

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE SANTA ROSA PLUMS
Early Season

Southern San Joaquin Valley - 1985

Labor rate \$ 6.50 /hr. skilled labor

5.50 /hr. field labor

Yield: 400 cartons of fruit per acre

Operation	Labor Hours per Acre	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre			Total Cost	Your Cost
		Labor	Fuel & Repairs	Materials Kind and Quantity		
Cultural costs:						
Pruning	54	297.00			297.00	
Brush Disposal	1	5.50	12.50		18.00	
Fertilizer			9.87	100 lbs. N @ .40/lb. Custom application	43.20 4.25	53.07 4.25
Thinning	59.4	326.70			326.70	
Spray: Pest Control				Materials Custom application	39.00 50.00	39.00 50.00
Irrigation	9	50.50	23.76	1.0 ac. ft. @ \$15.00/ ac. ft. + \$6.00 tax	21.00	103.26
Herbicide				Materials and Applic.	22.00	22.00
Spray: weed control				Materials and Applic.	10.00	10.00
Miticide				Materials and Applic.	25.00	25.00
Contr tee top.					23.00	23.00
Misc.	1	5.50	7.00			12.50
Interest on operating capital @ 13%						127.89
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS					237.45	1111.67
Harvest costs:						
Contract Pick				\$1.00/carton	400.00	400.00
Contract Haul				\$.10/carton	40.00	40.00
Packing Charges				\$2.45/carton	980.00	980.00
Selling Charges				\$.90 carton	360.00	360.00
Misc. Harvest Labor					15.00	15.00
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS						1795.00
Cash overhead:						
Office and business costs						232.53
County Taxes						50.00
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS						282.53
TOTAL CASH COSTS						3189.21
TOTAL CASH COST PER CARTON						7.97

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Santa Rosa Plums -

Investment	Per Acre	Annual Cost		
		Depreciation	Interest @ 13%	
Equipment & buildings	1150.02	89.57	74.00	164.37
Trees 40 yr. depreciation	5954.00	148.85	387.01	535.86
Land	5500.00		715.00	715.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT COSTS	12604.02	238.42	1176.01	1415.23
TOTAL COSTS PER ACRE				4604.44
Cost per carton @	400 carton yield			11.51

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