation / Name	% of acres Applied	Qty Applied / acre	Cost / unit	Total \$ / acre
Spread Fertilizer	% acres	qty / acre	cost / unit	total / acre
11-52-0	100 %	100 pound	\$0.46/ pound	46.00
				\$46.00
Seeder /Packer (Custom Service)	% acres	qty / acre	cost / unit	total / acre
Alfalfa RR w/Inoculant	100 %	12 pound	\$10.50/ pound	126.00
Seeder /Pakcer	100 %		\$24.00/ acre	24.00
				\$150.00
Spray Insecticide	% acres	qty / acre	cost / unit	total / acre
Mustang Maxx	20 %	4 ounce	\$180.00/ gallon	1.13
				\$1.13
Spray Herbicide	% acres	qty / acre	cost / unit	total / acre
21-0-0-24S	100 %	1.7 pound	\$0.45/ pound	0.77
Roundup PowerMax 3	100 %	32 ounce	\$27.00/ gallon	6.75
Brox 2EC	100 %	1 pint	\$59.00/ gallon	7.38
				\$14.89
Bale Small Squares	% acres	qty / acre	cost / unit	total / acre
Twine small square	100 %	2.8 ton	\$15.00/ ton	42.00
				\$42.00
Material, Input, and Service Total:				\$254.01