

Sample costs to establish a Fig Orchard in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Costs and prices are based on the Calimyrna variety. Others will vary somewhat in costs, yields, and fruit values. Tree spacing is: 15' x 30'.

	Costs Per Acre			
	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
YIELD: LBS. FIELD RUN BASIS				300
PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS				
Minimum land preparation*	9.20			
Fumigate: \$80.00 per acre**				
Disc 1 hr.	4.60			
Trees: 97 at \$1.00	97.00			
Mark, stake, dig holes, plant and prune: 35¢ per tree	33.95			
Re-plant: 2 trees at \$2.50		5.00		
Prune and train, starting 2nd year		7.30	14.60	24.25
Brush removal			4.50	4.50
Fertilize: labor and materials	5.11	8.35	11.60	8.80
Irrigate: water and labor	31.00	43.00	54.00	54.00
District assessments	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Spray: pest control		7.50	11.25	15.00
Caprification				6.00
Disc 3X	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.80
Weed control	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Misc. labor, materials, field power	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Taxes	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00
Repairs to equipment except tractor	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Supervision	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Office, car, business costs, etc.	19.30	11.62	13.49	14.65
TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS	294.96	177.57	206.24	224.00
HARVESTING COSTS				
Total for machine harvest				2.70
Haul				.75
Sort				3.60
Dry Yard costs				3.90
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS				10.95
TOTAL CASH COSTS	294.96	177.57	206.24	234.95
DEPRECIATION				
Surface irrigation system \$150.00-10 yrs.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Buildings and equipment \$120.00-15 yrs.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Tractor: \$1.40 per hour	7.00	5.60	5.60	7.00
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	30.00	28.60	28.60	30.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT AT 7%				
Surface irrigation system: ½ cost \$75.00	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
Buildings and equipment: ½ cost \$60	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
Tractor: 70¢ per hr.	3.50	2.80	2.80	3.50
Land: \$400.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Interest on accumulated costs		25.61	44.66	67.04
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT	40.95	65.86	84.91	107.99
TOTAL COST FOR THE YEAR	365.91	272.03	319.75	372.94
CREDIT FOR FRUIT				33.60
NET COST FOR THE YEAR	365.91	272.03	319.75	339.34
TOTAL ACCUMULATED COST	365.91	637.94	957.69	1297.03

*previously farmed land may require costs up to \$40 or more for subsoiling, leveling, etc
 **may not be needed on new clean soil
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ABOUT THESE COST DATA

The costs of production in any agricultural enterprise will vary considerably from ranch to ranch. The input and cost data in this booklet are sample costs. They are intended to be used only as educational guides in assisting you to appraise and plan your own crop and livestock program.

These cost data do not represent industry averages.

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