

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE SUDANGRASS SEED IN GLENN COUNTY

Expected average yield: 1200 lbs. clean seed

Labor at \$1.25 <sup>1/</sup>

PREHARVEST

Cost per acre

Land preparation\*

\$12.00

Planting and fertilizing

1.40

Seed, 20 lbs. at 18¢

3.60

Fertilizer (200 lbs. 16-20)

9.00

Irrigation labor (3x)

5.50

Irrigation power

6.50

Spray for weeds

2.25

Total Preharvest cost

\$40.25

\* Includes landplanning and checking in preparation for fall seeding of ladino or irrigated pasture mix into sudan stubble.

HARVESTING

Swathing - contract at \$2.50 per acre

\$2.50

Threshing, contract

6.00

Hauling seed to mill

.50

Seed cleaning \$8.00 per ton

4.80

Bags and certification

2.00

Total Harvesting cost

\$15.80

MISCELLANEOUS

Taxes

\$3.00

Other cash

3.00

Interest and depreciation on irrigation system

7.50

Interest on land, 5% of \$500

25.00

Total Miscellaneous cost

\$38.50

TOTAL COST PER ACRE

\$94.55

TOTAL COST PER CWT.

7.88

Interest and depreciation on tractor and equipment are included in the charge for each operation and will total from \$6 to \$10 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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