

RED HAVEN PEACHES FOR FRESH SHIPMENT
(Matures in mid-June)

Cost Analysis Work Sheet

Sample costs to produce Red Haven peaches in Fresno County for fresh shipment. Costs are for a mature orchard containing 108 trees per planted acre, producing 9 tons of fruit. Man labor @ \$1.25 total per hour and tractor operator, \$1.40.

	Sample Costs		My Costs	
	Per Acre	Per Ton	Per Acre	Per Ton
PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS				
Pruning - 108 trees @ 95¢	102.60			
Brush disposal contract \$4.00 per acre	4.00			
plus 3 man hrs. raking brush	3.75			
Fertilize - 80 lbs. N at 15¢	12.00			
½ hr. man & tractor	1.20			
Spray 3 times - materials	34.44			
application at 2¢/gal.	30.00			
Furrow 3 times - 1½ hrs. man & tractor	3.60			
Irrigate 7 times - labor 13 hrs.	16.25			
3½ A. Ft. of water	12.95			
Disc 5 times - 7½ hrs. man & tractor	18.00			
Thin 108 trees @ \$1.00	108.00			
Prop & tie - 6 hrs. labor	7.50			
materials	3.50			
Plant cover crop - 60 lbs. barley	2.10			
½ hr. man & tractor	1.20			
Taxes	16.50			
Misc. labor, materials, field power inc.				
4 man hrs. & 1 tractor hr.	8.10			
Repairs to equipment except tractor	1.60			
Office, car, operating capital, insurance, etc.	18.00			
Total Pre-Harvest Cash Costs	405.29	45.03		
HARVESTING COSTS				
Pick 9 tons @ \$20	180.00			
Roadside - 10 man hrs. & 4 tractor hrs.	17.10			
Misc. 2 man hrs. & 1 tractor hr.	3.65			
Total Harvesting Costs	200.75	22.30		
TOTAL CASH AND LABOR COSTS	606.04	67.34		
DEPRECIATION				
Irrigation system - cost \$90- 20 yr. life	4.50			
Tractor - 16 hrs. @ 41¢	6.56			
Equipment except tractor - \$40 cost - 10 yr. life	4.00			
Buildings for equipment \$20 cost - 20 yr. life	1.00			
Trees - cost \$714 - 20 yr. life	35.70			
Total Depreciation	51.76	5.76		
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT @ 6%				
Land - \$800	48.00			
Irrigation system ½ cost \$45	2.70			
Tractor - 16 hrs. @ 19¢	3.04			
Equipment except tractor - ½ cost \$20	1.20			
Buildings for equipment - ½ cost \$10	.60			
Trees - ½ cost \$357	21.42			
Total Interest on Investment	76.96	8.55		
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION	734.76	81.64		
300 lbs. culls per ton (15%)	No value			
Net cost of 1700 lbs. merchantable fruit	81.64			
Net cost of 22 lbs. (1 lug) merchantable fruit	1.06			
Net <u>cash cost only</u> of 1 lug	.87			

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This work sheet was developed to show sample costs for a good yield, mature orchard under Fresno County conditions. These costs will be useful as a guide when a specific orchard planting is under consideration.

When using this work sheet it is important to consider the following:

1. Seasonal variations influence fruit set and quality. Consequently differences in thinning, pest control and cullage will occur.
2. These sample costs are based on 10 acre fruit operation and larger.
3. No account is taken for partial or complete crop loss due to frost, rain, labor problems, etc.
4. No allowance is made for cost of management.
5. Interest and depreciation costs are based on the present costs of establishing an orchard. Present bearing orchards may have been established at a lower cost.
6. Costs per two-layer lug are based on an average net weight of 22 pounds. Net weights may vary depending on count and maturity. Fruit packed in the California peach box would average about 18 pounds per unit.

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Sample Costs Per Ton at Varying Yields

Tons Per Acre	6	8	9	10	11	12	14
Total Costs of Production Per Ton	\$111.29	89.04	81.64	75.69	70.84	66.79	60.44
Total Cost 22 lbs. Merchantable Fruit	\$1.44	1.15	1.06	.98	.92	.86	.78
Cash Costs Only - 22 lbs. (1 lug)	\$1.16	.94	.87	.81	.77	.73	.66
Packed Lugs Per Acre	464	618	695	773	850	927	1081

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