Net Farm Income Outlook 2024 and 2025 Estimates

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Outline for today

- Review of last 10 years
 - Specifically the distribution of returns
- Forecast for this year and next
- Where are inputs headed

First, an overview of KFMA farm financials

- Debt levels
- Interest costs
- Net Farm Income
- Balance sheet situation

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Distribution of NFI by Year

- How a CDF works
 - A point on the blue line represents the % of farmers earning that NFI or lower
 - The more horizontal the line the greater the range of NFI
 - Lines to the right are better
- Last year 30% of farmers had negative NFI
 - 2nd worse year in 10
 - on the positive side, 70% of farmers had positive NFI



Distribution of NFI - 10 yr combined

- When averaged across 10 years, most farms are doing OK
 - Based on a panel dataset (consistent set of farms)
- There may be motives other than profit contributing to the 6% of farms with a negative 10-yr NFI
- The median NFI over 10-years was about \$75,000 per year



Histogram of Number of Years of Negative NFI by Farm Count





Balance sheets are strong

- Rising land values contribute to higher equity
- D/A ratios are strong
 - D/A ratio is a lagging indicator of farm troubles
- Masked in this graph is the increase in debt











Interest rates paid by farmers are relatively low

- This is across all debt
- Increase in overall rate the last 2 years as short-term rates increase
- At what point do rates and interest become a problem?

My estimates as of June 2024

- Based on KFMA grain farms
- Normal yields
 - except for 2024 wheat
- Prices based on futures market

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	2022	2023	2024(p)	Est 2025
Income				
	\$ 92,769	\$ 130,138	\$ 135,344	\$ 135,344
Dairy-livestock	10.000			
Dairy-milk				
Sheep	93	118	118	118
Swine	3,715	2,886	2,886	2,886
Poultry and eggs	224	225	225	225
Other livestock	1,887	890	899	899
Custom feeding	8,421	6,569	6,241	6,241
Ad hoc pmt - Livestock				
minus Feed purchased	40,355	41,551	35,319	35,319
	\$ 66,754	\$ 99,276	\$ 110,394	\$ 110.394
Corn	262.091	222,807	267,999	299.017
Grain sorghum	37,782	31,646	40,653	45,107
Soybeans	201,404	169,391	223,663	230,677
Sunflowers	220	519		
Wheat	149,723	127,271	113,367	134,921
Hay and forage	23,814	20,910	20,910	20,910
Other crop				
Govt payment (farm bill only)	24,807	24,193	16,757	
Ad hoc pmt - Crops	· · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Crop ins proceeds	153,022	124,182	54,816	37,204
Machine work	14,569	15,792	16,582	16,913
Other income and hedging	40.525	44,710	45,605	46,517
	\$ 907.957	\$ 781,420	\$ 800.350	\$ 831,265
	\$ 974,711	\$ 880,695	\$ 910,744	\$ 941,659
IOTAL VIP	\$ 9/4,/11	\$ 880,635	\$ 910,744	\$ 941,059
Expenses				
Hired Labor	25,774	28,242	29,111	30,567
Machinery Repairs	64,438	69,345	70,829	74,371
	2,723	2,943	3.091	3,183
Irrigation Repairs				
Building Repairs	3,910	3,768	3,957	4,076
Seed/Other Crop Expenses	83,903	90,995	87,998	87,998
Crop Insurance	32,778	34,063	37,724	39,610
Fertilizer-Lime	161,985	150,578	138,163	149,216
Machine Hire	26,064	27,071	27,155	27,698
Organization Fees, Publications	5,754	6,383	6,212	6,337
Vet-Med-Drugs	4,298	4,398	4,618	4,756
Misc Crop Expense	4,174	4,059	4,137	4,261
Misc Livestock Expense	2,952	3,605	3,785	3,898
Dairy Expense		-	-	
Gas-Fuel-Oil	41,040	36,604	35,078	35,078
Irrigation Energy	6,828	4,378	4,378	4,378
Real Estate Taxes	11,339	11,922	12,279	12,648
Personal Property Taxes	2,723	2,954	2,906	2,993
General Farm Insurance	15,929	17,808	19.631	2,993
Utilities	7,391	7,564	7,580	7,807
Cash Farm Rent	52,444	54,150	56,857	59,700
Herbicide-Insecticide	102,769	104,213	105,255	110,518
	2,350	1,866	1,798	1,834
Conservation		896	769	730
Conservation Auto Expense	860		35	36
	63	34		
Auto Expense Other expenses		<u>34</u> \$ 667,838	\$ 663,347	\$ 692,307
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	Net	t Farm Inc	om	e - state			
		2022		2023		2024(p)	Est 2025
NFI	\$	203,445	\$	89,667	\$	118,048	\$ 114,965
% Change		0		-56%		32%	-3%
	Net	t Farm Inc	om	e - east			
		2022		2023		2024(p)	Est 2025
NFI	\$	199,177	\$	105,391	\$	72,336	\$ 78,195
% Change	4756	0		-47%	2	-31%	8%
	Ne	t Farm Inc	om	e - centra	I		
		2022		2023		2024(p)	Est 2025
NFI	\$	160,143	\$	61,311	\$	156,569	\$ 142,589
% Change		0	- 10	-62%	90000 5	155%	-9%
	Ne	t Farm Inc	om	e - west			
		2022		2023		2024(p)	Est 2025
NFI	\$	400,164	\$	141,271	\$	149,488	\$ 154,147
% Change		0		-65%		6%	3%

Summary of NFI

- The next couple of years look challenging based on current prices
- Some bounce back in NFI
 - However 2023 was a low NFI year
- Rainfall (or lack of it) could change these estimates greatly

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What is happening at the margins

- 35% of farms could have negative NFI this year and next



Input prices for the next year

- oil and diesel
- fertilizer

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Predicting oil prices is the key to diesel prices

- High correlation between oil and diesel
 - Not as strong as oil and gas though
- This regression line is not as accurate as it once was
 - Diesel seems to have more price variability
 - More of a recent issue



Oil prices for the last year

- \$68 to \$90 range
- Russian/Ukraine war premium seems to have vanished
 - At the start of war, oil was at \$130
 - Maybe there should be more of a war premium
 - Ukraine is now targeting Russian oil refineries
- Oil futures provide little information
 - High \$70 range for the foreseeable future



Refinery issues still a concern

- We are one hurricane or refinery fire away from a major price shock
- Major reason why gas and diesel stock remain relatively low



Price premium of diesel for last 12 months





The price premium of diesel has behaved differently the last 2 years

- In past years the premium has been more consistent
- In the distant past, the premium was consistently smaller
- \$0.50 seems to be the more recent premium





Diesel price prediction for the next 12 months

- Based on oil futures market and the diesel premium
- Assumption that the premium is following the same pattern as last year
- Is the oil futures price too low?
 - should there be a bigger confidence interval on estimate?

Latest fertilizer prediction model

Term	Coefficient	P-value
Intercept	-325.22	< 0.001
Oil (lag 6 mo)	2.77	< 0.001
Corn	42.21	< 0.001
Inflation (lead 2 mo)	195.78	< 0.001

• based on corn futures price

- oil price
 - lag 6 months
- inflation expectations
 - 2 month lead



Adding inflation expectations helped model

- Original model (using corn and oil) didn't predict \$1000 AA
- Model has the highest correlation with inflation
- Model has limited data points for when AA is > \$1,000



How has model worked in the past

- 0.73 correlation
 - very good
- Overestimating current price at the moment
 - may be due to my estimate of inflation





Prediction for next 12 months

- My current prediction is above current prices
- Expectation of higher AA prices due to my estimate of higher inflation



High correlation among all fertilizers

- Many wildcards with fertilizer predictions
 - Russian/Ukraine war is important
 - Russia is one of the biggest oil exporters
 - Russia is also a big fertilizer exporter

Questions?

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