

SAMPLE PRODUCTION COSTS

WHEAT, OATS AND BARLEY - RENTED LAND 1976

Placer County cereal grain production totaled 15,000 acres in 1974. Cereal grains are grown in the Valley area of the county. Dry-farmed grain is grown under the summer fallow system, i.e., a crop is grown every other year.

SOILS: Most of the dry-farmed cereals are grown on the San Joaquin, Rocklin, and Whitney soils.

VARIETIES: Popular varieties include Atlas, Arivat, and Grande barley; Sierra, Curt, and California Red Oats; Pitic 62, Onas 53, and Nainari wheat.

PLANTING: September, October, and November are the usual planting months. Some winter sowing is done during January and February. 70-85 pounds seed is planted per acre.

FERTILIZATION: 16 to 30 pounds nitrogen and 9 to 17 pounds phosphorous {20-40 lbs. P_2O_5 } applied per acre at planting time is the common practice.

HARVESTING: Most grain is harvested in June and July. Grain is combined when the grain is below 15% moisture.

WEED CONTROL: Most broadleaved weeds can be controlled with 2,4-D and other chemical sprays. Time and rate of application is critical.

The Sample Cost of Production is based on a 1000 acre farming operation on rented land. Half of the acreage is summer fallowed each year, and half is used to produce dryland grain.

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Production Data: 1600 lbs./acre yield on 1000 acre farm, 500 acres cropped annually. Labor at \$2.85 and \$3.45 incl. fringe benefits.

Operation	Hours Per Acre	Cash and Labor Cost per Acre			Total
		Labor	Fuel & Repairs	Materials Kind & Quantity Cost	

CULTURAL COSTS:

Fallow Year

Plow	\$.20	\$.70	\$ 1.80		\$ 2.50
Disk 2X	.30	1.05	2.60		3.65

Crop Year

Planting	.15	.55	.60		1.15
Fertilizer				25 lbs.N at 30¢	7.50
				13 lbs.P at 20¢	2.60
Seed				80 lbs./ac. at \$10/cwt	8.00
Weed Control				Contract - plane	2.00
				3/4 lb. 2,4-D	1.50
				Amine	

Equipment Repair	.50	1.75			1.75
Misc. labor, materials, etc.		3.00	1.00		2.00
Interest on operating capital					1.65

TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS \$7.05 \$6.00 \$25.25 \$38.30

HARVEST COSTS:

Combine	\$.25	\$.85	\$ 1.65		\$ 2.50
Haul	.20	.70	.85		1.55

TOTAL HARVEST COSTS \$1.55 \$2.50 \$4.05

CASH OVERHEAD:

Misc., office, etc.					\$ 3.05
Rent		1/4 of gross (less 1/4 fertilizer)			12.45

TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD \$15.50

TOTAL CASH COST \$8.60 \$8.50 \$40.75 \$57.85

Management 5% of 16 cwt at \$3.45 \$ 2.75

INVESTMENT:

	Per Acre	Annual Cost		
		Depreciation	Interest @%	
Buildings	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.00	\$.80	
Equipment	147.00	14.70	5.90	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$167.00</u>	<u>\$15.70</u>	<u>\$6.70</u>	<u>\$22.40</u>

TOTAL COST PER ACRE \$83.00

Cost per cwt at 16 cwt yield	\$ 5.19
at 12 cwt yield	\$ 6.47
at 20 cwt yield	\$ 4.30

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