

SAMPLE COSTS OF ESTABLISHING EUREKA LEMON GROVE - NIPOMO AREA
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY - 1973

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	COSTS PER ACRE				
	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
YIELD: FIELD BOXES PER ACRE	0	0	125	350	500
PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS					
Land clearing, brush & tree removal: range \$10 to \$350	\$ 170.00				
Trees: 112 @ \$3.00	336.00				
Layout, plant, irrigate & wrap trees	60.00				
Replant second year		\$ 12.00			
Irrigation labor (sprinkler)	24.00	29.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.50
Water: @ \$20/ac ft.	6.50	20.00	33.00	48.00	60.00
Weed Control by chemicals with hand labor supplement	41.00	41.00	41.00	45.00	45.00
Fertilizer (injected in water)	4.00	13.00	22.00	32.00	45.00
Pest Control: materials & application, including rodent control	5.00	21.00	41.00	60.00	60.00
Pruning		6.00	12.00	23.00	35.00
Frost Protection: wind machine	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Oil, labor for heaters	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Taxes (estimate)	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	35.00
Repairs, except tractor	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Misc. labor and materials	10.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00
Office, business expense	50.73	20.49	30.08	46.74	59.19
Management	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Total Pre-Harvest Cash Costs	\$ 896.23	\$ 361.99	\$ 412.58	\$ 493.24	\$ 570.69
HARVESTING COST					
Picking: \$10 bin, or 75¢ per yield box			93.75	262.50	375.00
Hauling: 20¢ field box			25.00	70.00	100.00
Total Harvesting Costs			\$ 118.75	\$ 332.50	\$ 475.00
Total Cash Cost	\$ 896.23	\$ 361.99	\$ 531.33	\$ 825.74	\$1,045.69
DEPRECIATION					
Pump, panel, wall: \$220-10 years	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Irrigation system: drag line \$360-12 years	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Wind machine: \$585-15 years	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
Heaters, other equip. \$300-10 years	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Tractors	5.40	4.30	4.30	5.40	5.40
Total Depreciation	\$ 126.40	\$ 125.30	\$ 125.30	\$ 126.40	\$ 126.40
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT @ 7%					
Pump, panel, wall: 1/2 cost \$110	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70
Irrigation system: 1/2 cost \$180	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.60
Wind machine: 1/2 cost \$292.50	20.48	20.48	20.48	20.48	20.48
Heaters, other equip. 1/2 cost \$150	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Tractors	2.90	2.30	2.30	2.90	2.90
Land: \$1500	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Interest on accumulated costs		82.73	133.73	183.97	229.31
Total Interest in Investment	\$ 159.18	\$ 241.31	\$ 292.31	\$ 343.15	\$ 388.49
Total Cost for the Year	\$1,181.81	\$ 728.60	\$ 948.94	\$1,295.29	\$1,560.58
Credit for Fruit: (\$1.85 field box)			\$ 231.25	\$ 647.50	\$ 925.00
NET COST FOR THE YEAR	\$1,181.81	\$ 728.60	\$ 717.69	\$ 647.79	\$ 635.58
ACCUMULATED NET COST	\$1,181.81	\$1,910.41	\$2,628.10	\$3,275.89	\$3,911.47