

Work Sheet

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE Asparagus IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, 1964

	Man Labor Per Acre		Cash Costs Per Acre		Total Per Acre
	Hours	Cost	Equip-ment	Materials and Other Costs	
<u>PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS:</u>					
Cultural					
Ditch Cleaning				Contract 1.85	1.85
Flood	2.0	2.50			2.50
Disk 2X	.6	.75	1.62		2.37
Work Centers 3X	.9	1.13	2.43		3.56
Work Ridges 2X	.6	.75	1.62		2.37
Split Ridges	.6	.75	1.62		2.37
Work Centers 2X	.3	.38	.81		1.19
Fertilize (all year)				Contract app & mtl.	7.00
Hoe				Contract	10.00
Irrigate	1.0	1.25			1.25
Chop Fern	.5	.63	.75		1.38
Disk 2X	.6	.75	1.62		2.37
Flow Out Charge				Contract .50 - (32.00/Acre spread over 8 yr. period)	2.00
Pre-Harvest Costs	7.1	8.89	10.47		40.21

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<u>HARVESTING: 500# Total Yield</u> (90 days - 80 man crew) Nationals					
<u>Market (2,000 lbs.)</u> Cut, Sled, Pack, etc. Crates		67.84		53 crates @ 1.28 53 crates @ .50 = 26.50	67.84 26.50
<u>Cannery Green (3,000 lbs.)</u> Cut and Sled		119.00		3400 @ 3.50 per 100 lbs.	119.00
Rack, Wash and Box		15.30		3400 @ .45/100 lb.	15.30
Field Hauling	3	3.75	4.35		8.10
Sled Operation (4 sleds)	12		9.60		9.60
Housing, (Supervision, trans., etc. of labor)				38.32	38.32
Total Harvest Costs					284.66
Total Cash Exc. Taxes & Rent					324.87
Cash Overhead (office, accounting, auto, insurance, etc.)					16.34
County Taxes					
Cash Rent					50.00
TOTAL CASH COSTS					391.21
		<u>Investment Per Acre</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Interest (6%) 1/</u>	
Land Cost of 1st 2 yrs.		\$537.47	\$89.58	\$16.12	
Buildings		85.33	14.22	2.56	
Irrigation Facilities					
Tractors		112.91	11.29	3.39	
Other Equipment		52.68	8.80	1.58	
Total		\$788.39	\$123.89	\$23.65	
Total Depreciation					123.89
Total Interest on Investment					23.65
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION PER ACRE					538.75
TOTAL COST PER 5,000 Lbs.					10.7¢/lb.

1/ On 1/2 original cost except land

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