

Gross Margin Budget Overview

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Overview

	Price	Yield	Sourced irrigation water^	Income	Expenses	Gross Margin (Ha)	Gross Margin (ML)
Cotton #1	\$ 573	12	7.8	\$ 7,896	\$ 4,697	\$ 3,199	\$ 410
Scenario:	Season turns hotter, drier						
Cotton #2	\$ 573	11	5	\$ 7,238	\$ 4,414	\$ 2,824	\$ 565
Scenario:	Season remains wetter, cooler						

Notes

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The cost of irrigation needs to be calculated on sourced water. Industry studies suggest on average, applied water is 76% of water sourced
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Operations, prices and rates are indicative only, change them to reflect your own farming practices
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Compare cotton crop scenarios or other crops. Change the scenario description in each tab in C8
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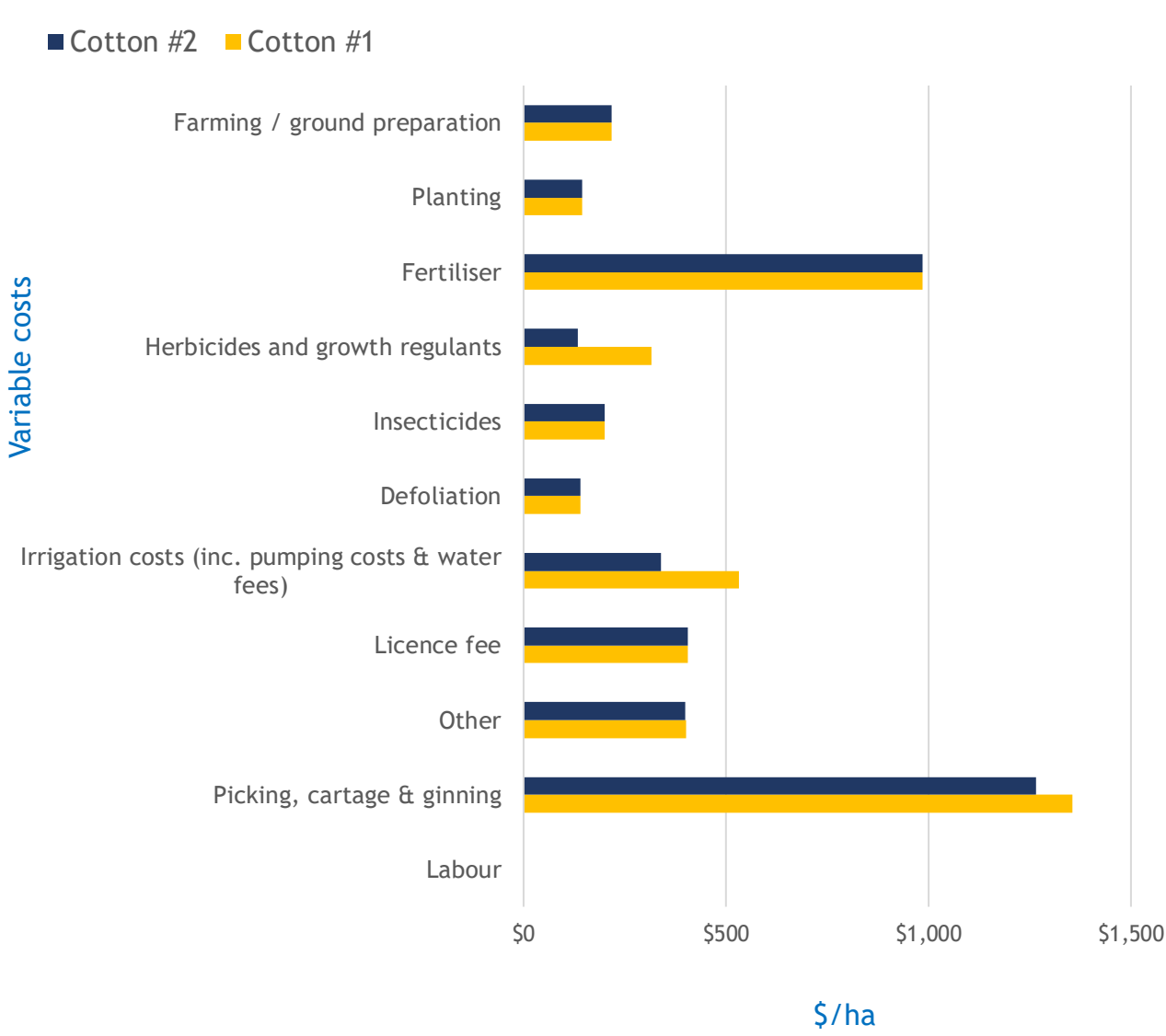
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Refer to the suite of CottonInfo gross margins for indicative contractor pricing [Click here](#)
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To ensure flexibility with scenario comparison, the two scenario sheets are not linked.
i.e if you want pricing in both tabs changed, you'll need to change the corresponding cells on both tabs
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As a gross margin comparison, each scenario only includes variable costs related directly to the crop
i.e not included are borrowing costs, depreciation or labour

Expense comparison



Sensitivity - Cotton #1

SENSITIVITY TABLE		(Gross Margin \$/Ha)					
		PRICE (\$/bale excl. of seed & discounts)					
YIELD (227kg lint bales/ha)	8.0	450	500	550	600	650	700
	9.0	-47	353	753	1153	1553	1953
	10.0	396	846	1296	1746	2196	2646
	11.0	838	1338	1838	2338	2838	3338
	12.0	1281	1831	2381	2931	3481	4031
	13.0	1723	2323	2923	3523	4123	4723
	14.0	2166	2816	3466	4116	4766	5416
	15.0	2608	3308	4008	4708	5408	6108

SENSITIVITY TABLE		(Gross Margin \$/ML)					
		PRICE (\$/bale excl. of seed & discounts)					
YIELD (227kg lint bales/ha)	8.0	450	500	550	600	650	700
	9.0	-6	45	97	148	199	250
	10.0	51	108	166	224	282	339
	11.0	107	172	236	300	364	428
	12.0	164	235	305	376	446	517
	13.0	221	298	375	452	529	606
	14.0	278	361	444	528	611	694
	15.0	334	424	514	604	693	783

Sensitivity - Cotton #2

SENSITIVITY TABLE		(Gross Margin \$/Ha)					
		PRICE (\$/bale excl. of seed & discounts)					
YIELD (227kg lint bales/ha)	8.0	450	500	550	600	650	700
	9.0	144	544	944	1344	1744	2144
	10.0	587	1037	1487	1937	2387	2837
	11.0	1029	1529	2029	2529	3029	3529
	12.0	1471	2021	2571	3121	3671	4221
	13.0	1914	2514	3114	3714	4314	4914
	14.0	2356	3006	3656	4306	4956	5606
	15.0	2799	3499	4199	4899	5599	6299

SENSITIVITY TABLE		(Gross Margin \$/ML)					
		PRICE (\$/bale excl. of seed & discounts)					
YIELD (227kg lint bales/ha)	8.0	450	500	550	600	650	700
	9.0	29	109	189	269	349	429
	10.0	117	207	297	387	477	567
	11.0	206	306	406	506	606	706
	12.0	294	404	514	624	734	844
	13.0	383	503	623	743	863	983
	14.0	471	601	731	861	991	1121
	15.0	560	700	840	980	1120	1260

This budget is designed to give an indication of operations and costs required to grow an Australian cotton crop. Prices are estimates only. This budget should be altered to take account of individual field management plans, movements in crop and input prices and changes in seasonal conditions. In all instances, operations should be tailored to the requirements of individual paddocks. For a complete guide to cotton management, see the *Australian Cotton Production Manual*.