

Sample Costs to Produce Alfalfa  
in  
Tehama County  
1974

100 acres of alfalfa on a 400 acre ranch

	<u>Cost (\$)/Acre</u>
<u>Establishment*</u>	
Land Preparation (2.2 hrs. tractor time)	\$26.00
Fertilize (400 lbs. single super phosphate custom applied)	14.00
Plant and Cultipack (custom broadcast 25 lbs. seed/ac.)	41.00
Preirrigate	<u>3.00</u>
	84.00
<u>Cultural*</u>	
Fertilization (250 lbs. single super phosphate custom applied)	9.00
Herbicide	7.00
Insecticide	5.00
Irrigation (10X - 3 ac. ft. total)	<u>20.00</u>
	41.00
<u>Harvest*</u>	
Swath 5X Custom	17.00
Bale 5X Custom	<u>36.00</u>
	53.00
<u>Depreciation and Interest</u>	
Irrigation System, Buildings, Equipment	27.00
<u>Miscellaneous Overhead</u>	
Office, misc.	5.00
Taxes	<u>20.00</u>
	25.00

\*Includes fuel, repairs, labor and material

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