



SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE ALFALFA HAY

Sheeta  
1950's

Operation	Hours Per Acre	Cash and Labor Cost Per Acre				Your Costs	
		Labor	Tractor & Equip.	Materials, etc.	Total	Per Acre	Total for acres
Irrigate - 8 times	8.0	\$ 8.00		Water, 4 acre feet \$ 9.00	\$ 17.00		
Fertilize - every other year	.1	.10	\$ .10	Fertilizer 4.80	5.00		
Misc. - weed control, insects, etc.		1.90		3.10	5.00		
Taxes				\$67.50 @ \$6 4.00	4.00		
<b>Total cultural cost</b>		<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ .10</b>	<b>\$ 20.90</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>		
Mow - 5 times	2.5	\$ 2.50	\$ 4.00		\$ 6.50		
Rake - 5 times	2.5	2.50	4.00		6.50		
Bale				6 ton @ \$5 \$ 30.00	30.00		
Haul - 3 men and truck	3.0	9.00	5.00		14.00		
<b>Total harvest cost</b>		<b>\$ 14.00</b>	<b>\$ 13.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 57.00</b>		
Investment		Per Acre		Interest & Depreciation			
Land		\$ 300.00		\$ 15.00			
Irrigation system		10.00		2.25			
Stand		25.00		6.85			
Tractor, mower, etc.		30.00		3.90			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 365.00</b>			<b>\$ 28.00</b>		
		Total cost per acre			\$ 116.00		
		Yield: 6 tons per acre					
UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		Cost per ton			\$ 19.30		