

# SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE APRICOTS

## STANISLAUS AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES - 1981

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Operation	Hrs. per Acre	Labor	Fuel and Repairs	Materials	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre	Cost	Total
<b>Preharvest Cultural Costs:</b>							
Prune: Contract		\$178.25					\$178.25
*Remove large limbs	4.28	19.69	\$9.81				29.50
Rake brush	.40	3.10	2.04				5.14
Shred brush	1.50	7.13	4.92				12.05
Fertilizing (custom spread)				150 lbs. @ 49.5¢ + appl. 5.25/Acre	\$80.50		80.50
Spray 4x (custom)				Materials	87.14		87.14
				Application 1050 total gals @	42.00		42.00
Chisel 1x	3.33	18.32	42.91				61.23
Cultivate 9x							
Furrow 4x	1.00	5.50	11.51				17.01
*Irrigate 5x	5.00	23.00	4.00	Water, 4 acre feet @ 21.00	84.00		111.00
Thin: Contract		41.49	2.60				44.09
*Miscellaneous orchard work	1.00	4.60	4.69	Materials	8.00		8.00
				Interest cash cost 6 mos. @ 14%	38.55		38.55
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS</b>		<b>\$301.04</b>	<b>\$82.48</b>			<b>\$333.74</b>	<b>\$714.46</b>
<b>Harvest Costs:</b>							
Pick, sort, roadside and supervision				8 x \$67 per ton		\$536.00	\$536.00
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>						<b>\$536.00</b>	<b>\$536.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL AND HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>\$1,250.46</b>
<b>Overhead Costs:</b>							
Misc. office and business costs (7% of cultural and harvest costs)							\$ 110.78
Taxes - County \$52.00 + Irrigation District \$8.00							\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>							<b>\$ 170.78</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS</b>							<b>\$1,421.24</b>
<b>Management Charge: \$66 per acre</b>							<b>\$ 66.00</b>
<b>Investment per acre:</b>			<b>ANNUAL COSTS</b>				
Land	\$2513.00		<b>Depreciation</b>		<b>Interest 10%</b>		
Trees	2400.00		\$ 0.00		\$262.61		
Irrigation system	309.00		80.00		125.40		
Buildings	175.00		13.91		16.15		
Equipment	549.00		5.83		9.14		
			45.75		23.23		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5946.00</b>		<b>\$145.49</b>		<b>\$436.53</b>		<b>\$ 582.02</b>
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