

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE LARODA PLUMS

Mid Season

Southern San Joaquin Valley - 1985

Labor rate \$ 6.50 /hr. skilled labor

5.50 /hr. field labor

Yield: 700 cartons of fruit per acre

Operation	Labor Hours per Acre	Labor	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre			Total Cost	Your Cost
			Fuel & Repairs	Kind and Quantity	Materials		
Cultural costs:							
Pruning	75.6	415.00				415.00	
Brush Disposal	1	5.50	12.50			18.00	
Fertilizer			9.87	162 lbs. N @ .40/lb.	64.80	74.67	
				Custom application (2x)	8.50	8.50	
Bee Hive Rental				2 @ \$25.00	50.00	50.00	
Thinning	108	594.00				594.00	
Spray: Pest Control				Materials	39.00	39.00	
				Custom application	50.00	50.00	
Irrigation	9	58.50	23.76	1.0 ac.ft. @ \$15.00/ ac. ft. + \$6.00 tax	21.00	103.26	
Herbicide				Materials and Applic.	22.00	22.00	
Spray: weed control				Materials and Applic.	10.00	10.00	
Miticide				Materials and Applic.	25.00	25.00	
Misc.	1	5.50	7.00			12.50	
Interest on operating capital @ 13%							184.95
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	194.6	1079.30	53.13		290.30	1607.68	
Harvest costs:							
Contract Pick				\$1/carton	700.00	700.00	
Contract Haul				\$.10/carton	70.00	70.00	
Packing Charges				\$2.45/carton	1715.00	1715.00	
Selling Charges				\$.700/carton	490.00	490.00	
Misc. Harvest Labor					15.00	15.00	
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS						2990.00	
Cash overhead:							
Office and business costs						367.81	
County Taxes						50.00	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS						417.81	
TOTAL CASH COSTS						5015.50	
TOTAL CASH COST PER CARTON							7.16

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Laroda Plums -

Investment	Per Acre	Annual Cost		
		Depreciation	Interest @ 13%	
Equipment & buildings	1150.82	89.57	74.80	164.37
Trees 40 yr. depreciation	5954.00	148.85	387.01	535.86
Land	5500.00		715.00	715.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT COSTS	12604.82	238.42	1176.81	1415.23
TOTAL COSTS PER ACRE				6430.73
Cost per carton @	700 carton yield			9.19

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