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SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE SUGAR BEETS IN GLENN COUNTY

Expected average yield: 20 tons

Labor at \$1.25 ^{1/}

<u>PREHARVEST</u>	<u>Cost per acre</u>
Land preparation	\$10.00
Seed, 8 lbs. at 56 ¹ / ₂ ¢ per lb. (5 lbs. for 30" single rows)	4.52
Planting	2.50
Fertilizing (contract 15.5¢ per lb. of applied N. 100 lbs. N per acre)	15.50
Thinning by hand	14.00
Hoeing	12.00
Cultivating (5x at \$1.00)	5.00
Irrigation, (6-8x, 2-3 acre feet of water) labor	6.00
Irrigation - power	<u>6.00</u>
Total Preharvest cost	\$75.52

<u>HARVESTING</u>	
Harvesting, contract at \$1.55 per ton	\$31.00
Hauling, (75¢ per ton plus 3¢ per ton mile at \$1.00 per ton)	<u>20.00</u>
Total Harvesting cost	\$51.00

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Taxes	\$3.00
Other cash	10.00
Interest and depreciation on irrigation system	7.50
Interest on land, 5% of \$500.00	<u>25.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous cost	\$45.50
TOTAL COST PER ACRE	\$172.02
TOTAL COST PER TON	8.60

Interest and depreciation on tractor and equipment are included in the charge for each operation and will total from \$10 to \$15 per acre.

^{1/} Current wage rates vary from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for unskilled labor and \$1.35 to \$1.50 for tractor and machine labor.

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