

CROP CLIP SHEET

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE FIELD CORN

in
Merced and Madera Counties - 1977

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The first step in intelligent crop planning is an objective analysis of production costs and potential profits. The sample costs on the reverse side of this page are for growing field corn in Merced and Madera Counties. The figures used are from the latest and most reliable sources available and are based on good management practices. It is assumed that corn will be grown in rotation with other field crops.

A suggested way to use the sample costs sheet is to insert your actual costs in the blank column and use the sample costs only when actual costs are not known. Overhead fixed costs may be omitted when comparing alternate crops.

The table below shows the effect of various yields on production costs using the sample costs shown on the reverse side of this page.

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE FIELD CORN AT VARYING YIELDS

Yield: Tons per acre	2	3	4	5
Costs per ton	\$172.75	\$117.43	\$89.78	\$73.18

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SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE FIELD CORN IN MERCED AND MADERA COUNTIES, 1977

Equipment operator \$4.60 per hour total cost
Other labor \$3.80 per hour

Medium wheel tractor per hour cash costs \$3.20,
depreciation \$1.86 and interest \$.94

Yield: 3½ tons shelled corn per acre - single cropped

Operation	Hours per acre	Cash and Labor Costs Per Acre				Sample costs per acre	My Costs
		Labor	Fuel and repairs	Materials	Costs		
Cultural:							
Land preparation	2.5	\$11.50	\$10.50			\$ 22.00	
Plant (4 row) 1 man	.3	1.38	1.40	Seed: 1/3 bag at \$48.00	\$16.00	18.78	
Fertilize	.5	2.30	2.00	Nitrogen: 250 lbs. at 16¢	40.00	44.30	
Irrigate: 1 pre, 6 crop	7.0	26.60	3.00	4 ac. ft. water at \$6.00	24.00	53.60	
Cultivate 2X	.7	3.22	2.80			6.02	
Taxes					15.00	15.00	
Miscellaneous	1.0	4.20	2.00	Materials, etc.	3.00	9.20	
Pre-Harvest Cultural Costs		\$49.20	\$21.70		\$98.00	\$168.90	
Harvest costs							
Pick and shell: contract				\$14.00 per acre plus \$4.00/ton	28.00	28.00	
Haul				\$2.80 per ton (up to 10 mi.)	9.80	9.80	
Total Harvest Costs					\$37.80	\$ 37.80	
Business and Office Costs				6% total cultural & harvest costs	12.40	12.40	
Total Cash Costs						\$219.10	
Sample Costs at Varying Yields							
Tons per acre	Costs per ton	Depreciation and Interest					
2	\$172.75	Investment	Per Acre	Depreciation	Interest 8%		
3	117.43	Land	\$ 1100		88.00		
4	89.78	Irr. System	260	13.00	10.40		
5	73.18	Tractor 4.5 hrs.		8.37	4.23		
		Equipment	90	9.00	3.60		
				30.37	106.23		
		Total Costs per acre				\$136.60	
						\$355.70	
		Cost per ton at 3½ ton field				\$101.63	