

Sample Costs to Produce Walnuts

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Sonoma County, based on 80 acres
and a yield of 1500 lbs. per acre

					COST PER ACRE	COST PER CWT
PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS:						
Pruning and brush removal					\$ 15.00	
Tillage: Disc 6 X					12.00	
Spraying: 4 applications					20.00	
Spray material					8.00	
Fertilizer: 100 lbs. actual N per acre applied					12.00	
Miscellaneous labor and materials					8.00	
Miscellaneous overhead					11.00	
County taxes					25.00	
Total cash costs other than harvest					\$111.00	\$ 7.40
HARVESTING COSTS:						
Knock					\$ 3.00	
Picking @ \$45 per ton					34.00	
Hauling to huller					2.00	
Hulling and dehydration @ \$40 per ton					30.00	
Hauling					3.00	
Total harvesting costs					\$ 72.00	\$ 4.80
Total all cash costs					\$183.00	\$12.20
Management 5% of 1500 lbs. @ 24¢					\$ 18.00	\$ 1.20
Investment overhead	Total cost per 80 acres	Average invested per acre	Depre- ciation	Interest @ 6%		
					DOLLARS PER ACRE	
Land - 80 acres	\$ 80,000	\$1000.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00		
Trees @ \$1900 per acre	152,000	950.00	54.00	57.00		
Buildings	8,000	50.00	5.00	3.00		
Equipment	32,000	200.00	40.00	12.00		
Total investment and depreciation	\$272,000	\$2200.00	\$99.00	\$132.00	\$231.00	\$15.40
TOTAL ALL COSTS					\$432.00	\$28.80

DESCRIPTION OF COSTS:

The costs on the reverse side are typical of well managed orchards in the county. They are not presented as averages. Individual operators may experience considerable variation from the costs for specific items.

The pre-harvest costs reflect the cash costs of operation, labor including family as well as hired labor, and covering social security, compensation insurance, fuel, oil, repairs, and materials such as fertilizer, etc.

Harvesting costs are based on contract operations.

Investment costs are based on current prices and expected years of life.

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