

*San Ramon,
Monterey and
Santa Clara Counties*

SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE CHERRIES
CENTRAL COAST COUNTIES - 1975

Based on a 40 acre orchard with a yield of 12,000 lbs. per acre, trees 26' x 26' - 64 per acre. Labor: \$2.75 unskilled; \$4.50 skilled; includes Social Security and Workman's Compensation.

Operation	Hours Per Acre	Cash and labor cost per acre			
		Labor	Fuel and Repairs	Materials Kind and Quantity Cost	Total
Cultural costs					
Prune	5.0	\$13.75			\$ 13.75
Brush disposal	1.0	4.50	\$ 1.85		6.35
Cultivate (5x)	5.0	22.50	13.00		35.50
Fertilize	0.3	1.50	.75	70 lbs. N @ 30¢ = \$21.00	23.25
Irrigate (4x)	4.0	11.00	2.00	20" water = 30.00	43.00
Spray (3x)	1.5	6.75	12.30	Material = 40.00	59.05
Misc. (replants, gophers, etc.)	4.0	11.00	3.50	3.00	22.50
TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS		\$71.00	\$33.40	\$99.00	\$ 203.40
Harvest costs					
Float	.2	.90	.40		1.30
Pick-contract @ 9¢/lb.		1080.00			1080.00
Supervision	2.0	9.00			9.00
TOTAL HARVEST COSTS		\$1089.90	\$.40		\$1090.30
Cash overhead					
Misc., office, etc.					63.50
Taxes					100.00
TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD					\$ 163.50
TOTAL CASH COST					\$1457.20
Management 5% of 6 tons @ \$500.00					150.00
INVESTMENT					
		Per Acre	Annual Cost		
Land		\$3,500.00	Depreciation	Interest	
Trees		2,400.00	\$ ---	\$315.00	315.00
Irrigation system		250.00	96.00	108.00	204.00
Buildings		175.00	12.50	11.25	23.75
Equipment		818.75	8.75	7.87	16.62
Total		\$7,143.75	91.89	36.84	128.73
TOTAL COST PER ACRE			\$209.14	\$478.96	\$ 688.10
Cost per pound @ 6 ton yield					\$2295.30
					19.1¢

COSTS OF PRODUCTION AT VARYING YIELDS

Yield in tons	3	4	5	6
Cash costs	\$ 890.20	\$1079.20	\$1268.20	\$1457.20
Overhead (mgmt. & investment)	763.10	783.10	813.10	838.10
Total	1653.30	1867.30	2081.30	2295.30
Cash cost/lb.	14.8	13.5	12.7	12.1
Total cost/lb.	27.6	23.3	20.8	19.1

EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT FOR CHERRY PRODUCTION
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Item	Cost	Life	Depreciation Per Acre	Cash Cost/hr.
40 h.p. diesel wheel tractor	\$ 7,200	10 yrs.	\$18.00	\$1.70
Disc - 6'	1,500	10 "	3.75	.70
Sprayer	11,000	10 "	27.50	6.50
Float - 12'	550	10 "	1.38	.25
Fertilizer spreader - 12'	750	10 "	1.88	.75
Buck rake	750	10 "	1.88	.15
Ladders and buckets	7,000	10 "	17.50	--
Pickup truck	4,000	5 "	20.00	--
Total	\$32,750		\$91.89	--

Total Investment	\$32,750.00
Per acre on 40 acres	818.75
Depreciation per acre	91.89
Interest per acre	36.84 @ 9% of half purchase price