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CALIMYRNA FIGS

COST ANALYSIS WORK SHEET - 1970

Sample costs to produce figs in Fresno County, 1970. Costs are for the Calimyrna variety planted 30' x 30'. Others will vary in costs and values. Costs are based on the production of 2250 lbs. per acre with 80% merchantable* and 20% substandard. Man labor at \$2.00 per hour total and equipment operator \$2.20. Mechanical harvesting is assumed. Tractor per hour cash costs \$2.40, depreciation \$1.40 and interest 70¢.

	Sample Costs		My Costs	
	Per Acre	Field Ton	Per Acre	Field Ton
PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS:				
Pruning	22.50			
Brush disposal - contract	11.00			
Disc 4x - 2 hrs. man & tractor	9.20			
Ridge 1x - ½ hr. man & tractor	1.15			
Break ridges - ½ hr. man & tractor	1.15			
Roll, pack, float - 2 man hrs., 1 tractor hr.	6.60			
Shovel - contract	2.00			
Irrigate - labor, 3 man hrs.	6.00			
Water - district tax or power for 2 ac. ft. of water	6.50			
Caprification - labor & materials	18.00			
Misc. labor & materials	6.00			
Pest control - not usually needed (\$30 per acre every third yr. used in some budgets)	-			
County taxes	22.00			
Repairs except tractor	8.00			
Office, business costs, insurance, etc.	11.00			
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS	131.10			
HARVESTING COSTS:				
Machine harvest - \$18 ton	20.25			
Haul - \$5 ton	6.52			
Sort - \$22 ton	24.75			
Dry yard costs - \$25 ton	28.12			
TOTAL HARVESTING COSTS	79.64			
TOTAL CASH COSTS	210.74	187.32		
DEPRECIATION:				
Irrigation system & well - \$200 cost, 20 yr. life	10.00			
Bldgs. & equipment - av. \$120, 15 yrs.	8.00			
Tractor - 3½ hrs. @ 1.10	4.90			
Trees - \$1000 cost basis, 40 yrs. life	25.00			
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	47.90			
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT AT 7%:				
Irrigation system - ½ cost \$100	7.00			
Bldgs. & equipment - ½ cost \$60	4.20			
Tractor - 3½ hrs. @ 70¢	2.45			
Trees - ½ cost \$500	35.00			
Land - \$800	56.00			
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT	104.65			
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION	363.29	322.92		

*Gross return figures by year are available from the California Fig Institute, Dried Fig Advisory Board, Fresno, California. Substandard figs are sold on industry pool basis into inedible outlets.

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