

WHAT DOES IT COST TO GROW ONIONS
IN THE WESTERN VALLEYS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY?

Based on 1000-50# Sacks Per Acre

ITEM	SAMPLE COSTS		YOUR COSTS	
	Per Acre	Per 50# bag	Per Acre	Per 50# bag
<u>Land Preparation & Planting</u>				
Chisel or Plow 1x	\$ 4.00			
Disc & Harrow 1x one operation	2.00			
Furrow, Bed & Pack	2.00			
Plant	1.50			
TOTAL PREPARATION & PLANT	\$ 9.50	\$.01		
<u>Cultural Labor & Field Power</u>				
Irrigation Labor 20x	\$ 20.00			
Cultivate 6x @ \$1.75	10.50			
Fertilize (2x on Fall Planted)	3.00			
Hand Hocing (2-3x) (Less if weed spray possible)	50.00			
TOTAL CULTURAL LABOR & FIELD POWER	\$ 83.50	\$.08		
<u>Materials</u>				
Irrigation Water (3 acre feet @ \$14.25)	\$ 42.75			
Insecticides (applied) DDT & Sulfur	10.00			
Fertilizer (160# Nitrogen)	24.00			
Seed 3# @ \$4.00 (Range \$3.50-\$4.70)	12.00			
TOTAL MATERIALS	\$ 88.75	\$.09		
<u>Cash Overhead</u>				
General Expense at 5% of above	\$ 9.09			
Taxes	5.60			
Insurance	1.50			
Miscellaneous	2.00			
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD	\$ 18.19	\$.02		
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST COST Except Rent	\$ 199.94	\$.20		
RENT (Estimate your own) Ex: \$60 minus taxes	\$ 54.40	\$.05		
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST COST	\$ 254.34	\$.25		
<u>Harvest</u>				
Blading, Pulling, Sacking, Sacks & Twine, Freight & Brokerage @ 78¢ per 50# sack.	\$ 780.00	\$.78		
TOTAL COST TO GROW ONIONS	\$1034.34	\$1.03		

NOTE: The above SAMPLE COSTS are at the contract rate and are in some cases higher than efficient owner-operator costs. To estimate YOUR COSTS, use the columns at the right of the page.

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