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INTRODUCTION

Sample costs to produce organic pears in the Sacramento Valley – Sacramento County are presented in this study. The study is intended as a guide only, and can be used to make production decisions, determine potential returns, prepare budgets and evaluate production loans. Practices described are based on production practices considered typical for the crop and area, but these same practices will not apply to every situation. The sample costs for labor, materials, equipment and custom services are based on current figures. A blank column, “*Your Costs*”, in Tables 1 and 2 is provided for entering your costs.

For an explanation of calculations used for the study refer to the Assumptions or call the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California-Davis, (530) 752-3589 or the UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor in the county of interest.

Sample Cost of Production Studies for many commodities, including organic production, can be downloaded at <http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu>, requested through the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis, (530) 752-6887 or obtained from the local county UC Cooperative Extension offices. Some archived studies are also available on the website.

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Assumptions

The following assumptions give background information relevant to the values shown in Tables 1 to 7 and pertain to sample costs for producing pears in the Sacramento Valley – Sacramento County. The cultural practices in this study represent typical organic production practices for this crop and area. The practices and inputs used in this cost study serve as a guide only. All costs and practices may not be applicable to your situation or used during every production year. Cultural practices vary by grower and region and variations can be significant. **Trade names and practices used in this report do not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the University of California nor is any criticism implied by omission of other similar products or practices.**

Farm. The hypothetical farm located on the valley floor in the Sacramento River Delta - Sacramento County is owned and operated by the owner. The 400 contiguous acre farm consists of 100 acres of pears, 290 acres of orchard and/or vine crops, and 10 acres for shop, equipment yard and roads. There are 25 acres of organic pears. The organic orchard was converted from a conventional orchard that was established on land previously planted to a pear orchard. It is on a loam soil, typical of the region.

Trees. The pear cultivar planted in this study is Golden Russet Bosc on Winter Nellis rootstock, a favorable combination in Sacramento County. Unlike Bartlett, Bosc is a single-purpose pear, utilized for only fresh market and not processing. The trees are planted on 10 X 18-foot spacing, 242 trees per acre. Pear trees have a long production life if they are well maintained. Pear orchards may have some trees over 100 years old still producing a commercial crop. The life of the orchard at the time of planting in this study is estimated to be 100 years.

Production Operating Costs

Replanting. An average of one tree per acre is replanted each year.

Pruning. A contract labor crew hand prunes during the winter months (December). Crews consist of 20 laborers and one foreman per crew. Prunings are chopped in February during the first mowing.

Irrigation. Growers in the area have riparian rights; however, the growers are members of the North Delta Water Agency, which costs \$1.80 per acre. The main irrigation costs are pumping costs plus irrigation labor. The cost is based on using two 25 - 30 hp motors to pump 30 acre-inches from the river. Price per acre-foot of water will vary by grower in this region depending on power source, power cost, and other irrigation factors. In this study, the power cost is based on grower input costs of \$160 per acre for a mature orchard and at 30 acre-inches calculates to \$5.33 per acre-inch. No assumption is made about effective rainfall or runoff.

Fertilization. Tree nitrogen status is determined during the season by visual observation (shoot vigor and leaf color) and by leaf analysis taken in July. Nitrogen is applied in June and October. In this study, feather meal is applied at the rate of 500 pounds in the spring and 150 pounds in the fall (a total of about 80 pounds of actual N per acre). Muriate of potash is applied at 333 pounds per acre in September/October (200 pounds of potassium per acre). The grower, using a tractor and rented fertilizer spreader, makes all fertilizer applications.

Pest Management. The pesticides and rates mentioned in this cost study are listed in *UC Integrated Pest Management Guidelines, Pears*. **Pesticides mentioned in the study are not recommendations, but those commonly used in the region.** For information on other pesticides available, pest identification, monitoring, and management visit the UC IPM website at <http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu>. For information and pesticide use permits, contact the local county agricultural commissioner's office.

Pest Control Adviser (PCA). Written recommendations are required for many pesticides and are made by licensed pest control advisers. In addition, the PCA may monitor the field for agronomic problems including pests and nutrition. Growers can hire private PCAs or receive the service as part of a service agreement with an agricultural chemical and fertilizer company. In this study, the PCA is from an agricultural-chemical company, and a fee is charged for monitoring the pheromone traps.

Weeds. A Weed Badger® cultivator is used to control both weed and voles. The implement shallowly tills a swath approx. 2 ft. wide on either side of the tree row, articulating around trees and sprinklers with a hydraulically-operated arm. Weeds immediately adjacent to the sprinklers and trees are removed by hand weeding in March and May. The row middles are mowed in December, at which time the prunings are shredded. They are mowed again in April, May, June, and July.

Insects and Mites. Arthropod pests treated in this study are codling moth, pear psylla, and mites. All pest management operations are done by the growers with their own equipment.

Codling moth is considered the primary pear pest and its control can affect subsequent control of other pests. In this study pheromones for mating disruption and traps are hung in the orchard in April. The traps are monitored by a PCA Entrust insecticide is applied one time in June to control pear slug, and used at the proper timing it can also control codling moth.

Pear psylla is an economically significant insect pear pest. Psylla are controlled with horticultural oil applied at various times during the year. Treatments made in this study include a dormant spray in January, June, August, and October. High psylla populations can weaken a tree, and honeydew excreted by psylla can cause russetting on fruit and sooty mold on leaves.

Mites are controlled with the oil sprays used to control pear psylla. They are also controlled with the micronized sulfur spray in November that is also applied to control pear scab (see below). Mites can cause damage in pears even at low levels (two per leaf).

Disease. Ten treatments for fire blight are made at 3 to 4 day intervals or 2 applications weekly using Mycoshield from mid-March through April. Each application is made to alternate rows so that each week both sides of the tree have been sprayed. Pesticides used to control fire blight and other pests are sometimes tank-mixed with other materials. During years of heavy disease pressure, fire blight may require 15 or more Mycoshield applications. However, Bosc pears are less susceptible to blight than Bartlett. In addition to using Mycoshield, blight infections are cut out by hand in the spring. The cost of blight cutting is dependent on the amount of blight removed. Fire blight symptoms usually appear first in blossoms and shoot tips and if left untreated, the infection can move into spurs and branches. Severe infection may not only cause loss of fruit, but may kill entire branches or trees.

Pear scab, in this study, is controlled with six fungicide treatments made in the spring prior to infection. The scab sprays are applied in March and April. These sprays are made with micronized sulfur, Microthiol, which is often tank mixed with the blight sprays. It is also controlled with the fall clean-up spray of micronized sulfur and lime sulfur. Pear scab is caused by a fungus that first attacks young fruit, appearing as dark velvety spots and often causing the young pears to drop. If fruit does not drop, scabbing and deformities occur and cause reductions in quality. Pear scab can be a serious disease during cool, wet springs.

Vertebrate (Rodents) Pests. The major vertebrate pests in pear orchards for this region are voles. They are managed using a Weed Badger, as noted in the Weeds section.

Thinning. In this study, the fruit are hand-thinned every other year at a cost of \$500 per acre. Bosc pears tend to have alternate bearing, and fruit thinning is required only in the years in which fruit set is heavy. The average cost of \$250 per acre appears in the study.

Miscellaneous Labor. To keep a steady labor force, when there are lulls in the crop operation, growers often must keep the laborer working at odd jobs, such as hoeing around shop area, equipment yard and so forth.

Harvest. The crop is harvested with contract labor. Picking, sorting, and packing costs are paid by the grower. The harvest season for Golden Russet Bosc is mainly August. The orchard is harvested twice. The first pick is selective and usually collects a third of the fruit. The second pick gathers the remaining pears about 10 days to two weeks later. Harvest crews use ladders and picking bags to hand-pick fruit that is placed into half-ton field bins on bin trailers. The grower uses four contract crews at 10 men each. Each man picks five 1,000-pound bins per 6.5 hour day. The contractor charges the grower \$20 per bin plus 45% overhead. Each crew has one crew boss, two sorters and one tractor driver. The sorters and driver are hired by the grower and not the contractor. The tractor driver hauls the filled bins to the packing shed or staging area. The crew boss supervises the picking and moves the picking trailers around, when the tractor driver is hauling the fruit. The grower owns a forklift, rents a forklift and hires two forklift drivers. Two tractors and two bin trailers with four 1,000 pounds bins per trailer are assigned to each crew. The grower uses two of his tractors and rents six for one month. The grower owns the bin trailers and the bins are rented from the packinghouse at \$1.50 per bin fill/use. The cost for ladders and picking bags is not included in the harvest costs but as a non-cash overhead investment with all costs charged to the pear orchard. The grower pays the custom hauling costs for fresh market fruit only; the processor pays for the fruit going to processing.

Yields. Typical annual yields for Golden Russet pears are measured in tons per acre. Yields fall into two categories: fresh market and off-grade (juice/restricted grade). Off-grade pears are used in juice, concentrate, fermented products, drying, and frozen goods.

An assumed yield of 20 tons per acre with 10 percent off grade is used to calculate cost per ton. A typical yield range is 15-21 tons of marketable fruit per acre. Yield maturity is reached in the tenth year.

Returns. Not all of the fruit is necessarily sold into the organic market. In this study it is assumed that two thirds of the fruit is sold as organic and one third is sold into the conventional market. Within the fresh markets there are several prices depending on the size of the fruit with larger fruit receiving a higher price than smaller fruit. In this study we use four organic prices and an average conventional price to reflect the variation in revenue from different size fruit. Estimated net return prices per ton are the price received from the packer less packing shed costs of \$7.50 per box. The off-grade has no value. We assume that the fruit sold as organic is sold at four different prices depending on fruit size ranging from \$20 per box (a net of \$12.50 per box) to \$14.00 per box (net \$6.50 per box), depending on size. This is an average net price of \$9.75 per box or \$536 per ton (assuming 55 boxes per ton). The average conventional price is assumed to be \$3.82 per box or \$210 per ton. Returns will vary during the season and from year to year.

Assessments. Under a state marketing order, mandatory assessment fees are collected and administered by the California Pear Advisory Board (CPAB). This assessment is charged to growers to pay for pest management and registrations, pear marketing and advertising. Rates are set for pears bound for both fresh and processed markets. This report uses CPAB assessments for the categories tight fill carton (36 lb) and processed unrestricted and restricted grades as shown in Table A.

Table A. California Pear Advisory Board Assessments - Bosc Pears

Category	\$/Unit	Unit
<u>Fresh market</u>		
Tight-fill carton	\$0.320	36 lb
Standard box	\$0.400	45 lb
Metric box	\$0.356	40 lb
LA lug	\$0.249	28 lb

Pickup/ATV. The pickup is owned by the grower and used for personal and business use. It is assumed that 10,000 miles are for business miles applicable to this orchard. The ATV is used to inspect the orchard, to irrigate and monitor the irrigation system, and other assorted uses.

Labor, Equipment and Interest

Labor. Labor rates of \$16.63 per hour for machine operators and \$12.33 for general labor includes payroll overhead of 45% based on grower input. This included the hourly wages plus overhead. The overhead includes the employers' share of federal and California state payroll taxes, workers' compensation insurance for fruit orchards (code 0016), and a percentage for other benefits including housing and utilities. Workers' compensation costs will vary among growers, but for this study the cost is based upon the average industry final rate as of January 1, 2010 (California Department of Insurance, unreferenced). Labor for operations involving machinery are 20% higher than the operation time given in Table 1 to account for the extra labor involved in equipment set up, moving, maintenance, work breaks, and field repair.

Equipment Operating Costs. Repair costs are based on purchase price, annual hours of use, total hours of life, and repair coefficients formulated by American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). Fuel and lubrication costs are also determined by ASAE equations based on maximum Power Take Off (PTO) horsepower, and fuel type. Prices for on-farm delivery of diesel and gasoline are \$2.04 (excludes excise tax) and \$2.67 per gallon, respectively. The cost includes a 2.5% local sales tax on diesel fuel and 7.5% sales tax on gasoline. The fuel prices are the 2011 average costs derived from the Energy Information Administration monthly data. Gasoline also

includes federal and state excise tax, which are refundable for on-farm use when filing your income tax. The fuel, lube, and repair cost per acre for each operation in Table 1 is determined by multiplying the total hourly operating cost in Table 6 for each piece of equipment used for the selected operation by the hours per acre. Tractor time is 10% higher than implement time for a given operation to account for setup, travel and down time.

Interest On Operating Capital. Interest on operating capital is based on cash operating costs and is calculated monthly until harvest at a nominal rate of 5.75% per year. A nominal interest rate is the typical market cost of borrowed funds. The interest cost of post harvest operations is discounted back to the last harvest month using a negative interest charge. The rate will vary depending upon various factors, but the rate in this study is considered a typical lending rate by a farm lending agency as of January 2012.

Risk. The risks associated with crop production should not be minimized. While this study makes every effort to model a production system based on typical, real world practices, it cannot fully represent financial, agronomic and market risks, which affect profitability and economic viability.

Cash Overhead

Cash overhead consists of various cash expenses paid out during the year that are assigned to the whole farm and not to a particular operation.

Property Taxes. Counties charge a base property tax rate of 1% on the assessed value of the property. In some counties special assessment districts exist and charge additional taxes on property including equipment, buildings, and improvements. For this study, county taxes are calculated as 1% of the average value of the property. Average value equals new cost plus salvage value divided by 2 on a per acre basis.

Insurance. Insurance for farm investments varies depending on the assets included and the amount of coverage. Property insurance provides coverage for property loss and is charged at 0.676% of the average value of the assets over their useful life. Liability insurance covers accidents on the farm and costs \$895 for the entire farm.

Crop Insurance. Crop insurance is available and purchased by most growers. Grower reported costs range from \$35 to \$50 for 65% to 75% multiperil coverage that pays 65% to 75% of the grower's average production for that field, depending on percent coverage purchased.

Management/Supervisor Wage. Wages of \$70,000 including 45% payroll overhead for the operator grower or farm manager are included as a cost in this study. The cost is allocated by acres to all crops. Returns above costs are also considered a return to management.

Office Expense. Office and business expenses are estimated at \$200 per acre for the entire farm. These expenses include office supplies, telephones, bookkeeping, accounting, tax preparation, legal fees, shop and office utilities, safety training/records and training supplies, and miscellaneous administrative charges.

Reclamation Fee. The reclamation district manages the water drainage and charges \$30 per acre.

Sanitation Services. Sanitation services provide portable toilets and washbasin for the pear orchard costs an average of \$203 per month or \$16.25 per acre. Two toilets are rented during pruning, three during harvest and one the rest of the season. The monthly service charge is an average of four to six California sanitation companies and locations. The cost includes delivery and 8 months of weekly service. Contract labor crews may furnish their own sanitation and included in their costs.

Safety. This includes safety training, record keeping, and safety equipment such as facemasks, goggles, and coveralls. An assumed cost is included in Office Expenses.

Investment Repairs. Annual maintenance on investments (buildings, irrigation system, etc.) listed under Non-Cash Overhead is calculated as 2% of the purchase price. A maintenance cost is not included for orchard establishment and land.

Non-Cash Overhead

Non-cash overhead is calculated as the capital recovery cost for equipment and other farm investments.

Capital Recovery Costs. Capital recovery cost is the annual depreciation and interest costs for a capital investment. It is the amount of money required each year to recover the difference between the purchase price and salvage value (unrecovered capital). It is equivalent to the annual payment on a loan for the investment with the down payment equal to the discounted salvage value. This is a more complex method of calculating ownership costs than straight-line depreciation and opportunity costs, but more accurately represents the annual costs of ownership because it takes the time value of money into account (Boelje and Eidman). The formula for the calculation of the annual capital recovery costs is $((\text{Purchase Price} - \text{Salvage Value}) \times \text{Capital Recovery Factor}) + (\text{Salvage Value} \times \text{Interest Rate})$.

Salvage Value. Salvage value is an estimate of the remaining value of an investment at the end of its useful life. For farm machinery (tractors and implements) the remaining value is a percentage of the new cost of the investment (Boelje and Eidman). The percent remaining value is calculated from equations developed by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) based on equipment type and years of life. The life in years is estimated by dividing the wear out life, as given by ASAE by the annual hours of use in this operation. For other investments including irrigation systems, buildings, and miscellaneous equipment, the value at the end of its useful life is zero. The salvage value for land is the purchase price because land does not depreciate.

Capital Recovery Factor. Capital recovery factor is the amortization factor or annual payment whose present value at compound interest is 1. The amortization factor is a table value that corresponds to the interest rate used and the life of the machine.

Interest Rate. The interest rate of 4.75% is used to calculate capital recovery. The rate will vary depending upon loan size and other lending agency conditions. The rate is the suggested rate by a farm lending agency in January 2012.

Irrigation System. The cost is based on using two 25 to 30 hp motors to pump 30 acre-inches from the river with a lateral flow of 25 to 30 feet. Water is pumped to the orchard after running through a filtration station into an underground, permanent sprinkler system in the tree rows. Because an older orchard was removed at this location, pumps and wells already existed. The cost of the irrigation system is for refurbishing the pumps and motors, installing underground, permanent sprinklers and a new filtration system. The new irrigation system was installed after the orchard had been laid out, but prior to planting. The life of the irrigation system is estimated to be 25 years. The irrigation system is considered an improvement to the property.

Drainage System. Tile drains are installed underground in the field prior to planting.

Fuel Tanks. Two 500-gallon fuel tanks are placed on stands in cement containment meeting Federal, State, and local regulations. Fuel is delivered to the equipment by gravity feed.

Tools. Includes shop tools/equipment, hand tools and field tools such as pruning equipment.

Ladders/Picking Bags. Costs are for 50 picking bags and 50, ten-foot orchard ladders.

Building. The metal shop buildings comprise 2,400 square feet on a cement slab.

Land. Pear orchards range from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per acre whereas open land ranged from \$4,500 to \$10,000 per acre according to California Real Estate Appraisers “2012 Trends in Agricultural Land and Lease Values”. Open land available for pear production in this study is valued at \$6,000 per acre.

Establishment Cost. The cost to establish the orchard is used to determine the non-cash overhead expenses: depreciation and interest on investment for the production years. The establishment cost is the sum of cash costs for land preparation, planting, trees, production expenses, and cash overhead for growing pear trees through the first year fruit is harvested minus any returns from production. The Total Accumulated Net Cash Cost in the fifth year represents the establishment cost per acre. Establishment costs are estimated and not based on any specific data. For this study, this cost is \$9,500 per acre or \$950,000 for the 100-acre orchard. Establishment cost is depreciated beginning in the sixth year over the remaining 95 years of production.

Equipment. Farm equipment is purchased new or used, but the study shows the current purchase price for new equipment. The new purchase price is adjusted to 60% to indicate a mix of new and used equipment. Equipment costs are composed of three parts: non-cash overhead, cash overhead, and operating costs. Both of the overhead factors have been discussed in previous sections. The operating costs consist of repairs, fuel, and lubrication and are discussed under operating costs.

Table Values. Due to rounding, the totals may be slightly different from the sum of the components.

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TABLE 1. COSTS PER ACRE TO PRODUCE ORGANIC PEARS

Operation	Operating		Cash and Labor Costs per Acre				Total Cost	Your Cost
	Time (Hrs/A)	Labor Cost	Fuel	Lube & Repairs	Material Cost	Custom/Rent		
Cultural :								
Pest: Mites, Psylla	1.22	24	18	9	136	0	187	
Pest: Scab and mite	0.31	6	5	2	15	0	28	
Pest: Pear Saw Fly	0.31	6	5	2	42	0	55	
Fertilize: Potash	0.09	3	1	1	162	0	167	
Fertilize: Feathermeal	0.19	4	3	1	479	0	486	
Weed control - Tree Row	2.62	52	39	9	0	0	100	
Prune	0.00	0	0	0	0	986	986	
Weed: Mow Middles	1.51	30	22	13	0	0	65	
Weed: Hand Weed	5.00	62	0	0	0	0	62	
Replant Trees (1/acre)	0.26	3	0	0	7	0	10	
Disease: Scab 6X	2.14	43	32	16	93	0	184	
Disease: Blight 10X	3.06	61	45	23	361	0	491	
Pest: Codling Moth	1.40	17	0	0	145	0	163	
Fruit Thinning (By Hand, Every Other Year)	0.00	0	0	0	0	250	250	
Disease: Blight Cutting	0.00	0	0	0	0	100	100	
Irrigate 9X	5.50	68	0	0	160	0	228	
Leaf Sampling 1/20 Acre	0.01	0	0	0	3	0	3	
Pickup Truck Use	3.33	67	32	12	0	0	110	
ATV Use	0.57	11	1	1	0	0	13	
Miscellaneous Labor	1.00	9	0	0	0	0	9	
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	28.52	467	203	89	1,603	1,336	3,697	
Harvest :								
Pick Fruit	1.25	48	12	4	0	1,420	1,484	
Haul Fruit	0.00	0	0	0	0	312	312	
Assessments	0.00	0	0	0	317	0	317	
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS	1.25	48	12	4	317	1,732	2,113	
Interest on Operating Capital at 5.75%							95	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	30	515	215	93	1,919	3,068	5,999	

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TABLE 1. CONTINUED

	Operation Time Operation	(Hrs/A)	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre					Total Cost	Your Cost
			Labor Cost	Fuel	Lube &Repairs	Material Cost	Custom/ Rent		
CASH OVERHEAD:									
	Crop Insurance							40	
	Liability Insuranc							3	
	Manager SV							179	
	Office Expense							200	
	Reclamation Fee							30	
	Sanitation Fees							16	
	Property Taxes							97	
	Property Insurance							77	
	Investment Repairs							57	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE								700	
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE								6,699	
NON-CASH OVERHEAD:									
			Per Producing Acre		Annual Cost Capital Recovery				
	Building 40X60		205		13			13	
	Establishment SV		9,500		457			457	
	Fuel Tanks 2-500 g		9		1			1	
	Ladders-50 10'		100		13			13	
	Land - Pears SV		3,077		146			146	
	Picking Bags 50		12		3			3	
	Shop Tools		31		3			3	
	Spray Mixing Stati		19		2			2	
	Sprinkler Pears SV		2,000		138			138	
	Tile Drainage400ac Equipment		1,026		71			71	
			757		88			88	
TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS			16,735		934			934	
TOTAL COSTS/ACRE								7,633	

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TABLE 2. COSTS AND RETURNS PER ACRE TO PRODUCE ORGANIC PEARS

	Quantity/ Acre	Unit	Price or Cost/Unit	Value or Cost/Acre	Your Cost
GROSS RETURNS					
Organic – price 1	3	Tons	687.50	2,063	
Organic – price 2	3	Tons	577.50	1,733	
Organic – price 3	3	Tons	522.50	1,568	
Organic – price 4	3	Tons	357.50	1,073	
Conventional	6	Tons	210.00	1,260	
TOTAL GROSS RETURNS	18	Tons		7,740	
OPERATING COSTS					
Disease control:					606
Oil	20.00	gallon	6.78	136	
Liquid lime sulfur	8.00	gallon	1.00	8	
Micronized sulfur	26.00	pound	0.37	10	
Microthiol	48.00	pound	1.90	91	
Mycoshield	10.00	pound	36.15	361	
Pest control:					187
Entrust	1.00	ounce	41.63	42	
Pheromone - codling moth	200.00	ties	0.73	145	
Water:					21
Pumped water	4.00	Acre Inch	5.33	21	
Fertilizer:					643
Potash	323.00	pound	0.50	162	
Feathermeal pellets	0.33	ton	1450.00	479	
LeafAnalysis1/20ac	0.05	Each	50.00	3	
Assessment:					317
CPAB Fresh Box	990.00	Box	0.32	317	
Custom:					2,924
Prune	269.00	Tree	3.25	874	
Prune: Foreman	0.70	day	110.00	77	
Prune: Foreman Overhead	0.70	day	49.50	35	
Fruit Thinning	1.00	acre	250.00	250	
Cut out blight by hand	1.00	acre	100.00	100	
Harvest - Hand	44.00	Bin	20.00	880	
Harvest contractor overhead	44.00	bin	9.00	396	
Haul-Custom/Ton	26.00	ton	12.00	312	
Tree:					6
Tree - Pear 3/4"	1.00	Each	6.40	6	
Tree Aids:					1
Tree Guards	1.00	Each	0.75	1	
Irrigation:					139
Water - Pumped	26.00	acre inches	5.33	139	
Rent:					144
Bin Rental	44.00	bin	1.50	66	
Forklift Rental	1.00	acre	20.80	21	
Tractor Rental (6)	1.00	acre	57.00	57	
Labor					540
Equipment Operator Labor	21.42	hrs	16.63	356	
Non-Machine Labor	9.65	hrs	12.33	116	
Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	5.50	hrs	12.33	68	
Machinery					317
Fuel-Gas	9.00	gal	4.00	33	
Fuel-Diesel	55.14	gal	3.43	189	
Lube				33	
Machinery Repair				61	
Interest on Operating Capital @ 5.75%				95	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE				6,033	
NET RETURNS ABOVE OPERATING COSTS				1,707	

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TABLE 2. CONTINUED

	Quantity/ Acre	Unit	Price or Cost/Unit	Value or Cost/Acre	Your Cost
CASH OVERHEAD COSTS					
Crop Insurance				40	
Liability Insurance				3	
Manager SV				179	
Office Expense				200	
Reclamation Fee				30	
Sanitation Fees				16	
Property Taxes				97	
Property Insurance				77	
Investment Repairs				57	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE				700	
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE				6,733	
NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS (Capital Recovery)					
Building 40X60				13	
Establishment SV				457	
Fuel Tanks 2-500 g				1	
Ladders-50 10'				13	
Land - Pears SV				146	
Picking Bags 50				3	
Shop Tools				3	
Spray Mixing Station				2	
Sprinkler Pears SV				138	
Tile Drainage400ac				71	
Equipment				88	
TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS				934	
TOTAL COST/ACRE				7,667	
NET RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL COST				73	

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TABLE 3. MONTHLY COSTS PER ACRE TO PRODUCE ORGANIC PEARS

	OCT 11	NOV 11	DEC 11	JAN 12	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 12	MAY 12	JUN 12	JUL 12	AUG 12	SEP 12	Total
Cultural :													
Pest:Mites, Psylla	40			94					26		26		187
Pest: Scab and mite		28											28
Pest: Pear Saw Fly									55				55
Fertilize: Potash												167	167
Fertilize: Feathermeal	120								366				486
Weed control - Tree Row	31					31	31				8		100
Prune			986										986
Weed:Mow Middles			17			15	8	8	8	8			65
Weed: Hand Weed						31		31					62
Replant Trees (1/acre)						10							10
Disease: Scab 6X						84	84	15					184
Disease: Blight 10X						196	147	147					491
Pest: Codling Moth							163						163
Fruit Thinning (By Hand, Every Other Year)								250					250
Disease: Blight Cutting							100						100
Irrigate 9X							30	30	61	61	30	15	228
Leaf Sampling 1/20 Acre										3			3
Pickup Truck Use	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	110
ATV Use	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Miscellaneous Labor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS	202	39	1,014	105	11	379	574	493	528	91	68	193	3,697
Harvest :													
Pick Fruit										1,484			1,484
Haul Fruit										312			312
Assessments										317			317
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,113	0	0	2,113
Interest on Operating Capital @5.75%	1	1	6	7	7	8	11	14	16	27	-1	-1	95
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	203	41	1,020	112	18	387	586	506	544	2,230	67	192	5,904
CASH OVERHEAD													
Crop Insurance													40
Liability Insurance													3
Manager SV													179
Office Expense													200
Reclamation Fee													30
Sanitation Fees													16
Property Taxes					48					48			97
Property Insurance					77								77
Investment Repairs	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	57
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS	5	5	5	5	131	5	5	5	5	53	5	5	700
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE	207	45	1,025	117	148	392	590	511	548	2,283	71	197	6,604

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TABLE 4. RANGING ANALYSIS - ORGANIC PEARS

COSTS PER ACRE AT VARYING YIELDS TO PRODUCE ORGANIC PEARS

	YIELD(TONS)						
	13.50	15.00	16.50	18.00	19.50	21.00	22.50
OPERATING COSTS/ACRE:							
Cultural	3,697	3,697	3,697	3,697	3,697	3,697	3,697
Harvest	1,929	1,990	2,051	2,113	2,174	2,235	2,297
Interest on Operating Capital @ 5.75%	94	94	94	95	95	95	96
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE	5,719	5,781	5,843	5,904	5,966	6,027	6,089
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/TONS	423.66	385.40	354.10	328.01	305.94	287.02	270.62
CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE	700	700	700	700	700	700	700
TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE	6,419	6,481	6,542	6,604	6,666	6,727	6,789
TOTAL CASH COSTS/TONS	475.50	432.06	396.51	366.89	341.83	320.34	301.73
NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE	934	934	934	934	934	934	934
TOTAL COSTS/ACRE	7,353	7,415	7,476	7,538	7,600	7,661	7,723
TOTAL COSTS/TONS	545.00	494.00	453.00	419.00	390.00	365.00	343.00

Net Return Per Acre Above Operating Costs For Organic Pears

PRICE (\$/tons)		YIELD (tons/acre)						
Organic	Conventional	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00
		4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50
390.00	180.00	-1,399	-981	-563	-144	274	693	1,111
440.00	190.00	-904	-431	42	516	989	1,463	1,936
490.00	200.00	-409	119	647	1,176	1,704	2,233	2,761
540.00	210.00	86	669	1,252	1,836	2,419	3,003	3,586
590.00	220.00	581	1,219	1,857	2,496	3,134	3,773	4,411
640.00	230.00	1,076	1,769	2,462	3,156	3,849	4,543	5,236
690.00	240.00	1,571	2,319	3,067	3,816	4,564	5,313	6,061

Net Return Per Acre Above Cash Costs For Organic Pears

PRICE (\$/tons)		YIELD (tons/acre)						
Organic	Conventional	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00
		4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50
390.00	180.00	-2,099	-1,681	-1,262	-844	-426	-7	411
440.00	190.00	-1,604	-1,131	-657	-184	289	763	1,236
490.00	200.00	-1,109	-581	-52	476	1,004	1,533	2,061
540.00	210.00	-614	-31	553	1,136	1,719	2,303	2,886
590.00	220.00	-119	519	1,158	1,796	2,434	3,073	3,711
640.00	230.00	376	1,069	1,763	2,456	3,149	3,843	4,536
690.00	240.00	871	1,619	2,368	3,116	3,864	4,613	5,361

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TABLE 4. RANGING ANALYSIS CONTINUED

Net Return Per Acre Above Total Costs For Organic Pears

PRICE (\$/tons)		YIELD (tons/acre)						
Organic	Conventional	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00
		4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50
390.00	180.00	-3,033	-2,615	-2,196	-1,778	-1,360	-941	-523
440.00	190.00	-2,538	-2,065	-1,591	-1,118	-645	-171	302
490.00	200.00	-2,043	-1,515	-986	-458	70	599	1,127
540.00	210.00	-1,548	-965	-381	202	785	1,369	1,952
590.00	220.00	-1,053	-415	224	862	1,500	2,139	2,777
640.00	230.00	-558	135	829	1,522	2,215	2,909	3,602
690.00	240.00	-63	685	1,434	2,182	2,930	3,679	4,427

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TABLE 5. WHOLE FARM ANNUAL EQUIPMENT, INVESTMENT, AND BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT COSTS

Yr	Description	Price	Yrs Life	Salvage Value	Capital Recovery	Cash Overhead		Total
						Insur- ance	Taxes	
12	25 HP MFWD Tractor	13,990	15	2,724	1,197	67	84	1,347
12	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	55,307	12	13,827	5,271	278	346	5,894
12	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	55,307	12	13,827	5,271	278	346	5,894
12	ATV 4WD	7,430	7	2,818	924	41	51	1,016
12	Bin Trailer 1	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 2	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 3	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 4	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 5	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 6	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 7	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Bin Trailer 8	1,970	15	189	178	9	11	197
12	Forklift-Field Lift	19,500	20	2,502	1,454	88	110	1,652
12	Mower - Rotary 9'	10,000	10	1,768	1,137	47	59	1,243
12	Orchard.Sprayer 500G1	22,800	8	5,148	2,948	112	140	3,200
12	Pickup Truck 1/2 T	28,000	4	13,640	4,674	167	208	5,049
12	Spreader Fertilize	10,725	10	1,897	1,220	51	63	1,333
12	Weed Badger	10,000	6	2,883	1,528	52	64	1,644
12	Orchard.Sprayer 500G2	22,800	8	5,148	2,948	112	140	3,200
TOTAL		271,619	-	67,696	29,993	1,362	1,697	33,052
60% of New Cost*		162,971	-	40,618	17,996	817	1,018	19,831

*Used to reflect a mix of new and used equipment

ANNUAL INVESTMENT COSTS

Description	Price	Yrs Life	Salvage Value	Capital Recovery	Cash Overhead			Total	
					Insur- ance	Taxes	Repairs		
INVESTMENT									
Building 40X60	80,000	30	0	5,057	321	400	1,600	7,378	
Establishment SV	950,000	95	0	45,681	3,814	4,750	0	54,245	
Fuel Tanks 2-500 g	3,500	25	709	227	17	21	70	335	
Ladders-50 10'	10,000	10	0	1,279	40	50	200	1,570	
Land - Pears SV	1,200,000	95	1,200,000	57,000	9,636	12,000	0	78,636	
Picking Bags 50	1,200	5	0	275	5	6	24	310	
Shop Tools	12,000	15	1,133	1,083	53	66	240	1,442	
Spray Mixing Station	7,223	15	722	650	32	40	144	866	
Sprinkler Pears SV	200,000	25	0	13,837	803	1,000	3,973	19,613	
Tile Drainage400ac	400,000	25	0	27,674	1,606	2,000	4,000	35,280	
TOTAL INVESTMENT		2,863,923	-	1,202,564	152,763	16,327	20,332	10,251	199,674

ANNUAL BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS

Description	Units/ Farm	Unit	Price/ Unit	Total Cost
Crop Insurance	100.00	Acre	40.00	4,000
Liability Insurance	390.00	Acre	2.58	1,006
Manager SV	390.00	Acre	179.48	69,997
Office Expense	390.00	Acre	200.00	78,000
Reclamation Fee	400.00	Acre	30.00	12,000
Sanitation Fees	100.00	Acre	16.25	1,625

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TABLE 6. HOURLY EQUIPMENT COSTS

Yr	Description	Organic Pears	Total	Capital Recovery	Cash Overhead		Operating			Total Costs/Hr.
		Hours Used	Hours Used		Insur- ance	Taxes	Lube& Repairs	Fuel	Total Oper.	
12	25 HP MFWD Tractor	69	824	0.87	0.00	0.06	1.09	4.21	5.30	6.29
12	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	1047	1722	1.84	0.00	0.12	2.74	13.48	16.21	18.27
12	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	281	1059	2.99	0.00	0.20	3.19	13.48	16.66	20.00
12	ATV 4WD	57	285	1.94	0.00	0.11	0.93	2.55	3.48	5.62
12	Bin Trailer 1	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 2	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 3	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 4	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 5	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 6	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 7	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Bin Trailer 8	63	166	0.64	0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.00
12	Forklift-FieldLift	69	150	5.83	0.00	0.44	0.72	3.43	4.15	10.77
12	Mower - Rotary 9'	151	276	2.47	0.00	0.13	3.53	0.00	3.53	6.23
12	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	673	690	2.56	0.00	0.12	1.44	0.00	1.44	4.22
12	Pickup Truck 1/2 T	333	500	5.61	0.00	0.25	3.53	9.55	13.08	19.13
12	Spreader Fertilize	28	120	6.10	0.00	0.32	4.15	0.00	4.15	10.82
12	Weed Badger	288	333	2.75	0.00	0.12	0.26	1.72	1.97	4.93
12	Orchard.Sprayer 500G2	31	250	7.08	0.00	0.34	3.97	0.00	3.97	11.65

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TABLE 7. OPERATIONS WITH EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Operation	Operation Month	Tractor	Implement	Labor Type/ Material	Rate/ acre	Unit
Pest:Mites, Psylla	Oct	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Oil	4.00	gallon
	Jan	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Oil	12.00	gallon
Pest: Scab and mite	June	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Oil	2.00	gallon
	Aug	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Oil	2.00	gallon
Pest: Pear Saw Fly	Nov	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Liquid lime sulfur	8.00	gallon
				Micronized sulfur	20.00	pound
Pest: Pear Saw Fly	June	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Entrust	1.00	ounce
Fertilize: Potash	Sept	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Spreader Fertilize	Non-Machine Labor	0	hour
				Potash	323.00	pound
Fertilize: Feathermeal	Oct	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Spreader Fertilize	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Feathermeal pellets	0.08	ton
	June	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Spreader Fertilize	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Feathermeal pellets	0.25	ton
Weed control - Tree Row	Oct	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Weed Badger	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Weed Badger	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Weed Badger	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
	July	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Weed Badger	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
Prune	Dec		Prune		269.00	Tree
				Prune: Foreman	0.70	day
				Prune: Foreman Overhead	0.70	day
Weed:Mow Middles	Dec	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
	May	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
	June	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
	July	80 HP 4WD Tractor2	Mower - Rotary 9'	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
					Non-Machine Labor	3
Weed: Hand Weed	Mar			Non-Machine Labor	3	hours
	May			Non-Machine Labor	3	hours
	Mar			Non-Machine Labor	0	hour
Replant Trees (1/acre)				Tree - Pear 3/4"	1.00	Each
				Tree Guards	1.00	Each
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
Disease: Scab 6X	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Microthiol	8.00	pound
	May	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G2	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Micronized sulfur	6.00	pound
Disease: Blight 10X	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Mar	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
	Apr	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Mycoshield	1.00	pound
May	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour	
			Mycoshield	1.00	pound	
May	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour	
			Mycoshield	1.00	pound	
May	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Orchard Sprayer 500G1	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour	
			Mycoshield	1.00	pound	

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TABLE 7. CONTINUED

Operation	Month	Tractor	Implement	Labor Type/ Material	Rate/ acre	Unit
Pest: Codling Moth	Apr			Non-Machine Labor	1	hours
				Pheromone - codling moth	200.00	ties
Hand Thin (Every Other Year)	May			Hand Thin	1.00	acre
Disease: Blight Cutting	Apr			Cut out blight by hand	1.00	acre
Irrigate 9X	Apr			Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	1	hour
	May			Pumped water	4.00	acre inch
				Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	1	hour
	June			Water - Pumped	4.00	acre inches
				Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	1	hours
	July			Water - Pumped	8.00	acre inches
				Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	1	hours
	Aug			Water - Pumped	8.00	acre inches
				Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	1	hour
	Sept			Water - Pumped	4.00	acre inches
				Irrigation Labor (\$/hr)	0	hour
				Water - Pumped	2.00	acre inches
Leaf Sampling 1/20 Acre	July			Non-Machine Labor	0	hour
				Leaf Analysis 1/20ac	0.05	Each
Pickup Truck Use	July		Pickup Truck 1/2 T	Equipment Operator Labor	4	hours
ATV Use	July		ATV 4WD	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
Miscellaneous Labor	July			Non-Machine Labor	1	hour
Pick Fruit	July	80 HP 4WD Tractor1	Bin Trailer 1	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
				Bin Rental	44.00	bin
	July	Forklift-FieldLift	Bin Trailer 2	Non-Machine Labor	1	hour
				Forklift Rental	1.00	acre
	July		Bin Trailer 3	Non-Machine Labor	1	hours
				Tractor Rental (6)	1.00	acre
			Bin Trailer 4			
			Bin Trailer 5			
			Bin Trailer 6			
			Bin Trailer 7			
	July		Bin Trailer 8	Equipment Operator Labor	1	hour
	July		Bin Trailer 8	Equipment Operator Labor	0	hour
				Harvest - Hand	44.00	Bin
Haul Fruit	July			Harvest contractor overhead	44.00	bin
Assessments	July			Haul-Custom/Ton	26.00	ton