Costs and Returns per acre from growing corn for silage, 2006
Utah County

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**Operating costs**

- **Land preparation**
  - Plowing: 1 acre, $5.88, $5.88, $5.88
  - Discing: 1 acre, $3.73, $3.73, $3.73
  - Land plane: 1 acre, $3.34, $3.34, $3.34
  - Roller harrow: 2 acres, $3.64, $7.28, $7.28
  - Planting: 1 acre, $5.28, $5.28, $5.28
- **Seed**: 0.45 bags, $90.00, $40.50, $40.50
- **Cultivation**: 1 acre, $5.28, $5.28, $5.28
- **Nitrogen (34-0-0)**: 573 pounds, $0.18, $102.28, $102.28
- **Phosphate (11-52-0)**: 48 pounds, $0.18, $8.57, $8.57
- **Custom application**: 1 acre, $7.82, $7.82, $7.82
- **Pesticides/herbicides**
  - Roundup: 1.00 Quarts, $6.32, $6.32, $6.32
  - Phorate: 6.75 pounds, $2.40, $16.20, $16.20
  - 2,4-D: 2.50 pints, $2.75, $6.87, $6.87
- **Custom application**: 1 acre, $7.82, $7.82, $7.82
- **Irrigation (flood)**
  - Water assessment: 1 share, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00
  - Labor: 1.33 hours, $10.00, $13.33, $13.33
- **Repairs/maintenance**
  - 1 acre, $2.30, $2.30, $2.30
- **Pumpining**
  - 26 acre inch, $0.00, $0.00, $0.00
- **Harvesting**
  - Chopping: 1 acre, $6.79, $6.79, $6.79
  - Packing and pushing: 1 acre, $5.73, $5.73, $5.73
  - Trucking: 2.2 loads/acre, $16.04, $34.16, $34.16
- **Crop insurance (75% Yield, 100% Price)**
  - 1 acre, $13.06, $13.06, $13.06
- **Interest on operating capital**: 7.61%, $6.08, $6.08, $6.08

**Ownership costs (excludes cost of land)**

- **Insurance**: 1 acre, $2.00, $2.00, $2.00
- **Machinery ownership costs**: 1 acre, $129.83, $129.83, $129.83
- **Irrigation equipment costs**: 1 acre, $8.25, $8.25, $8.25

**Subtotal**: $319.90, $319.90

**Total costs**: $459.98, $459.98

**Net returns to owner for unpaid labor, management, equity and risk**

- **Above operating costs**: $348.46, $348.46
- **Above total costs**: $208.38, $208.38

### Breakeven Table - Corn Silage

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**Assumptions**

1. Corn planted in late March and harvested in September.
2. Interest computed on land preparation and planting costs for 6 months and cultivation, fertilization, herbicide and irrigation costs for 3 months.
3. Machinery operating costs include fuel, oil, repairs and labor.
4. Machinery ownership costs are allocated based on equipment used for each crop.
5. Machinery ownership costs include depreciation, interest, insurance, and housing.

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