

Alfalfa

COST TO PRODUCE ALFALFA

Tulelake, California 1962

Yield - 5 ton

Operation	Cost per acre	
Clean ditches	\$.30
Renovate		1.00
Weevil control - Heptachlor - 10 lbs applied		2.75
Irrigate 3 times - 3 hours @ \$1.65	\$4.95	
Water	<u>6.80</u>	11.75
Fertilize - Application	.50	
60 lbs. P ₂ O ₅ @ 10¢	<u>6.00</u>	<u>6.50</u>
Total cultural		\$22.30
Mow 2 times @ \$1.50		3.00
Rake 2 times @ \$1.50		3.00
Bale - 5 ton @ \$4.50		22.50
Roadside 5 ton @ \$2.00		<u>10.00</u>
Total harvest		\$38.50
Miscellaneous overhead		11.10
Land cost - \$500.00 @ 6%	\$30.00	
Taxes	<u>6.50</u>	36.50
Stand - \$20.00 per 4 years	5.00	
Interest	<u>.60</u>	5.60

Total cost per acre \$114.00
 Cost per ton @ 5 ton yield \$22.80

NOTE: If 160# of P₂O₅ or more are used to establish the stand, no additional fertilizer cost should be included in this portion of the study.

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