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SAMPLE COSTS OF PRODUCING SUGAR BEETS
San Benito County, 1976

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70 acres of sugar beets on a 300 acre farm
Yield -- 25 tons per acre

	C O S T P E R A C R E				Sample Cost	Your Cost
	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Power & Repairs</u>	<u>Materials &/or Services</u>			
<u>Cash Cost To Grow</u>						
Land preparation	\$ 12	\$ 15			\$ 27	\$
Fertilize, preplant, 450 lbs., 12-12-12 applied contract			\$ 48		48	
Fertilize, sidedress, 400 lbs., 21-0-0 applied contract			29		29	
Herbicide, applied contract			58		58	
Plant, 2½ lbs. seed	2	3	6		11	
Irrigate, sprinklers, 2 times, 4 inches	13	10			23	
Irrigate, furrows, 5 times, 20 inches	34	10			44	
Cultivate, 5 times	4	3			7	
Thin & hoe, 1 time, Hoe, 1 time	50				50	
TOTAL CASH GROWING COST	\$115	\$ 41	\$141		\$297	\$
<u>Cash Cost to Harvest</u>						
Harvest (contract)			\$1.75/ton		\$ 44	\$
Haul to beet dump (contract)			\$1.40/ton		35	
TOTAL CASH HARVEST COST					\$ 79	\$
<u>Cash Overhead Cost</u>						
Misc. office, interest on operating capital, insurance, etc.					\$ 35	\$
Taxes on equipment					9	
Rent, including well					150	
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COST					\$194	\$
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<u>Investment Overhead</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>	<u>Annual Cost Per Acre</u>				
TOTAL INVESTMENT OVERHEAD	\$612	\$ 49	\$ 25		\$ 74	\$
TOTAL COST LESS MANAGEMENT					\$644	\$
<u>MANAGEMENT</u>						
5% of 25 tons @ \$30					37	
TOTAL COST PER ACRE					\$681	\$

COST OF PRODUCTION AT VARYING YIELDS

YIELD -- tons per acre	15	20	25	30	35
COST PER TON	\$42	\$33	\$27	\$23	\$21