

ESTIMATED CASH COSTS TO ESTABLISH
SPRINKLE IRRIGATED ALFALFA

Modoc County - 1986

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST PER ACRE	% OF TOTAL	YOUR COST	% OF TOTAL
Land Preparation: plow, rototill, disk, harrow, dragg, pack, and drill @ 1½ hours per acre Approx. \$55 per hour	\$ 82.50	30.5	_____	_____
Seed: 16 pounds per acre @ \$2.75/lb.	44.00	16.3	_____	_____
Fertilizer: 500 lbs. gypsum per acre @ \$35 per ton applied	8.75	3.2	_____	_____
300 lbs elemental sulfur @ \$130 per ton applied	19.50	7.2	_____	_____
Weed Control: Post emergence (2,4-DB Ester) @ \$12.50/acre applied (3 pints/acre)	12.50	4.6	_____	_____
Irrigation: Electricity to pump 48 inches of water*	47.60	17.6	_____	_____
Labor: Move wheel lines 10 irrigations @ \$3.65 per hour and 1.1 hours per acre	40.15 <u>\$255.00</u>	14.9	_____	_____
Interest: on \$255 for 6 months @ 12%	<u>15.30</u>	5.7	_____	_____
TOTAL COST PER ACRE	<u>\$270.30</u>	<u>100.00</u>	_____	_____

*REA POWER

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