

COSTS OF PRODUCTION - WHEAT - TULARE COUNTY - 1975
BASED ON YIELD OF 6000 LBS. PER ACRE

Man labor @ \$3.50 per hour, including Social Security and Compensation Insurance; 80 hp tractor @ \$3.20 per hour cash costs; depreciation @ \$2.04; interest @ \$1.02.

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	SAMPLE COSTS		YOUR COSTS	
	Per Acre	Per CWT	Per Acre	Per CWT
Pre-Harvest Cash Costs:				
Land preparation: man & tractor, 2 hours	\$ 13.40			
Planting: man & tractor, 0.3 hour	2.01			
Seed: 80 lbs. @ \$17/cwt.	13.60			
Irrigate: pre + 3 drop, 5 hours	17.50			
Water: power, 2 ac. ft. @ \$4.80	9.60			
+ district tax \$6.00	6.00			
Fertilizer application: contract	2.50			
Fertilizer: 150 lbs. N @ 20¢/lb.	30.00			
40 lbs. P ₂ O ₅ @ 29¢/lb.	11.60			
Misc. labor & tractor - one hour	6.70			
County Taxes: land - \$20	20.00			
equipment - \$3.00	3.00			
Office, car, operating capital, etc.	10.02			
Repairs: irrig. system, equip. (except tractor)	9.00			
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS	\$154.93	\$ 2.58		
Harvesting Costs:				
Combine & hauling: contract \$10/acre + 20¢/cwt + \$3.00/ton	\$ 31.00			
TOTAL HARVESTING COSTS	\$ 31.00	\$.52		
TOTAL CASH COSTS	\$185.93	\$ 3.10		
Depreciation:				
Irrigation System: orig. cost \$280, 16 yrs. life	\$ 17.50			
Tractor: 3.3 hrs. @ \$2.04/hr.	6.73			
Equipment: cost \$50, 10 yrs. life	5.00			
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	\$ 29.23	\$.49		
TOTAL CASH & DEPRECIATION	\$215.16	\$ 3.59		
Interest on Investment @ 8%:				
Land: \$1000	\$ 80.00			
Irrigation system: on ½ cost (\$140)	11.20			
Tractor: 3.3 hrs. @ \$1.02	3.37			
Equipment: on ½ cost (\$25)	2.00			
TOTAL INTEREST	\$ 96.57	\$ 1.61		
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION	\$311.73	\$ 5.20		

COSTS PER CWT AT VARYING YIELDS - SINGLE CROPPED

Yield - #/A	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
Cash & Depreciation Costs	\$5.20	\$4.66	\$4.23	\$3.88	\$3.59	\$3.34	\$3.12	\$2.94
Total Costs	\$7.62	\$6.81	\$6.16	\$5.64	\$5.20	\$4.82	\$4.50	\$4.23