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SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE AVOCADOS, ORANGE COUNTY

These costs are derived from typical expenses incurred with mature orchards (yield of 5,000 pounds per acre) on level cultivated ground, furrow irrigation, windbreaks and wind machines for wind and frost protection. Costs are calculated from \$1.50/hr for manual labor, \$2.00/hr for equipment operators, \$1.50/hr for tractor expense.

CULTURAL OPERATIONS

	<u>Sample Costs Per Acre</u>		
	<u>Material &amp; Equipment</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fertilization-leaf analysis, N	\$ 13.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 14.50
Irrigation, 7x- 2½ ac ft of water	60.00	15.75	75.75
Soil Management, 3x - disc & furrow	9.00	12.00	21.00
Frost Protection - electric W.M.	32.00	10.00	42.00
Windbreaks, Tree Care, Misc.		25.00	25.00
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TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	\$114.50	\$63.75	\$178.25

HARVESTING

Picking	98.00
Hauling	28.00
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TOTAL HARVESTING COSTS	\$126.00

OPERATING OVERHEAD

Taxes	90.00
General Expenses, inc. insurance \$5.00	20.00
Maintenance & Repairs	12.50
Depreciation	87.00
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TOTAL OPERATING OVERHEAD COSTS	\$209.50

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