

SUMMARY OF RECENT SAMPLE COSTS OF PRODUCING APRICOTS
IN APRICOT PRODUCING COUNTIESCompiled by
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COUNTY	SANTA CLARA	SAN BENITO	CONTRA COSTA	STAN-ISLAUS
Year sample cost studies prepared	1962	1961	1959	1961
County average yield, tons per acre	5.75	6.7	5.4	8.5
Good commercial yield used in following costs	8.0	6.0	7.0	12.0
COSTS PER ACRE				
Cultural labor and field power	147.56	149.80	126.40	122.62
Thinning and harvesting cost	241.25	185.84	175.74	346.65
Material costs per acre	53.00	58.95	66.15	50.25
Cash overhead costs, taxes, ins., etc.	90.00	57.83	31.96	60.75
Total cash costs	531.81	452.52	400.25	580.27
Depreciation, trees, facilities and equipment	80.00	92.45	65.00	72.96
Interest on investment at 6%	140.00	112.05	87.75	95.73
Total costs per acre	751.81	657.02	553.00	748.96
COSTS PER TON				
Cultural labor and field power	18.45	24.96	18.05	10.22
Thinning and harvesting	30.16	30.99	25.11	28.89
Material costs	6.62	9.83	9.45	4.19
Cash overhead costs, taxes, ins., etc.	11.25	9.64	4.57	5.06
Total cash costs	66.48	75.42	57.18	48.36
Depreciation	10.00	15.41	9.29	6.08
Interest on investment	17.50	19.68	12.53	7.98
Total costs per ton at above yields	93.98	110.51	79.00	62.42

SOURCE OF DATA:

In the sample costs of producing apricots the county average yield was obtained from statistical data prepared by the County Agricultural Commissioner for the respective counties. The average yield data represents two years production of 1959 and 1960. The commercial yield data and sample cost studies were obtained from apricot cost data sheets prepared by Farm Advisors in the respective Counties.

The statistics on the utilization of apricots for the state of California for the years 1959 and 1960 were obtained from the Apricot Producers of California. The statistical data for the Santa Clara Valley were obtained from the Agricultural Commissioner report for the years shown.

COSTS OF HAND CUTTING APRICOTS

Cutting wage rate per hour	\$1.00	\$1.25
Cutting piece rate per 40 lb. box	.50	.625
Cutting at piece rate, 50 boxes per ton	25.00	31.25
Supervision, place boxes, remove trays @ \$1.25	3.75	3.75
Cash overhead costs, compensation, insurance, etc.	2.05	2.50
Total cost per green ton	30.80	37.50

UTILIZATION OF APRICOTS
CALIFORNIA

YEAR	TOTAL PRODUCTION	CANNED*	DRIED	FRESH
1955	251,300	156,500	79,000	15,800
1956	184,300	122,900	50,100	11,300
1957	165,300	111,900	42,200	11,200
1958	88,300	66,500	16,100	5,700
1959	182,200	142,800	30,800	8,600
1960	185,600	132,700	42,300	10,600
Average	176,165	122,216	43,416	10,533
Percent		69.5	25.0	5.5

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

YEAR	TOTAL PRODUCTION	CANNED*	DRIED	FRESH
1955	90,600	59,250	30,250	1,100
1956	61,125	39,850	20,625	650
1957	59,450	36,050	22,200	1,200
1958	33,850	28,000	4,750	1,100
1959	62,300	40,200	20,500	1,600
1960	75,850	47,850	26,500	1,500
1961	45,200	30,100	13,500	1,600
Average	61,203	40,185	19,760	1,251
Percent		65.6	32.4	2

Percent of State Total	35	34	45.5	11
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* Includes by-products

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