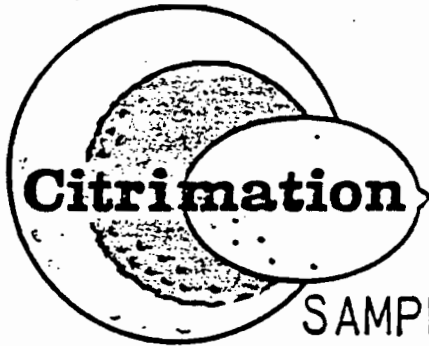


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SAMPLE LEMON PRODUCTION COSTS

<u>CULTURAL OPERATIONS</u>		<u>SAMPLE COSTS PER ACRE</u>
Fertilization:	Nitrogen application; Potash, zinc and/or manganese spray	\$105
Irrigation:	2 a.-ft. water @ \$60+/a.-ft. Labor @ \$40/a.-ft.	120 80
Insect Control:	Spring and Fall spray plus one thrips spray	} 350
Disease Control:	Brown Rot Skirt spray; Gummosis and other	
rodent Control:		
Weed Control:	Fall sterilant treatment and spot sprays	65
Pruning and Brush Chopping:	Alternate year - machine top and hand prune	250
Frost Protection:	Wind Machine	175
Tree Replacement:		} 70
Miscellaneous:		
	Subtotal	<u>\$1,215</u>
 <u>CASH OVERHEAD</u>		
Taxes (In Ag Preserve):		\$ 80*
Maintenance and Repair:	Buildings, pickup, tractor and irrigation	70
General Expense:		65
	Subtotal	<u>\$ 215</u>
<u>TOTAL ON-TREE CASH COSTS</u>		<u>\$ 1,430</u>

\* If owned before March 1, 1975: 1% of full cash price after that date.  
Charges for management, interest on investment, and depreciation are not included in these sample costs.

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