

Agricultural Briefs

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

WHEAT AND BARLEY ON DELTA PEAT LAND - 1975

- Planting Dates: Wheat - November 15 - January 15.
Barley - December - March 15, plant wet areas after February 15.
- Harvest Dates: Wheat - June 20 - August 1.
Barley - June 10 - July 20
- Varieties: Wheat - Inia 66R, Anza, Siete Cerros 66.
Barley - Briggs to January 15, CM67 after January 15.
- Seeding Rates: Wheat - 120-150 lbs/ac Anza, 100-120 other varieties.
Barley - 110-120 pounds per acre.
- Fertilizer: 180 to 200 pounds/acre 8-32-0 drilled under seed + 50 pounds Nitrogen per acre top dressed, late tiller or early boot.
- Irrigation: Set up for irrigation at planting, which will provide drainage also. Irrigate when needed.
- Rotation: Useful for drying out sub-irrigated soil. This helps in restoring row crop productivity and in weed control.
- Normal Yield: 4,000 to 6,000 pounds per acre.
- Insect Pests: Usually none, occasionally wireworms and aphids.
- Disease Problems: Wheat - Stripe rust can be devastating on non-resistant varieties. Yellow dwarf, powdery mildew and root rot are occasional problems.
Barley - is least resistant of cereals to saturated soil condition. Yellow dwarf is most serious. Scald, powdery mildew, net blotch and root rot are occasional problems.
- Miscellaneous Problems: Wheat - shattering of varieties such as Siete Cerros if not harvested on time.
Barley - lodging, particularly if planted early.
Wheat and Barley - (1) soil salinity, especially when surface soil is wet late in the season after salt has accumulated, (2) frost during bloom.
- Weed Control: 0.5-0.75 lbs. a.i./ac 2,4-D Amine for broadleaf weed control when crop is well established and tillered but before boot stage. One and one-half to two pints com. 2 lbs/gal. formulated Bromoxynil for broadleaf weed control when crop has reached two-leaf stage and before boot stage and weeds are in early seedling stage.

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SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE WHEAT AND BARLEY
ON DELTA PEAT LAND

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Yield: 5000 lbs/ac.

Price: Wheat @ \$120/ton.

Barley @ \$100/ton.

Gross:

Wheat \$300

Barley \$250

Net:

Wheat \$66.48

Barley \$48.09

OPERATION	DATE		COST/AC WHEAT	COST/AC BARLEY
<u>Cultural</u>				
Chop corn stubble	Oct-		\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Close spud ditch and disk	Oct-		2.50	2.50
Flow	Oct-		4.00	4.00
Disk 2x & Float			4.00	4.00
Plant	Nov-Dec	150 lbs/ac Anza \$18/100	27.00	16.00
	Jan-	100 lbs/ac Briggs, Cm67 (drilled under seed)200 lbs	1.50	1.50
		16-20-0 Application \$4.00	26.00	26.00
Herbicide		2,4-D 1 pt. 1-1/2 pts + air application \$3.00	4.00	4.00
Fertilize (top dress)		100 lbs/ac. Ammonium Nitrate + air	12.00	12.00
Spud ditch (drainage)			2.50	2.50
Irrigate 1x			1.50	1.50
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS			\$86.50	\$75.50
<u>Harvest</u>				
Combine & Haul		(Custom \$ 7.50/ton)	12.00	12.00
Storage: In and Out			3.00	2.50
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS			\$15.00	\$14.50
<u>Cash Overhead</u>				
Misc. Office, etc.			1.00	1.00
Rent: 33.3%			100.00	83.25
Taxes on equipment			1.00	1.00
Workman's Comp.			1.00	1.00
Social Security			1.00	1.00
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD			\$104.00	\$87.25
Management 5% of gross			15.00	12.50
TOTAL CASH COST			\$220.50	\$189.25
Depreciation & Interest on Equipment for 1200 acres \$150,000.00 ten years interest 10%. Sugar Beets, Corn, Wheat, Tomatoes, operations.				
Depreciation: Wheat & Barley \$4.86/ac:			\$ 12.66	\$ 12.66
Interest: Wheat & Barley \$7.80/ac.				
TOTAL COST/ACRE			\$233.16	\$201.91
TOTAL COST/TON			\$ 93.26	\$ 80.76