

Equipment Rates

30 H.P. Crawler Tractor, \$2.00 per/hr. Skilled Labor: \$3.00 per/hr.
 30 H.P. Wheel Tractor 1.55 per/hr. Common Labor 2.50 per/hr.

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE WALNUTS

(Dryland)

Amador County - 1975

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Yield - 1,200 pounds per acre 80 acres

Operation	Hours per Acre	Cash & Labor Cost Per Acre			
		Labor	Fuel & Repairs	Mt'ls	Total
<u>CULTURAL</u>					
Pruning (17 trees/acre)	5.0	12.50		Paint \$.50	13.00
Brush disposal 2M	2.5	7.50	2.25		9.75
Cultivation(Crawler)	1.0	3.00	3.20		6.20
Cultivation (Wheel) 2X	1.6	4.80	3.12		7.92
Fertilizer	.4	1.20	.98	60#N \$24.00	26.18
Boron	.7	2.10	1.75	Borax 14 # \$2.65	6.51

TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS		31.10	11.30	27.16	69.56
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HARVEST

Land Preparation	.5	1.50	1.10		2.60
Shaking	2.0	6.00	7.00		13.00
Picking	33.0	82.50			82.50
Haul to Dryer	3.8	11.40	9.50		20.90
Hulling & Drying	3.6	11.80	15.00		26.80
Load & Haul to Market	1.6	4.80	4.00		8.80

TOTAL HARVEST COSTS		118.00	36.60		154.60
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Cash Overhead

Misc. office - 6% of above costs to cover interest on
 operating capital, etc. 13.45

Taxes 9.00

TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD					22.45
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TOTAL CASH COST					246.61
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INVESTMENT

	Per Acre	ANNUAL COST		
		Depreciation	Interest	
Land	600	-	48.00	
Trees	1200	30.00	48.00	
Tractor, truck, etc.	259	22.14	10.35	
Huller & building	188	7.50	7.50	
Total	2247	59.64	113.85	173.49
Cost per pound @ 1,200 Lbs. yield		COST PER ACRE		420.10
		COST PER POUND		35.00