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The following data is one of a series that has been compiled on Butte County crops for the use of returning veterans, or others, who are contemplating the purchase of a farm and need some sort of measure as to what might be expected in the way of costs and returns from different crops they might raise. These data are based on cost of production studies, crop reporting service price figures, and, in part on estimates. We believe they are as accurate as can be compiled for a purpose of this kind, but because of all of the variables involved, they must be used only as a basic guide.

Sizes of enterprise have been chosen on the basis of an annual farm income of approximately \$2000.00.

Size of enterprise.....	30 acres
Estimated Capital Investment.....	\$16,000 - \$18,000.
Estimated Average Yield	2.75 dry tons per acre
1935-39 Average Price.....	\$60.00 per dry ton
Farm Income	\$1350.00 - This figure represents the estimated gross income, minus cash costs (including a depreciation charge but not including interest on the investment) plus the cash value of the operator's labor.

	<u>Cost per Acre</u>
Cultural labor.....	\$ 34.20
Harvest labor.....	<u>49.20</u>
Total labor costs.....	\$ 83.40
Material cost.....	20.00
Cash overhead	15.00
Depreciation	<u>22.00</u>
Total Cash and Depreciation	\$140.40
Gross Income.....	<u>\$165.00</u>
Net Income (excluding operator's labor).....	\$ 25.00
Net income on 30 acres	\$750.00
Operator's Labor (2000 hours).....	<u>600.00</u>
Farm Income.....	\$1350.00