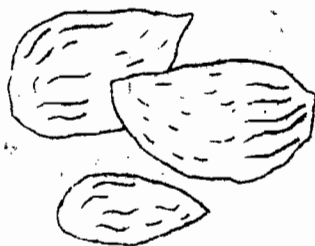


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COST ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

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Based on a yield of 1500 lbs. per acre. Man labor at \$1.10 and \$1.30 per hour. Medium wheel tractor cast cost \$1.00 per hour, depreciation .41, interest, .19.

	Sample Costs		Year Costs	
	Per Acre	Per Cwt.	Per Acre	Per Cwt.
<u>Pre Harvest Cash Costs:</u>				
Pruning - 8 man hours	\$ 8.80			
Brush dieposal - 2 man & 1 tractor hour	3.40			
Cover crop & fertilize: 2 man & 1 tractor hour	3.40			
Cover crop seed & fertilizer	15.00			
Spraying: 2 man & tractor hours	4.60			
Spray material	22.00			
Cultivate & irrig. prep.: 6 man & tractor hours	13.80			
Irrigate: 6 x 8 man hours	8.80			
Water: Irrigation tax or power cost	5.00			
Frost protection: 4 man & 2 tractor hours	6.60			
Frost protection material (An. av.)	7.00			
Misc. labor: 3 man & 2 tractor hours	5.70			
Miscellaneous material	3.00			
County taxes	10.00			
Office, car, operating capital, etc.	10.00			
Repairs (except tractor)	3.00			
Total Pre-Harvest Cash and Labor Cost	\$130.10	8.66		
<u>Harvesting Costs:</u>				
Knock, pick & haul out @	45.00			
Hulling	45.00			
Haul to market	2.50			
Total Harvesting Cost	\$ 92.50	6.16		
Total Cash and Labor Cost				
<u>Depreciation:</u>				
Trees - (\$400.00 Cost - 30 year life)	13.30			
Buildings, irrigation, facilities & equipment	12.50			
Tractor: 14 hours @ 41¢	5.74			
Total Depreciation Cost	\$ 31.54	2.10		
Total Cash and Depreciation Cost				
<u>Interest on Investment @ 6%:</u>				
Trees (Average value \$200.00)	12.00			
Buildings, irrig. facilities & equip. (av. value \$125.00)	7.50			
Tractor: 14 hours @ 19¢	2.66			
Land @ \$700.00	42.00			
Total Interest on Investment	64.16	4.29		
Total Cost of Production	\$318.30	21.22		

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