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Sugar Beet Production Costs

Source: Spreckels Sugar Company, Woodland

<u>Pre-harvest labor and material cost</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>
Land preparation	\$10.00
Seed, 8 lbs. at 56¢/lb. (5 lbs. for 30" single rows)	4.52
Planting	2.50
Fertilizing {contract 15.5¢ lb. of applied N 100 lbs. N per acre)	15.50
Thinning - by hand	14.00
Hoeing	12.00
Cultivating 5 times at \$1.00	5.00
Irrigation: 5-6 times 2-3 acre feet of water	6.00
Labor - 24 man hours per 10 acres	
Power	<u>6.00</u>
 Total pre-harvest labor and material cost	 \$75.52

Harvesting Cost - based on 20 tons/acre yield

Harvesting - contract at \$1.55 per ton	31.00
Hauling - (75¢ per ton plus 3¢ per ton mile) at \$1.00/ton	<u>20.00</u>
Total harvesting costs	\$51.00
Total Cash production costs per acre	\$126.52