

COST TO PRODUCE POTATOES

Tulelake, California 1962

Yield 200 sacks marketed

Operation	Cost per acre	
Plow	\$3.00	
Harrow	1.00	
Cut seed - 6 hours @ \$1.65	\$9.90	
Seed - 1800 lbs. @ \$3.50	<u>63.00</u>	72.90
Dust or dip seed - 1800 lbs. @ 30¢		5.40
Plant and fertilize	7.00	
500 lbs. 16-20-0	<u>21.25</u>	28.25
Cultivate 4 times @ \$2.00		8.00
Weed - 5 hrs. @ \$1.65		8.25
Ditch		.50
Irrigate 8 times - 8 hrs. @ \$1.65	13.20	
Water	<u>6.80</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Cultural cost		\$147.30

Beat vines	\$2.00	
Dig	8.00	
Pick - 12.5 ton @ \$5.20	65.00	
Haul to storage - 12.5 ton @ \$1.50	18.75	
Storage - 12.5 ton @ \$2.00	25.00	
Haul to grader - 12.5 ton @ \$2.00	25.00	
Grade and wash - 200 sacks @ 40¢	80.00	
Inspection, market orders, etc. - 200 sacks @ 3¢	6.00	
Haul to car	<u>20.00</u>	
Total harvest		\$249.75

Miscellaneous overhead		\$40.45
Land cost - \$500.00 @ 6%	\$30.00	
Taxes	<u>6.50</u>	36.50

Total cost per acre \$474.00
 Cost per cwt. \$2.37

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