

## SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE SILAGE CORN

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Man labor figured at \$1.20 an hour, small tractor at \$1.20 an hour, and heavy tractor at \$2.50 an hour.

OPERATION	SAMPLE COSTS
Land preparation	\$ 5.50
Planting: 1 man, tractor, $\frac{1}{4}$ hr.	.80
Irrigation	3.00
Cultivate 2 times and fertilize - man and tractor $\frac{3}{4}$ hr.	1.65
Chopping and putting in silo	2.50
<b>TOTAL LABOR AND FIELD POWER COST</b>	<b>13.45</b>
Irrigation water	1.00
Seed 12 lbs. per acre @ 25¢	3.00
Fertilizer: 100 lbs. nitrogen	14.00
<b>TOTAL MATERIAL COST</b>	<b>18.00</b>
General expense	1.00
County taxes	4.50
Repairs, insurance, etc.	.50
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COST</b>	<b>6.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS</b>	<b>37.45</b>
Depreciation	
Irrigation facilities (\$60 at 20 years)	3.00
Tillage and other equipment (10 years)	1.70
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION COST</b>	<b>4.70</b>
Interest on investment @ 5%	
Facilities and equipment	2.00
Land	25.00
<b>TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENT</b>	<b>27.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>69.15</b>
<b>TOTAL COST PER TON (20 ton yield)</b>	<b>3.45</b>

These sample costs are intended for use as a guide. Actual and cash costs will, of course, vary from ranch to ranch and year to year depending largely on yield.