

SAMPLE COSTS PER ACRE TO PRODUCE SAFFLOWER - TULARE LAKE AND WESTSIDE AREAS

(Based on a yield of 3,000 pounds per acre)

Man labor @ \$1.90 and \$2.20 per hour, including Social Security and Compensation Insurance. Tractors: heavy track, \$3.20 per hour; depreciation, \$2.60; interest, \$1.10.

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	SAMPLE COSTS		MY COSTS	
	PER ACRE	PER CWT	PER ACRE	PER CWT
PRE-HARVEST CASH AND LABOR COSTS:				
Land preparation: 1½ hr. man and tracklayer	\$ 8.10			
Irrigate: 1 pre and 1 crop, 3 manhours	5.70			
*Water: Power to pump 3½ acre feet @ \$5.50	19.25			
Fertilizer: 100 lbs. Nitrogen at 5 cents applied with subsoiler	5.00			
Plant: (Grain Drill) 2 men & tractor .1 hr.	.73			
Seed: 40 lbs. @ 12½ cents	5.00			
Weed Control: Material	6.00			
Application	2.00			
County Taxes	8.00			
Repairs (except tractors): Irrig-system, equip.	5.50			
Miscellaneous expenses, including office, auto, capital, etc.	4.57			
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS	\$ 69.85	\$2.33		
HARVESTING AND HAULING COSTS:				
Combine Harvest: Contract @ \$6.50 + \$.10/cwt. over 1,000 lbs.	\$ 8.50			
Haul @ \$2.15 per ton	3.22			
TOTAL HARVESTING AND HAULING COSTS	\$ 11.72	\$.39		
TOTAL CASH COSTS	\$ 81.57	\$2.72		
DEPRECIATION:				
Irrigation System: Cost \$100 - 12 yrs.	\$ 8.33			
Tractors: 1.6 hrs. @ \$2.60	4.16			
Equipment (except tractors): Cost \$40 - 10 yrs.	4.00			
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	\$ 16.49	\$.55		
TOTAL CASH & DEPRECIATION COSTS	\$ 98.06	\$3.27		
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT @ 7%:				
Irrigation System: On ½ cost (\$50.00)	\$ 3.50			
Tractors: 1.6 hrs. @ \$1.10	1.76			
Equipment (except tractors): on 1/2 cost (\$20.00)	1.40			
Land @ \$4.00	28.00			
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT	\$ 34.66	\$1.15		
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION	\$132.72	\$4.42		

*Westside water costs would be higher

Yields - Pounds Per Acre	Cost Per CWT at Varying Yields				
	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000
Cash & Dep. Cost Per CWT	\$4.80	\$3.88	\$3.27	\$2.83	\$2.50
Total Cost Per CWT	\$6.53	\$5.27	\$4.42	\$3.82	\$3.37