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ALFALFA COSTS - BUTTE COUNTY

Yield - 6 tons

Cost rates:

Labor - - - - -	\$1.00 hr.
Tractor driver - - -	\$1.25 hr.
Tractor - - - - -	\$1.25 hr.
Equipment - - - - -	.50 -
	\$1.00 hr.

Cultural Cost:

Irrigate 5 times - 3 hours @ \$1	\$3.00
Power for 3 acre feet @ \$1.25	3.75
Aphid control 2 times @ \$2.50	5.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>

TOTAL CULTURAL COST \$12.75

Harvest Cost:

Mow 5 times at \$1.50	7.50
Rake 5 times @ \$1.50	7.50
Bale 6 tons @ \$4.50	27.00
Haul 6 tons @ \$2.50	<u>15.00</u>

TOTAL HARVEST COST \$57.00

Overhead:

Taxes and insurance	6.00
Miscellaneous	3.55
Irrigation System	2.50
Alfalfa stand \$28 for 4 years - Depreciation \$7.00	
Interest .70	7.70
Interest on land \$700 @ 5%	<u>35.00</u>

TOTAL OVERHEAD \$54.75

TOTAL COST PER ACRE \$124.50

COST PER TON \$ 20.75