
Cost Analyses
of
Irrigated Pasture
in
SACRAMENTO
COUNTY

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IRRIGATED PASTURE COSTS
Sacramento County -- 1959

Irrigated pasture costs you money. With an average yield of approximately 4 tons per acre (dry weight or hay basis) it is important that the cost factors to produce this pasture be carefully studied.

Investment and Overhead - per acre on 80 acre ranch

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Years Life</u>	<u>Depre- ciation</u>	<u>Interest 6%</u>
Land	\$250.00	-	-	\$15.00
Land Preparation (Grading, planning, ridging)	100	-	-	6.00
Fences	32.00	20	\$1.60	.96
Pasture Stand	38.00	7	5.40	1.14
Equipment (tractor, mower, ridger, misc. equipment)	48.00	10	4.80	1.44
Buildings	10.00	10	.50	.30
Irrigation System	127.00	20	6.35	3.81
Total Investment	\$605.00			
Total Overhead Per Year			\$18.65	\$28.65
				\$47.30

Yearly Maintenance

Cash Costs

Irrigation	\$19.50	
Labor - \$12.50		
Elec. Power - \$7.50		
Fertilizer	7.00	
60# P ₂ O ₅ applied		
Clip	4.65	
Labor - \$2.25		
Truck and Repairs - \$2.40		
Taxes	4.80	
\$60.00 @ \$8.00		
Misc. Costs	2.00	
Total Cash Costs	\$37.95	\$37.95

Non Cash Costs

Depreciation	18.65	
Interest	28.65	
Total Non Cash	\$47.30	47.30
Total All Costs	\$85.25	\$85.25

The information contained in this report was gathered as follows:

A group of 12 Sacramento County irrigated pasture operators, with their record books, were gathered together to discuss and arrive at what they felt the investment and overhead, the cash costs and the non cash costs were in their operations. Compare this with your operation. See if there is a place where your management might be improved. It's money in your pocket.

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