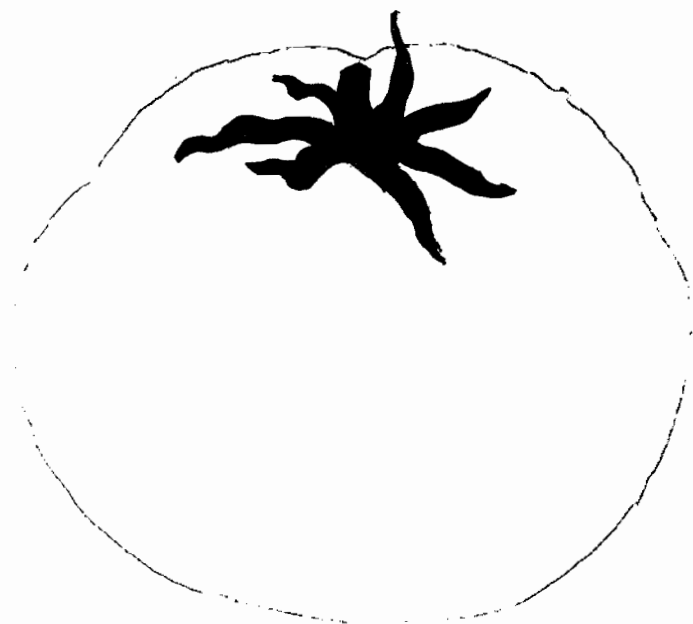


Do You Know

Your Canning



Production Costs

TYPICAL COSTS OF GROWING CANNING TOMATOES FOLLOWING BEANS

Westside Stanislaus County

100 Acre Tomato Operation on 400 Acre Farm

Yield per Acre - 20 Tons

Equipment, Field, Hoe and Thinning Labor: \$1.10 per hour

Labor & Cash Costs Per Acre

Operation	Hours		Fuel and Repairs	Mate- rial	Cont. Ser- vice	Total Costs per A	Cost per Ton	My Cost
	Per Acre	Labor						
Disc	.25	.28	.64			.92		
Subsoiler 2X	2.00	2.20	5.10			7.30		
Plow	.75	.83	1.91			2.74		
Disc	.25	.28	.64			.92		
Plant & Fertilizer-3 rows-2 men	1.00	1.10	.58	22.50		24.18		
Spring Tooth	.15	.17	.38			.55		
Land plane 2X	.66	.73	1.65			2.38		
Harrow (spike)	.25	.28	.58			.86		
Seed				7.00		7.00		7.00
Dust 3X					15.00	15.00		
Prepare to irrigate - 4 men	.40	.44	.90			1.34		
Irrigate 1st	1.20	1.32				1.32		
Irrigate 2nd	1.00	1.10				1.10		
Grade in ditches 2 men	.20	.22	.45			.67		
Cultivate 3 rows	.50	.55	.53			1.08		
Thin	18.20	20.02				20.02		
Cultivate	.30	.33	.32			.65		
Chisel & Furrow out rows	.50	.55	.53			1.08		
Prepare to irrigate	.40	.44	.90			1.34		
Irrigate 3rd	1.20	1.32				1.32		
Grade in ditches - 2 men	.20	.30	.25			.55		
Cultivate	.40	.22	.45			.67		
Hoe	4.00	4.40				4.40		
Prepare to irrigate	.40	.44	.90			1.34		
Irrigate 4th	.60	.66				.66		
Irrigate 5th	.60	.66				.66		
Hoe	2.00	2.20				2.20		
Irrigate 6th	.50	.55				.55		
Irrigate 7th	.50	.55				.55		
Water - Power to Pump				20.00		20.00		
Grade in ditches - 2 men	.20	.30	.25			.55		
Stake roads	.30	.33				.33		
Cut roads & regrade	.20	.22	.45			.67		
Misc. other work	3.00	3.30				3.30		
Pickup Truck plus 10%			1.27			1.27		6.47
Total Cultural	42.11	46.29	18.68	69.50	15.00	129.47		6.79
Harvest								
Box rent per ton .40						8.00		
Picking & Loading 9.60 per ton						192.00		
Inspection and dockage per ton 1.00						20.00		
Total Harvest Cost						220.00		11.00
Miscellaneous Cost - Office telephone, hand tools, boots int. on operating capital etc. @ 5% of cost						17.75		
Taxes on P. P.						1.28		
Insurance - fire and liability						1.25		
Land rent @ 20% Gross						90.00		
Interest on equipment & housing (1/2 of 37,825)						2.37		
Depreciation on " "		37,825				12.10		
Miscellaneous and overhead						124.75		6.24
Total Cost						482.96		24.02
						474.22		23.71

This cost study gives a reliable basis on which a prospective grower may anticipate his actual costs in the production of field seeded tomatoes on the West-side of Stanislaus County.

An experienced grower may compare his costs with what we have found to be the costs of the several operations in producing canning tomatoes.

A grower must produce a crop that will average 21.5 tons per acre just to break even at a \$22.50 price. This is about four tons greater than the average production in Stanislaus County in 1956.

Much of the tomato land is rented. The standard 20% of the gross was used to arrive at the land rent figure.

There are wide variations in the use of fertilizers with the cost often being more than \$30.00 per acre.

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