

Sample costs to produce cotton in Kings County. Costs are based on a solid planting with a yield of 1000 lbs. lint per acre; man labor at \$1.90 per hour total and equipment operator \$2.20. Heavy wheel tractor per hour cash costs \$2.15, depreciation 1.38 and interest 62 cents.

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	SAMPLE COSTS		MY COSTS	
	PER ACRE	PER LB. LINT	PER ACRE	PER LB. LINT
<b>Pre-harvest Cash Costs:</b>				
Land Preparation: 3 hrs., man and tractor	\$ 13.05			
*Nematode Control, if needed: \$18.75				
Plant: Seed, 14 lbs. seed at 12½ cents 1/4 hr. man and tractor	1.75 1.09			
Irrigate: 1 pre and 5 crop 8 hrs. labor	15.20			
Power for 3 acre ft. at \$5.50	16.50			
Pre-emergence herbicide, custom	9.25			
Hand Weeding: Contract	9.00			
Cultivate 4 times 1½ hrs. man and tractor	6.53			
Fertilize: 100 lbs. N. at 5 cents Application; Custom	5.00 2.75			
Pest Control Materials	14.00			
Applications - Total	11.00			
Defoliation	6.00			
County Taxes	16.00			
Miscellaneous labor, materials, field power	7.60			
Repairs to equipment - Except tractor	9.00			
Supervision	8.00			
Office, Car, Business Costs, Etc.	10.76			
<b>TOTAL PRE-HARVEST CASH COSTS</b>	<b>\$162.48</b>			
<b>Harvesting Costs:</b>				
Picking and Hauling				
85% 1st pick @ \$1.75	\$ 44.71			
15% 2nd pick @ \$10.00	10.00			
Ginning, Bags, Ties, Insurance, Storage for 20 days \$1.45 cwt	43.50			
<b>TOTAL HARVESTING COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 98.21</b>	<b>9.8¢</b>		
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS</b>	<b>\$260.69</b>	<b>26.1¢</b>		
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
Irrigation System and Well \$210.00 cost - 15 yr. life	\$ 14.00			
Tractor: 5 3/4 hrs. at \$1.38	7.94			
Other Equipment: \$40.00 - 10 yr. life	4.00			
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>\$ 25.94</b>	<b>2.6¢</b>		
<b>Interest on Investment at 7%:</b>				
Irrigation System and Well - ½ cost \$105.00	\$ 7.35			
Tractor: 5 3/4 hrs. at 62 cents	3.57			
Other Equipment: ½ cost \$20.00	1.40			
Land: \$800.00	56.00			
<b>TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 68.32</b>	<b>6.8¢</b>		
<b>TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>\$354.95</b>	<b>35.5¢</b>		
CREDIT FOR SEED: 1500 lbs. @ \$39.00/Ton	\$ 29.25	- 2.9¢		
<b>NET COST OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>\$325.70</b>	<b>32.6¢</b>		

\*This treatment is not usually required in Kings County.