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SAMPLE INPUTS AND COSTS FOR PRUNES IN SAN BENITO COUNTY  
With a Yield of 2 Dried Tons per Acre

	Man	Trac-	Truck	Cost per acre	Cost per ton	My cost per A.
	labor	tor				
Hours per acre						
Pruning @ \$1 per hour	20			\$20.00		
Brush disposal	2		1.0	4.70		
Spraying, av. 1 application incl. .75 for rig	2	1.0		5.85		
Dusting, contract, 1 application				2.50		
Cultivate and check or furrow	5	4.5		18.95		
Irrigation, twice	12			10.80		
Misc. covercrop, etc.	3	1.0	1.0	8.80		
<b>Total cultural labor</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>71.60</b>	<b>35.80</b>	
Propping, bracing, etc.	2		1.0	4.70	2.35	
Picking, 5 fresh tons @ \$9	50			45.00	22.50	
Supervision, hauling out and misc. harvest	8		3.0	16.40	8.20	
Dehydrating, contract, @ \$12 per fresh ton				60.00	30.00	
Hauling to market 2 dry tons	2		1.0	4.80	2.40	
<b>Total labor</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>202.50</b>	<b>101.25</b>	
Irrigation, power to pump 12A in. 100' lift				6.70		
Covercrop seed				2.50		
Spray and dusting materials				12.00		
Misc. materials				2.00		
<b>Total material cost</b>				<b>23.20</b>	<b>11.60</b>	
General expense, office, phone, car, etc. at 5% of L. & M.				11.28		
County taxes, \$300 value @ \$3.25				9.75		
Repairs to facilities				2.00		
Insurance, compensation on hired labor \$1.90, fire on equip. .60				2.50		
<b>Total cash overhead</b>				<b>25.53</b>	<b>12.76</b>	
<b>Total cash costs</b>				<b>251.23</b>	<b>125.61</b>	
Investment based on 30 acre orchard unit	Orig. cost 30 A.	Aver. Value	5% Int.	Deprec- iation		
		Dollars per acre				
Trees	10800	180	9.00	12.00		
Building for equip., etc.	600	10	.50	.75		
Irrig. well, pump, & pipeline	4800	80	4.00	5.00		
Tillage equipment	540	9	.45	1.80		
Spraying equipment, part owner	900	15	.75	2.00		
Misc. ladders, boxes, props, etc.	900	15	.75	2.50		
Land	12000	400	20.00			
<b>Total investment</b>	<b>30540</b>	<b>709</b>				
<b>Total depreciation</b>				<b>24.05</b>	<b>24.05</b>	<b>12.03</b>
<b>Total cash and depreciation costs</b>				<b>275.28</b>	<b>137.64</b>	
<b>Total interest on investment</b>			<b>35.45</b>	<b>35.45</b>	<b>17.72</b>	
<b>Total all costs except management</b>				<b>310.73</b>	<b>155.36</b>	

Labor costs are computed at the following hourly rates: spraying, truck driving, tractor driving, and supervision - \$1; other labor - \$0.90; 3-plow-track tractor - \$3.10; 1½-ton truck - \$2.80. Tractor and truck rates are estimated to cover overhead and repairs as well as actual operating costs and are based on original cost of new machines as of 1951.