



Interest on Investment at 12%:

Tractor, equipment, irrigation equipment 1/2 cost \$1750 for 10 acres	21.00	
Stakes: 1/2 cost \$300 per acre	36.00	
<u>TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT</u>	57.00	\$ .02
<u>TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION</u>	9869.37	3.28

## Sample Costs Per Carton at Varying Yields

Yield:	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500
15 lb. cartons					
Cash costs per carton	\$3.93	\$3.58	\$3.37	\$3.23	\$3.13
Total costs per carton	4.04	3.66	3.43	3.28	3.17

Much labor is required to produce cherry tomatoes. The pre-harvest operations require approximately 187 hours of work, and about 1245 hours of work are needed to pick, pack and haul a crop of 3000 boxes. These hours of labor are charged in this cost analysis work sheet at \$4. each, and add to a total of 1432 hours, costing \$5728 per acre. This amounts to \$1.91 per box at the 3000 box yield.

The grower and family members may be able to do part of this work, and reduce the cash costs by a large amount. The amount of money that this family labor earned would be determined by the price received for the cherry tomatoes.

Labor may be available at a cost that is lower than \$4.00 per hour. If so, this would reduce the costs per carton below the amounts shown on the cost analysis work sheet.

Hot Caps: King size hot cap F.0.7 - 95/1000 - 9 1/2" high X 11" in diameter

Fertilizer: 11-53-0 - Preplant - 3/80 lbs. bag/acre  
21-0-0 - Sidedressed - 1 1/80 lbs. bags/acre

Spacing: 7' X 2'

NOTE: Roads and ditches have been included. They represent 111 plants/acre. Cost of cherry tomatoes plants vary according to suppliers; therefore, your cost may vary substantially depending where you buy your transplants.