SAMPLE COSTS TO ESTABLISH A STAND OF ALFALFA FOR HAY PRODUCTION IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY - 1975

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	Sample costs per Acre	My Costs
CASH COSTS		
Subsoil: 1 hr crawler tractor	$ 10.55	
Disc: 1X 1/4 hr crawler tractor	2.64	
Landplane 2X: 1/2 hr crawler tractor	5.28	
Fertilizer: material 20 lbs. N at 30¢	6.00	
100 lbs. P_2O_5	22.00	
Weed control: materials and application, custom	12.50	
Disc and harrow 1X 1/4 hr crawler tractor	2.64	
Plant: Seed 25 lbs @ $1.50	37.50	
Plant by airplane	2.50	
Ring roll: 1/10 hr wheel tractor	.67	
Irrigate up 4X (sprinkle) 3" water @ $8/A ft	2.00	
labor 1 1/3 hrs @ $3	4.00	
Repairs to equipment	10.00	
Office and business costs	7.10	
Total Cash Costs	$ 125.38	
DEPRECIATION		
Crawler tractor: 2 hrs @ $2.60	$ 5.20	
Wheel tractor: 1/10 hr @ $1.60	.16	
Equipment except tractors $350, 10 year life, 1/10 year	3.50	
Total Depreciation	$ 8.86	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT AT 8%		
Crawler tractor: 2 hrs @ $1.98	$ 3.96	
Wheel tractor: 1/10 hr @ 80¢	.08	
Equipment except tractors: 1/2 cost $175, 1/10 year	1.40	
Total Interest in Investment	$ 5.44	
TOTAL COST TO ESTABLISH THE STAND	$ 139.68	

Costs are based on skilled labor and equipment operator $4 per hour and other labor $3 per hour cost to the grower. 80 h.p. crawler tractor per hour cash costs $6.55, depreciation $2.60 and interest $1.98, 60 h.p. wheel tractor hourly costs $2.70, $1.60 and 80¢.

Annual investment costs and real estate taxes are charged to the hay production schedule, so are omitted from the development costs.

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