

SAMPLE COSTS OF PRODUCING ONIONS  
(Fresh Market)

San Benito County, 1976

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50 acres of onions on a 300 acre farm  
Yield -- 550 cwt. per acre

	C O S T     P E R     A C R E				
	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Power &amp; Repairs</u>	<u>Materials &amp;/or Services</u>	<u>Sample Cost</u>	
<u>Cash Cost to Grow</u>					
Land preparation	\$ 14	\$ 18		\$ 32	\$
Fertilize and preplant, 400 lbs., 12-12-12 applied contract			\$ 44	44	
Fertilize, sidedress, 500 lbs., 12-12-12 applied contract			53	53	
Plant, 3 lbs. seed @ \$15/lb.	2	3	45	50	
Irrigate, sprinklers, 3 times, 6 in. per acre	20	16		36	
Irrigate, furrows, 5 times, 30 in. per acre	34	15		49	
Cultivate, 6 times	4	3		7	
Hoe, 2 times	79			79	
Herbicide, pre- & post- emergence, applied contract			65	65	
Pest control, 2 times, applied contract			15	15	
<b>TOTAL COST TO GROW</b>	<b>\$153</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$222</b>	<b>\$430</b>	<b>\$</b>
<u>Cash Cost to Harvest</u>					
Lift				\$ 1	\$
Pull, top, bag, bin and haul to shed, \$1.40/cwt.				770	
Grade and bag, \$3.00/cwt.				1650	
<b>TOTAL CASH HARVEST COST</b>				<b>\$2421</b>	<b>\$</b>
<u>Cash Overhead Cost</u>					
Misc. office, interest or operating capital, insurance, etc.				\$ 52	\$
Taxes on equipment				39	
Land rent including well				185	
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COST</b>				<b>\$276</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH COST</b>				<b>\$3127</b>	<b>\$</b>
<u>Investment Overhead</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Annual Cost Per Acre</u>			
		<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Interest</u>		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT OVERHEAD</b>	<b>\$693</b>	<b>\$ 59</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 87</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL COST LESS MANAGEMENT</b>				<b>\$3214</b>	<b>\$</b>
MANAGEMENT, per acre 5% of \$7.00 per cwt.				193	
<b>TOTAL COST PER ACRE</b>				<b>\$3407</b>	<b>\$</b>

COST OF PRODUCTION AT VARYING YIELDS

YIELD -- cwts. per acre	250	400	550	700	850
COST PER CWT.	\$8.00	\$6.75	\$6.20	\$5.90	\$5.70