

SAMPLE COSTS TO GROW IRRIGATED SUDANGRASS PASTURE IN GLENN COUNTY

Expected average yield: $17\frac{1}{2}$ animal unit months of
pasture (equivalent to 7
tons hay)

Labor at \$1.25 1/

PREHARVEST

Cost per acre

Disc or plow	\$3.00
Landplane	3.00
Check	4.00
Harrow	.80
Planting and fertilizing	1.40
Seed, 20 lbs. at 18¢	3.60
Fertilize, 200 lbs. 16-20	9.00
Irrigation labor (8x)	5.50
Irrigation power	<u>6.50</u>
Total Preharvest cost	\$36.80

MISCELLANEOUS

Taxes	\$3.00
Other cash	2.00
Interest and depreciation on irrigation system	7.50
Interest on land, 5% of \$400	<u>20.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous cost	\$32.50

TOTAL COST PER ACRE \$69.30
TOTAL COST PER A.U.M. 3.96

Interest and depreciation on tractor and equipment are included in the charge for each operation and will total from \$4 to \$8 per acre.

1/ Current wage rates vary from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for unskilled labor and \$1.35 to \$1.50 for tractor and machine labor.

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