Citrimation for Ventura County

January 1971

Sample Navel Orange Production Costs 1/

			SAMPLE COSTS PER ACRE
CULTURAL OPERATIONS			
Fertilization:	Nitrogen application; zinc and/or manganese spray		$ 30
Irrigation:	3 ac. ft. water @ $20/ac. ft.		60
	Labor		40
Insect Control:	Spring & fall spray	)	
Disease Control:	Brown Rot	)	107
	Gummosis & other	)	
Rodent Control:		)	
Weed Control:	Fall sterilant treatment & spot sprays		26
Pruning & Brush Chopping:	Every 5 years--prorated		23
Frost Protection:	Wind machines & heaters		45
Tree Replacement:		)	
Miscellaneous:		)	46
		Sub-total	$ 377
CASH OVERHEAD			
Taxes:			$ 100
Maintenance & Repair:	Buildings, pickup, tractor, and irrigation/		32
General Expense:			26
		Sub-total	$ 158
TOTAL ON-TREE CASH COST			$ 535
INVESTMENT OVERHEAD			
Depreciation:	Trees, irrigation & frost protection systems, equipment & shed		$ 184
ON-TREE CASH COST + DEPRECIATION			$ 719

1/ Sample costs are based on 1969 cost levels. Charges for management and interest on investment are not included in these sample costs.

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