

Table 5. Estimated costs, conventional versus organic rice, Jefferson-Liberty Counties in Texas, 2013.

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Conventional</b>	<b>Organic</b>
Variable Expenses (\$/ha):		
Seed	115	131
Custom Air Seeding	---	15
Survey Levees	7	---
Fertilizer	461	247
Custom Fertilizer Application	56	40
Herbicides	253	---
Insecticides	25	---
Fungicides	66	---
Custom Pesticide Application	55	---
Water Cost	133	178
Irrigation Labor	22	30
Diesel Fuel	96	46
Gasoline	28	28
Machinery Labor	129	75
Repairs & Maintenance	82	68
Rice Drying	238	138
Rice Hauling	57	33
Sales Commissions	13	8
Interest on Credit Line	33	19
<b>Total Variable Expenses (\$/ha)</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>1,055</b>
Fixed Expenses (\$/ha):		
Tractors	51	23
Implements	32	21
Self-Propelled	73	73
TDA Certification <sup>a</sup>	---	9
Cash Rent	136	136
<b>Total Fixed Expenses (\$/ha)</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Total Specified Costs (\$/ha)</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>1,317</b>
Yield (kg/ha)	7,606	4,403
Market Price (\$/kg)	0.3285	0.6373
Gross Income (\$/ha)	2,498	2,806
<b>Net Margin (\$/ha)</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1489</b>
<b>Breakeven Price (\$/kg)</b>	<b>0.2843</b>	<b>0.2991</b>
<b>Breakeven Yield (kg/ha)</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>2,067</b>

<sup>a</sup>Texas Department of Agriculture organic certification fee.