

COSTS TO PRODUCE ONIONS

Tulelake, California 1968

Yield - 400 cwt.

Operation -	Cost per acre	Total
Knock down checks - .2 hrs. @ \$6.00	\$ 1.20	
Disc	1.25	
Landplane - 2 times @ \$2.50	5.00	
Rip	2.50	
Ridge	.50	
Ditch	.50	
Pre-irrigate	1.50	
Rip 2 times @ \$2.50	5.00	
Shape beds and fertilize 2/3 hrs. @ \$6.00	\$ 4.00	
Nitrogen - 100 lb. @ .10¢	10.00	
P ₂ O ₅ - 70 lb. @ .10¢	7.00	21.00
Re-shape beds -.4 hrs. @ \$4.00	1.60	
Plant	3.50	
Seed furnished by contractor	3.50	
Pre-emergence spray or burn	6.00	
Cultivate - 10 times @ \$2.00	20.00	
Ditch - 7 times @ .50¢	3.50	
Irrigate - 10 times, 10 hrs. @ \$1.65	16.50	16.50
Water	7.50	
Spray insecticide 2 times	8.00	
Side dress fertilizer	6.00	
Weed spray (3 sprayings with Sulfuric Acid)	11.50	34.50
Hand weed - Cost varies from \$30. to \$100./acre	30.00	
TOTAL CULTURAL COST		\$175.55
Lift	\$ 2.00	
Top - 2 times, 2 hrs. @ \$3.50	7.00	
Dig, load and haul - 20 ton @ \$4.25	85.00	
Grade - 400 cwt @ .12¢	48.00	
TOTAL HARVEST COST		\$142.00
Management 5% of 400 cwt @ \$1.50	\$ 30.00	
Miscellaneous overhead	12.95	
Land rent	110.00	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS COST		\$152.95
Cost/hundredweight for 400 cwt yield		\$ 1.02
TOTAL COST PER ACRE		\$470.50

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