

ANNUAL COSTS OF A PRODUCING ASPARAGUS BED 1981
THIRD TO TENTH YEAR
6-Ft. Beds, 9-inch Root Spacing - San Joaquin County

Based on a 200-acre operation on a 600-acre farm, a 10-year life of bed with 8 years of cutting.

Operation	Hours per Acre	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre ⁽¹⁾				Total
		Labor	Fuel and Repairs	Materials	Cost	
Cultural						
Disc, 2x	.66	\$ 2.90	\$ 5.02			\$ 7.92
Ridge & roll	.25	1.10	1.90			3.00
Fertilize				Contract/material & appli.	\$39.30	39.30
200 lbs 15-15-15				Contract/material & appli.	36.30	36.30
Bait, 2x				Contract/material & appli.	30.80	30.80
Work centers, 8x	1.60	7.04	6.88			13.92
Weed control				Contract/material & appli.	30.80	30.80
Furrow out, 2x	1.00	4.40	7.60			12.00
Irrigate, 3x	5.00	19.50		Water	15.00	34.50
Cultivate, 2x	.66	2.99	2.84			5.74
Split ridge for fern	.50	2.20	2.15			4.35
Chop fern	.40	1.76	1.72			3.48
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS		\$41.80	\$28.11		\$121.40	\$191.31
Harvest (90 days, 40-man crew)						
Market (1,500 lbs.)				(46 crates @ \$3.25)		\$149.50
Cut, sled, pack, etc. (10)		\$149.50		46 crates	\$80.50	80.50
Cannery Green (1,500 lbs.)				1,500 lbs @ \$11/100 lbs		165.00
Cut and sled		165.00		1,500 lbs @ \$1.35/100 lbs		20.25
Rack, wash and box		20.25				20.25
Field hauling	3.00	13.20	\$15.00			28.20
Sled operation (3 sleds)	9.00		18.00			18.00
Housing, supervision, camp maint. & repairs, etc. (9)					70.00	70.00
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS		\$347.95	\$33.00		\$150.50	\$531.45
TOTAL CULTURAL & HARVEST COSTS		\$389.75	\$61.11		\$271.90	\$722.76
Cash overhead						
Misc., office, bookkeeping, fire & liability ins., int. on operating capital, assoc. dues, etc. (8)				8% of total cultural & harvest cost ⁽⁷⁾		\$ 57.82
Share rent						222.00
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD						\$279.82
TOTAL CASH COST						\$1,002.58
Investment						
	Per Acre	Annual Cost				
		Depreciation	Interest (12%)			
Cultural equipment ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 325.08	\$ 32.50	\$ 19.50			
Harvest equipment ⁽¹²⁾	274.50	27.45	16.47			
Living camp ⁽¹²⁾	400.00	20.00	24.00			
Packing shed ⁽¹²⁾	325.00	16.25	19.50			
Cost first 2 years	1,211.17	121.12	72.67			
Total	\$2,535.75	\$217.32	\$152.14			\$ 369.46
TOTAL COST PER ACRE						\$1,372.04

Cost per lb. @ 3,000-lb. yield
 Cost per lb. @ 4,000-lb. yield