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WHAT WILL IT COST TO PRODUCE APRICOTS IN KINGS COUNTY

Based on a yield of 8 tons
per acre. (for canning)Man labor @ \$.90 and \$1.00
Medium tractor @ \$1.60

	Sample Costs		My Costs	
	Per Acre	Per Ton	Per Acre	Per Ton
Pre-harvest Labor and Material Costs:				
Pruning: - 109 trees - @ 1 hr./tree @ 90¢	\$ 98.10			
Brush disposal: 1 hr. Man & tractor	2.60			
Fertilize & cover crops - labor & material	13.00			
Spray: Av. 1½ x - 820 gal. @ 2¢	16.40			
Spray material: dormant & ½ spring	19.00			
Cultivation & irrig. prep.: - man & tractor - 8 hrs.	20.80			
Irrigation: 5 x - 11 man hrs.	9.90			
Water: pumping power - 2½ ac. ft. @ 1.20	3.00			
Thinning: - poling - 15 hrs. @ .90	13.50			
Prop and rope: 6 man and 2 tractor hrs.	9.20			
Misc. labor: 3 man & 1 tractor hrs.	4.40			
Misc. material (including rope)	3.00			
Total pre-harvest labor & material.	212.90	26.61		
Harvesting Costs:				
Picking: 20 hrs. per ton @ \$.90¢	18.00	18.00		
Roadside & place boxes. 10 man & tractor hrs.	20.90	2.61		
Misc. harvest labor 4 man & 1 tractor hrs.	5.30	.67		
Total harvesting cost	170.20	21.28		
Cash Overhead Costs:				
General expense	19.16			
County taxes	8.50			
Repairs except field power	3.50			
Misc.: comp. ins., etc.	10.00			
Total cash overhead cost	41.16	5.14		
Total Cash, Labor & Field Power Cost	424.26	53.03		
Depreciation Costs:				
Trees: - (\$500. cost - 25 yrs. life)	20.00			
Irrigation facilities: original cost \$50.	3.00			
Bldgs., equip., except tractor - \$80. cost	10.00			
Total depreciation	33.00	4.13		
Interest on Investment @ 5%:				
Trees: on ½ orig. cost (\$250.)	12.50			
Irrigation facilities: on ½ original cost (\$25.)	1.25			
Bldgs. & other equip: on ½ orig. cost (\$40.)	2.00			
Land (bare) @ \$500.	25.00			
Total interest on Investment	40.75	5.09		
Total Cost of Production	\$ 498.01	62.25		