

FARM

management

BRIEFS

IRRIGATED PASTURE

Sutter

County



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SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE IRRIGATED PASTURE

YIELD - 10 ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS

OPERATION	HOURS PER ACRE	CASH AND LABOR COST PER ACRE				MY COSTS	
		LABOR	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	MATERIALS, ETC.	TOTAL	PER ACRE	TOTAL FOR ACRES
CULTURAL					\$		
IRRIGATE 15 TIMES	8.0	8.00		WATER 4'	12.00	20.00	
MOW	.5	.65	.60			1.25	
FERTILIZE	.2	.25	.25	FERTILIZER	7.50	8.00	
TAXES					3.00	3.00	
Misc.		1.60	.65		.50	2.75	
TOTAL CULTURAL \$		10.50	1.50		23.00	35.00	
INVESTMENT		PER ACRE		INTEREST & DEPRECIATION			
LAND		300.00		15.00			
IRRIGATION SYSTEM		10.00		1.00			
FENCES		20.00		2.00			
STAND		25.00		7.00			
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT		20.00		2.00			
		<u>\$375.00</u>				27.00	
TOTAL COST PER ACRE						62.00	
COST PER AN. UN. @ 10 AN.UN. YIELD						6.20	

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE: "IRRIGATED PASTURES IN CALIFORNIA"

FARM MANAGEMENT BRIEFS can help you in:

- * Analyzing the various enterprises which may best fit your farm.
- * Budgeting for cash operating expenses.

PRACTICES INVOLVED IN CROP PRODUCTION ARE VARIABLE WITHIN THE COUNTY DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN SIZE OF OPERATIONS SOIL TYPES, AND GROWER'S PREFERENCE.

THE COSTS IN THE TABLE ARE BASED ON TYPICAL OPERATIONS FOR GOOD FARMING PRACTICES. THE PRODUCTION COSTS AND YIELDS LISTED IN THIS LEAFLET AND OTHERS OF THIS SERIES ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT THE *averages* FOR SUTTER COUNTY.

The greatest single factor in determining your cost of production per unit is *YIELD*. You may increase your efficiency by:

- * Planting the adapted variety on soils suitable for high production.
- * Avoid unnecessary operations in seed bed preparation.
- * Avoid overfertilizing as well as underfertilizing the crop.
- * Plan your operations to meet the most favorable time in planting and harvesting. This will help insure maximum yields.