

SAMPLE COSTS TO GROW ALFALFA IN GLENN COUNTY

Expected average yield: 6 tons

Labor at \$1.25 <sup>1/</sup>STAND COST - FEBRUARY SEEDINGCost per acre

Plow	\$3.00
Disc	2.00
Landplane (2x)	6.00
Check	4.00
Harrow	.80
Fertilizer, 500 lbs. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	9.00
Fertilize	1.00
Seed, 20 lbs. at 35¢	7.00
Seeding	1.00
Weed control	2.50
Total Stand Cost	\$36.30

ALFALFA HAY COSTS

Irrigation labor (8x)	\$5.50
Irrigation power	6.50
Weed control (first cutting)	10.50
Fertilizer, 50 lbs. P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	4.50
Fertilization labor	1.00
Mowing, raking (5x) at \$2.50	12.50
Baling, 5 tons at \$4.50 per ton	22.50
Hauling, 5 tons at \$3.00 per ton	15.00
Total Cultural & Harvest Cost	\$78.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Taxes	\$3.00
Other cash	4.00
Interest and depreciation on irrigation system	7.50
Interest and depreciation on stand (5 yr. life)	8.15
Interest on land, 5% of \$500	25.00
Total Miscellaneous Cost	\$47.65
TOTAL HAY COST PER ACRE	\$125.65
TOTAL COST PER TON	20.94

Interest and depreciation on tractor and equipment are included in the charge for each operation and will total from \$8 to \$14 per acre.

<sup>1/</sup> Current wage rates vary from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for unskilled labor and \$1.35 to \$1.50 for tractor and machine labor.

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