

The following costs were obtained from the records of the ranches involved. In some cases the individual items are not exactly comparable from one ranch to the other due to differences in bookkeeping systems. The differences are not great, however, and the totals are comparable.

| | Ranch Number | | | | Av. | |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Acres | 84 | 41.8 | 10.5 | 13.5 | 37.5 | |
| Yield - tons | 9.5 | 16.1 | 15.5 | 11.7 | 13.2 | |
| Cash Operating Costs per Acre | | | | | | |
| Prune | 49.50 | 67.12 | 71.30 | 50.00 | 59.48 | 60.00 |
| Burn brush | 2.00 | 4.64 | — | — | 1.66 | 1.50 |
| Sucker | 3.69 | — | — | — | .92 | 1.00 |
| Fertilize | 12.75 | 41.75 | 19.35 | 9.30 | 20.79 | 20.00 |
| Thin | — | — | 4.57 | — | 1.14 | |
| Blight control | 23.07 | 4.79 | — | 47.06 | 18.73 | |
| Spray | 33.15 | 56.90 | 39.45 | 164.28 | 73.44 | |
| Cultivate | 7.74 | 10.59 | — | 12.56 | 7.72 | |
| Irrigate | 30.58 | 90.56 | 25.70 | 44.18 | 47.75 | |
| Drain maintenance | 3.93 | 2.10 | — | — | 1.51 | |
| New trees | 5.95 | .36 | — | — | 7.58 | |
| Wiring | — | 3.54 | — | — | .89 | |
| Misc. labor and material | 17.85 | 47.80 | 11.54 | 22.81 | 25.00 | |
| Supervision | — | 23.20 | 228.50 | 16.44 | 67.04 | |
| Machinery Repairs & Fuel | 7.74 | 66.02 | 68.20 | 22.27 | 41.06 | |
| Total cultural | 197.95 | 419.37 | 468.61 | 388.90 | 368.71 | |
| Pick | 72.25 | 135.10 | 135.00 | 103.56 | 111.48 | |
| Lug rent | — | — | 13.00 | — | 3.25 | |
| Haul | 28.51 | 50.70 | 53.60 | 40.00 | 43.20 | |
| Supervise harvest | 4.76 | — | — | — | 1.19 | |
| Total harvest | 105.52 | 185.80 | 201.60 | 143.56 | 159.12 | |
| Cash Overhead | | | | | | |
| Taxes | 11.50 | 11.45 | 38.90 | 13.41 | 18.81 | |
| Insurance | 12.96 | 19.28 | 10.00 | 5.24 | 11.87 | |
| Depreciation | 68.35 | 82.56 | 78.10 | 48.05 | 69.26 | |
| Building Repair | — | 12.90 | — | — | 3.23 | |
| Interest | 30.21 | 59.79 | 43.40 | 38.72 | 43.03 | |
| Total Cost per Acre | 426.49 | 791.15 | 840.61 | 637.88 | 674.03 | |
| Cost per Ton | 44.89 | 49.14 | 54.23 | 54.52 | 51.06 | |
| Investment per Acre - Original cost or present replacement cost | | | | | | |
| Land | 500.00 | 500.00 | 300.00 | 500.00 | 450.00 | |
| Trees | — | 550.00 | 646.00 | 193.00 | 347.25 | |
| Irrigation system | — | 112.25 | — | 155.00 | 66.81 | |
| Buildings | 47.30 | 269.00 | 118.00 | 145.70 | 145.00 | |
| Machinery including tractors | 161.20 | 445.00 | 372.00 | 55.30 | 258.37 | |
| Drainage | — | 15.60 | — | — | 3.90 | |
| Total | 708.50 | 1891.85 | 1436.00 | 1049.00 | 1271.33 | |

Record No. 1 has a young orchard which is being developed. These costs are used in lieu of depreciation on the old orchard so no investment is shown on trees.