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Costs of Drying Peaches
Solano County - 1949

Serial Numbers

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Average
Tons-Dry	10.0	3.9	38.0	41.0	21.0	5.0	4.5	9.3	4.9	15.3
Drying Ratio	5.1	6.3	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.0	5.9
Expenses per Dry Ton										
Repairs	1.76	-	4.50	-	1.46	-	1.22	.86	4.77	1.62
Wash trays	3.00	-	14.10	7.25	-	19.72	-	1.30	8.89	6.03
Cutting	28.50	30.46	26.40	28.51	24.13	29.76	33.84	34.24	31.78	29.74
Shed work	12.16	11.90	8.00	12.66	20.24	13.60	54.35	30.41	51.87	23.91
Yard work	11.44	11.44	12.00	22.76	31.57	25.36	8.85	-	9.55	14.77
Truck	.45	-	-	-	-	-	2.62	19.92	.93	2.65
Sulfur	2.26	3.48	4.20	3.56	4.31	2.50	2.51	3.09	4.66	3.40
Comp. Ins.	1.35	1.31	1.47	1.68	1.86	1.10	2.12	1.57	2.04	1.61
Misc.	2.98	2.86	3.46	3.74	4.09	4.55	5.17	4.49	5.62	4.11
Total Current Cost	63.90	61.45	74.13	80.16	87.66	96.59	110.68	95.88	120.11	87.89
Overhead										
Taxes	1.11	1.18	.40	.74	1.17	1.00	-	1.99	1.10	.97
Fire Ins.	.55	.59	.17	.37	.58	-	-	.99	-	.36
Depreciation	7.42	10.24	4.48	7.87	11.90	11.16	7.74	26.67	9.78	10.81
Interest	5.53	5.93	2.05	3.69	5.85	6.25	-	9.94	5.52	4.97
Total Cost	78.51	79.39	81.23	92.83	107.16	115.00	118.42	135.47	136.51	101.95

The weight of the fresh fruit was obtained by multiplying the estimated weight per box by the number of boxes out. The pounds of fruit per box varied from 33 to 50 pounds depending on the size of box, fullness of box, and kind and variety of

Wage rates were .80 to .85 cents per hour. Housing for help was included in the investment and charged as depreciation and interest. Repairs include materials and labor.

Cutting varied from .08 to .12 cents per box.

Truck expense was calculated at \$1.50 per hour. The high truck costs of some records resulted from having to haul the trays to the orchard for drying.

Miscellaneous expense was calculated at 5% of the labor and materials.

Taxes were estimated at 1% of the acreage investment and fire insurance at .5% per acre. Record No. 7 rented a dry yard and facilities. The \$7.74 under overhead was the rent paid. This constitutes a current expense for this record but takes the place of overhead in the other records.

These figures are not presented as averages. They apply only to the ranches surveyed but they should be representative of similar operations. Most of the peaches were Elbertas but with some Lovell & Muir. Some growers used the dry yard for other fruit and only the proportionate share of the investment was charged to peaches. Investment was figured at half the original cost.

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