

*Apricots*

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EQUIVALENT PRICES FOR DRIED APRICOTS

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This is intended as a handy reference for growers considering the question, "Should I sell to the cannery or dry my apricots?" The equivalent price per pound of dried fruit for various cannery prices and costs of drying are presented on the reverse side of this sheet. In addition to price, the quality and size of crop should be considered.

Charts are presented for two drying ratios. The drying ratio varies considerably from year to year and orchard to orchard, ranging from 4.5:1 to 7.5:1. In San Benito County we often achieve a 5.2:1 ratio; however, the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service uses a 5.5:1 as a statewide average.

Costs of drying apricots in San Benito County generally vary from \$45 to \$55 per fresh ton for both hand and machine cutting. Since grower operations vary so widely, no set of typical costs is presented.

SAN BENITO COUNTY PRODUCTION AND RETURNS FOR APRICOTS (1)

Crop year	Production					Returns per ton		
	Total tons	Fresh tons	Canned tons (2)	Dried tons	Dried as % of total (3)	Fresh	Canned	Dried
1957	18,000	30	12,539	993	30.2%	\$240.	\$100.	\$ 800.
1958	7,800	20	5,625	435	27.6	250.	150.	1,320.
1959	23,820	--	16,110	1,204	31.8	---	110.	900.
1960	30,765	--	21,900	1,734	28.8	---	100.	720.
1961	22,428	--	15,830	1,280	29.4	---	75.	820.
1962	15,308	400	8,000	1,200	45.1	200.	120.	1,300.
1963	21,500	400	11,000	1,721	46.9	175.	90.	1,100.
1964	23,700	550	14,000	1,585	38.6	125.	110.	720.
1965	24,500	500	15,000	1,240	25.3	90.	65.	840.
1966	22,000	700	15,500	1,500	26.3	120.	105.	940.

(1) Source: San Benito County Agricultural Commissioner's Reports  
 (2) Includes frozen  
 (3) Fresh basis  
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EQUIVALENT PRICE PER POUND OF DRIED FRUIT  
5.5:1 DRYING RATIO

Cannery Price	Cost of Drying Per Fresh Ton					
	\$46	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$54	\$56
\$ 90	37.40¢	37.95¢	38.50¢	39.05¢	39.60¢	40.15¢
95	38.77	39.32	39.87	40.42	40.97	41.52
100	40.15	40.70	41.25	41.80	42.35	42.90
105	41.52	42.07	42.62	43.17	43.72	44.27
110	42.90	43.45	44.00	44.55	45.10	45.65
115	44.27	44.82	45.37	45.92	46.47	47.02
120	45.65	46.20	46.75	47.30	47.85	48.40
125	47.02	47.57	48.12	48.67	49.22	49.77
130	48.40	48.95	49.50	50.05	50.60	51.15
135	49.77	50.32	50.87	51.42	51.97	52.52
140	51.15	51.70	52.25	52.80	53.35	53.90

EQUIVALENT PRICE PER POUND OF DRIED FRUIT  
5.2:1 DRYING RATIO

Cannery Price	Cost of Drying Per Fresh Ton					
	\$46	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$54	\$56
\$ 90	35.36¢	35.88¢	36.40¢	36.92¢	37.44¢	37.96¢
95	36.66	37.18	37.70	38.22	38.74	39.26
100	37.96	38.48	39.00	39.52	40.04	40.56
105	39.26	39.78	40.30	40.82	41.34	41.86
110	40.56	41.08	41.60	42.12	42.64	43.16
115	41.86	42.38	42.90	43.42	43.94	44.46
120	43.16	43.68	44.20	44.72	45.24	45.76
125	44.46	44.98	45.50	46.02	46.54	47.06
130	45.76	46.28	46.80	47.32	47.84	48.36
135	47.06	47.58	48.10	48.62	49.14	49.66
140	48.36	48.88	49.40	49.92	50.44	50.96