

COSTS TO PRODUCE ONIONS - Tulelake, California 1971

Yield - 400 cwt/Acre

Costs based on Custom Operations

Labor @ \$2.00/Hour

Operation	Cost/Acre	Total
Burn straw	\$ .50	
Knock down checks - .1 hr. @ \$5.00	.50	
Disc - 1X (3" to 4" depth)	2.00	
Landplane - 2X @ \$2.50	5.00	
Plow	3.50	
Shape beds & fertilize - 1 hr.	\$6.00	
Nitrogen 100# @ 10¢ + 125# Phosphate @ 10¢	22.50	
Minor elements (Zn, Mn, Fe) 6# @ 20¢	12.00	40.50
Install Irrig. boxes & irrigate beds 4½ hrs.	9.00	
Plant	3.50	
Insecticide (Maggot control) 2# @ \$4./lb.	8.00	
Ditch - 7X @ \$1.00	7.00	
Squeeze ditches 7X @ 50¢	3.50	
Pre-emergence spray or burn	6.00	
Cultivate 7X @ \$3.00	21.00	
Irrigate - 10X - 10 hrs. @ \$2.00 (Water paid by Lessor)	20.00	
Spray Insecticide 2X @ \$6.00	12.00	
Side dress fertilizer 2X @ \$2.00	4.00	
Nitrogen 70# @ 10¢	7.00	11.00
Weed Spray (3X Sulfuric Acid)	11.50	34.50
Hand Weed		75.00
Rent		100.00
<b>TOTAL GROWING COST</b>		<b>\$362.50</b>
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Cover (Rotary Corrugate)	\$ 5.00	
Lift	2.00	
Top 2X - 2 hrs. @ \$5.00	10.00	
Dig, load, haul 20 Ton @ \$2.50	50.00	
Grade and cleanup 400 cwt. @ 10¢	40.00	
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>		<b>\$107.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GROWING AND HARVEST COSTS/ACRE</b>		<b>\$469.50</b>
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Interest on operating capital \$362.50 on 3 months @ 8%	\$7.25	
Management 5% of 400 cwt @ \$1.50	30.00	
Miscellaneous overhead	17.75	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>		<b>\$ 55.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL COST PER ACRE</b>		<b>\$524.50</b>
<b>COST PER CWT.</b>		<b>\$ 1.31</b>

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