

ESTIMATED CASH COSTS TO ESTABLISH  
SPRINKLE IRRIGATED ALFALFA  
MODOC COUNTY - 1979

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>COST PER ACRE</u>
Land Preparation	May include plow or rototill, disk- ing, harrowing, dragging, pack and drill @ \$20.00/hr - 1½ hrs per acre	\$ 30.00
Seed	15 lbs. per acre @ \$2.50/lb	37.50
Fertilizer	500 lbs. gypsum per acre @ \$28/ton spread	7.00
	300 lbs. elemental sulfur @ \$80/ton spread	12.00
Weed Control	Post Emergence (2, 4-DB Ester) @ \$10.45/acre applied (3 pints/acre)	10.45
Irrigation	Electricity to pump 48 inches of water	25.00
	Labor to move wheel lines 10 irrigations @ \$2.90/hr and 1.1 hr/acre	31.90
		<hr/> \$153.85
	Interest on \$153.85 for 6 mos. @ 12%	9.23
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