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WHAT WILL IT COST TO GROW MILO IN MADERA COUNTY  
Single Crop

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The table below contains sample costs of growing milo in Madera County. These costs are based on what might be expected in growing the crop with good management practices.

Milo is also commonly double-cropped on land following barley or early potatoes. Where this practice is followed, it can be expected that some of the costs will be lower and it can also be expected that lower yields will be obtained. Also, where milo is double-cropped, only about 60% of the annual fixed costs should be charged to the milo, the remaining 40% being charged to the winter crop.

This table is designed to help you to determine your costs of growing milo. It may then be used to compare with costs of other crops. Your costs may vary from those given and you can make adjustments as necessary.

	Sample Costs		My Costs	
	Per Acre	Per Cwt(1)	Per Acre	Per Cwt
<b>GROWING COSTS: (2)</b>				
Land preparation - 3 hrs. man & tractor	7.80			
Plant - .5 hr. 2 men & tractor	1.80			
Seed - 8 lbs. at 8¢	.64			
Irrigate - 1 pre & 4 crop - 5 man hrs.	5.00			
Water, power for 2.5 acre feet @ \$2.50	6.25			
Cultivate and Fertilize - 1.5 hr., man & tractor	3.75			
Fertilizer - 80 lbs. nitrogen	12.00			
Total Growing Costs	37.24	.93		
<b>HARVEST COSTS:</b>				
Combine - Contract @ \$6.00 per acre	6.00			
Haul - Contract @ \$2.00 per ton	4.00			
Total Harvest Costs	10.00	.25		
<b>CASH OVERHEAD COSTS:</b>				
General Expense - office, car, phone, etc.	2.36			
County taxes	5.00			
Repairs, insurance & miscellaneous	2.00			
Total Cash Overhead Costs	9.36	.23		
<b>TOTAL CASH, LABOR AND FIELD POWER COSTS</b>	<b>56.60</b>	<b>1.41</b>		
<b>DEPRECIATION:</b>				
Bldgs. & irrigation facilities - \$80 cost, 17 yrs. life	4.75			
Tillage and other equipment except tractor \$15 cost, 10 yrs. life	1.50			
Total Depreciation	6.25	.16		
<b>INTEREST ON INVESTMENT AT 5%:</b>				
Bldgs., irrigation facilities & equip. at 1/2 cost	2.37			
Land at \$400	20.00			
Total Interest on Investment	22.37	.56		
<b>TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>85.22</b>	<b>2.13</b>		

(1) Based on yield of 4000 lbs. per Acre.

(2) Man labor at \$1.00 per hour, medium tractor at \$1.60 per hour.