

SUMMER-PLANTED STRAWBERRIES -- SAMPLE PRODUCTION COSTS -- 1977 -- VENTURA COUN

Cost Item, Operation & Equip.	Hours/ Acre	Hired Labor	Tractor & Equipment	Costs/Acre Material - kind & amount - cost	Total Cost	
Remove old plastic and disposal	30	\$102	\$		\$102	
Disc, plow, harrow, level, chisel, Furrow	20	82	45		127	
Fumigate (contract)	3	10		Contract 300 lbs. 2MB + LCP \$542 1 mil polyethylene	522	
Planting - hand work	70	238			238	
Planting - tractor and driver	3	12	11	23,000 plants @ \$21.50/1000 (including cold storage and hauling) (varies from 19,000 - 26,000) \$495	495	
Fertilize 3 to 6 times, preplant and postplant	10	41	34	Manure and chemical \$218	293	
Irrigate: Sprinkler 16 times (tractor & booster pump)	32	131	96	16" @ \$2.00 32	259	
Furrow 24 tms Irrigation svstem (rent)	48	197		36" @ \$2.00 72	269 150	
Weed 3 times, remove runners 2 times, flowers 1 time, prune old leaves and disbud	225	783	6		789	
Polyethylene bed mulch: application and pull plants through polyethy- lene	100	358	8	286lb. 1/4 mil 36" perforated @ \$0.44 \$126	366 126	
Replant	7	24		1,200 plants @ \$21.50/ 1000 26	50	
Pest Control 10 times	20	68	40	Pesticides 206	314	
Miscellaneous cultural costs - water roads, moving equipment, operating pick-up trucks, trim fields, etc.					58	
Land rent					425	
Miscellaneous overhead - office, telephone, insurance, field sanitation, etc.					140	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST CASH COSTS</b>					<b>\$4776</b>	
	Investment		Depreciation	Interest	Depreciation	\$ 265
Item (40 acres)	Total	Per Acre	Per Acre	Per Acre	Interest	201
2 Tractors & implements	\$30,000	\$ 750	\$ 75	\$ 60		
2 Trucks	13,000	325	65	26		
4 Wind Machines	28,000	700	58	56		
Booster pump, main line	12,500	313	31	25		
Office, shed, & small equip	14,500	362	30	29		
2 picking trailers	2,500	63	6	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,500</b>	<b>\$2,513</b>	<b>\$265</b>	<b>\$201</b>	<b>Total Costs per Acre Except Harvest</b>	<b>\$ 5,251</b>