



Citrimation for Ventura County

May 1975

SAMPLE LEMON PRODUCTION COSTS

| <u>CULTURAL OPERATIONS</u> | | <u>SAMPLE COSTS PER ACRE</u> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Fertilization: | Nitrogen application; zinc and/or manganese spray | \$ 80 |
| Irrigation: | 2 ac. ft. water @ \$25/ac. ft. Labor | 50 50 |
| Insect Control: | Spring & fall spray plus one thrips spray |))) |
| Disease Control: | Brown Rot Gummosis & other |) 165)) |
| Rodent Control: | |) |
| Weed Control: | Fall sterilant treatment & spot sprays | 40 |
| Pruning & Brush Chopping: | Alternate year - machine top & hand prune | 130 |
| Frost Protection: | Wind machines & heaters | 90 |
| Tree Replacement: | |) 40) |
| Miscellaneous: | |) 40) |
| | Subtotal | \$ 645 |
| <u>CASH OVERHEAD</u> | | |
| Taxes: | | 175 ^{1/} |
| Maintenance & Repair: | Buildings, pickup, tractors & irrigation | 50 |
| General Expense: | | 40 |
| | Subtotal | \$ 265 |
| <u>TOTAL ON-TREE CASH COSTS ^{2/}</u> | | <u>\$ 910</u> |

^{1/} Savings of 5-10% if in Land Preserve.

^{2/} Charges for management, interest on investment, and depreciation are not included in these sample costs.

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