

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE LETTUCE

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Based on a yield of 650 - 40 lb. cartons/acre

Total Labor Costs/Hour:  
Equipment Operator Class I - \$4.04  
Equipment Operator Class II - 3.92  
Other Labor - 3.10

Hourly Tractor Costs:	Cash Costs	Depreciation	Interest
100 hp wheel diesel	\$ 5.84	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.30
60 hp wheel diesel	3.70	1.60	1.04
40 hp wheel diesel	2.54	1.45	.93

Operation	Hours Per Acre	Labor	Fuel & Repairs	Materials & Other Costs	Costs	Cost/Acre	
						Sample	Yours
Land Preparation	4.0	\$ 15.68	\$ 30.46			\$ 46.14	
Plant	1.0	4.04	7.70	Seed & Seed Treatment 1 lb. @ \$23	\$ 23.00	34.74	
Weed Control				Contract - \$17 per acre	19.00	19.00	
Irrigate 4x	8.0	24.80	7.00	Water 2 3/4 acre ft. @ \$10	27.50	59.30	
Thin				Contract - \$38 per acre	38.00	38.00	
Cultivate 5x	3.0	11.76	14.10			25.86	
Fertilize				Materials & application	164.00	164.00	
Hoe	9.0	27.90				27.90	
Pest Control 3x				Materials & application	49.00	49.00	
Miscellaneous	3.0	10.94	7.97			18.91	
Pre-harvest Cultural Costs		\$ 95.12	\$ 67.23		\$320.50	\$ 482.85	
Harvest: Cut, Pack, Load, Haul, and Shed Costs							
\$1.55 per Packed Carton. 650 Cartons per Acre							\$1007.50
Total Cultural Costs							\$1490.35
Miscellaneous overhead, office & business costs - 6% cultural costs							89.42
Rent: .5 year @ \$175 per acre							87.50
Total Cash Costs							\$1667.27
Supervision & Management 5% of 650 cartons @ \$2.30 (\$1495.00)							74.75
Annual Costs:							
		<u>Investment</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Interest - 8%</u>		
		Buildings	\$ 60.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.40		
		Irrigation System	105.00	10.50	4.20		
		Equipment	115.00	11.50	4.60 (Except tractors		
		Tractors	160.00	17.30	11.22 for .5 year)	46.62	64.72
Total Cost Per Acre							\$1788.64
Cost Per Carton @ 650 Cartons Per Acre							2.75

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