

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE DRYLAND ALMONDS - 1977
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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Based on yield of 240 pounds of nut meats per acre	Sample Costs		Your Costs	
	Per Acre	Per lb. Meats	Per Acre	Per lb. Meat:
PRE-HARVEST CASH COST				
Prune and brush removal:				
5 hours man labor	\$ 17.50			
2 hours man & tractor	16.60			
Bees: 2 hives @ \$6	12.00			
Cultivate, 3 times (contract @ \$4.50/time)	13.50			
Misc. labor, materials and repairs	6.00			
Taxes (outside of ag. preserve)	40.00			
Office, car, business expense	9.54			
Total Pre-Harvest Cash Cost	\$115.14	\$.48		
HARVESTING COST				
35 sacks in-hull basis @ \$3.25 including equipment and hauling	\$113.75			
Processing @ 8c/pound	19.20			
Total Harvesting Cost	\$132.95	\$.55		
Total Cash Cost	\$248.09	\$1.03		
DEPRECIATION				
Trees and fence: cost \$925, 25 yr. life	\$ 37.00			
Equipment: \$50, 20 yr. life	2.50			
Tractor	4.00			
Total Depreciation	\$ 43.50	\$.18		
INTEREST ON INVESTMENT @ 8%				
Trees and fence: on 1/2 cost \$462.50	\$ 37.00			
Equipment: on 1/2 cost \$25	2.00			
Tractor	2.00			
Land: \$1000	80.00			
Total Interest on Investment	\$121.00	\$.51		
TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION	\$412.59	\$1.72		

SAMPLE COSTS PER POUND MEATS AT VARYING YIELDS				
Yield: pounds nut meats per acre	160	200	240	280
Cost per pound meats	2.30	1.95	1.72	1.55

Tractor operator \$4.60/hour; other labor, \$3.50. Contract labor costs, \$3.80/hr
60 h.p. used crawler tractor per hour cash costs \$3.70, depreciation \$2.00,
and interest \$1.00.