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**SOUTH COAST REGION – Santa Barbara County  
Santa Maria Valley**

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### INTRODUCTION

The sample costs to produce strawberries in the South Coast Region – Santa Barbara County are presented in this study. The study is intended as a guide only, and can be used to make production decisions, determine potential returns, prepare budgets and evaluate production loans. The practices described are based on production procedures considered typical for this crop and area, and will not apply to every situation. Sample costs for labor, materials, equipment and custom services are based on current figures. A blank column, “*Your Costs*”, is provided to enter your actual costs on Tables 1 and 2.

The hypothetical farm operation, production practices, overhead, and calculations are described under assumptions. For additional information or explanation of calculations used in the study, call the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, (530) 752-3589 or the UC Cooperative Extension office in your county.

Sample Cost of Production Studies for many commodities can be downloaded at <http://coststudies.ucdavis.edu>, requested through the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis, (530) 752-4424 or obtained from the local county UC Cooperative Extension office. Some archived studies are also available on the website.

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## ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions refer to tables 1 to 7 and pertain to sample costs to produce strawberries in the South Coast Region – Santa Barbara County, Santa Maria Valley. The cultural practices described and materials used are considered typical for a well-managed strawberry field in the region. The costs, materials and practices will not apply to all situations every production year. Cultural practices for the production of strawberries vary by grower and region, resulting in significant cost differences. **The use of trade names and cultural practices in this report does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the University of California nor is any criticism implied by omission of other similar products or cultural practices.**

**Farm.** The farm consists of 90 contiguous acres – 85 rented acres and five acres owned by the grower. Strawberries are being planted on 80 acres and five acres are field roads, and irrigation system. The land is divided into 4-20 acre blocks/fields 250 feet long. The grower owned five acres includes a shop and equipment yard.

### Production Operating Costs

**Land Preparation.** The grower does a series of operations: disc and ringroll 2X (X equals number of passes over the land), subsoil 2X, disc and ringroll 2X, plow 1X, disc and ringroll 1X, triplane 2X, and chisel 1X. The field is disced a total of 5 times and subsoiled or ripped 30 to 36 inches deep. The field is smoothed and leveled with a triplane. Three beds 64 inches wide and 14 inches high are listed and shaped in one operation. Farmers with this acreage will own a large tractor for land preparation. Smaller growers usually rent a large tractor for land preparation or will have the work done by a custom operator. Land preparation costs by a custom operator range from \$500 to \$650 per acre.

**Plant Establishment.** Several varieties are available for planting in the area, but no specific variety is assumed in this study. Plants in the area are planted on 60 to 68 inch beds. In this study, the grower plants on 64-inch beds, 14-inch bed height, 4 rows per bed and a 16-inch plant spacing for a total of 25,000 plants per acre. Five percent of the plants will be replanted and are included in the plant population. The beds are made the entire length of the field. After fumigation, roads, using a tracklayer tractor with blade, are made to divide the field into smaller blocks 200 to 300 feet long. Holes are punched in the plastic mulch, that was laid on the beds at fumigation, using a mechanical punch machine. Plants are delivered to the edge of the blocks where planting labor gathers the plants in buckets and places the strawberry plants in the punched holes.

**Fertilization.** A slow release fertilizer, 18-6-8, at 1,000 pounds per acre is drilled preplant in the bed using a fertilizer drill with bed shaper. Growers may also apply multiple liquid fertilizers during the season through the drip lines or as a foliar spray. Some fertilizers that may be applied are Thiocal (applied in this study) for calcium and sulfur, CAN 17 (17-0-0-8Ca) and CN9 for nitrogen and calcium, potassium nitrate for potassium and nitrogen, and minor nutrient fertilizers such as iron, zinc, and boron.

**Irrigation.** The grower rents sprinkler pipe for the preplant and establishment sprinkler irrigations. Prior to listing, the field is sprinkler irrigated for 12 hours. Two men plus the tractor driver lay and pickup the pipe. Two drip-lines per bed, using a tape layer machine are buried in the beds prior to fumigation. After the field is divided into blocks/small fields, the lateral lines are buried at the edge of the block and the drip lines

connected and tested for leaks. The field is preirrigated using the drip system. Following planting, sprinkler pipe is laid out and the field is sprinkled two-hours per day for 15 days. Two irrigators manage the sprinkler and drip irrigation. From December through February, the field is drip irrigated as necessary, and during the harvest season, February through July, every three to four days. Effective rainfall is not taken into account, therefore a total of 28 acre inches including the preplant irrigations is applied.

*Water.* Pumping costs for the water is estimated from grower budgets at approximately \$7.25 per acre inch. Costs will vary depending upon pump size and well characteristics.

**Pests.** The pesticides and rates mentioned in this cost study are listed in the *UC IPM Pest Management Guidelines, Strawberries*. For more information on other pesticides available, pest identification, monitoring, and management visit the UC IPM website at [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu). Pesticide applications, timing, and materials vary according to pest pressure. The pesticide program shown in Table A represents a typical program for the region. Inputs cited in this report are based on grower surveys and the pesticide use reports. Written recommendations are required for many commercially applied pesticides and are made by licensed pest control advisers. For information and pesticide use permits, contact the local county Agricultural Commissioner's office. Adjuvants are recommended for many pesticides for effective control and are an added cost. The adjuvants in this study are not included as a cost in the applications. Pesticide costs may vary by location and grower volume. **Pesticide costs** in this study are taken from a single dealer and **shown as full retail**.

*Fumigation.* Arthropods, soilborne fungi/diseases, nematodes, and weeds are controlled with preplant fumigation. The field is bed fumigated using a bedshaper/fumigation/mulch-laying machine. The fumigants Methyl Bromide and Chloropicrin are injected into the beds as the clear plastic mulch is being laid across and down the sides of the bed. Five men including the tractor driver can do approximately 4 acres per 8-hour day. Current regulations have caused growers to do more flat fumigation which cost approximately \$1,700 per acre plus the cost for disposing of the plastic fumigation covering. Flat fumigation is usually done by a commercial applicator. Check with your agricultural commissioner and farm advisor for current regulations.

*Fumigation Alternatives.* The phaseout of methyl bromide has prompted growers to try alternative methods. According to industry information, a common alternative for growers is applying soil fungicide and nematicide materials through the drip line. Inline Fungicide/Nematicide is one of the materials currently being used by growers. Research data has provided information on the alternative methods, although the long-term effects on disease and weed management are unknown. Research data is available on the California Strawberry Commission website at <http://www.calstrawberry.com>. Grower costs for

Table A. DISEASE and INSECT MATERIAL APPLICATIONS

DATE	DISEASE		INSECTS		
	Botrytis	Mildew	Mites	Worms	Lygus
Dec				Dipel	
Jan	Captan + Elevate				
Jan	Captan				
Jan			Persimilis		
Feb	Captan	Pristine			
Feb	Switch	Quadris			
Feb			Persimilis		
Mar		Rally	Acramite		
Mar		Thiolux	Acramite		
Apr	Elevate	Thiolux	Savey		
May	Captan		Agrimek		Danitol
Jun		Thiolux	Agrimek		Dibrom
RATES PER ACRE in study: (Not Recommendations - See label or PCA)					
	Captan	4.0 lb	Acramite	1.0 lb	
	Elevate	1.5 lb	Agrimek	16.0 oz	
	Pristine	23.0 oz	Danitol	16.0 oz	
	Rally	5.0 oz	Dibrom	16.0 oz	
	Switch	14.0 oz	Dipel	1.0 lb	
	Thiolux	5.0 lb	Persimilis	16,000 ea	
	Quadris	12.0 floz	Savey	6.0 oz	

the drip method using Inline fungicide/nematicide and chloropicrin material and application cost the growers \$800 to \$1,000 per acre. The effects on yield, weed, and pest control are variable and these variables may add to the production costs and/or reduce yield.

*Weeds.* In addition to preplant fumigation, weeds are controlled by hand weeding from November through June. Weeding times vary by grower and month; the study assumes a total of 76 hours per acre distributed over the 8 months.

*Diseases.* Powdery mildew (*Sphaerotheca macularis*) and Botrytis fruit rot (*Botrytis cinerea*) are the two diseases treated in this study. Treatments are combined with the insect applications. Fungicide treatments are made every 12 to 16 days through mid April and every 20 to 25 days thereafter ending in mid June. All treatments are grower applied.

*Insects.* Two-spotted mite (*Tetranychus urticae*), beet armyworm (*Spodoptera exigua*) and lygus (*Lygus hesperus*) are the main insects controlled. Mites are controlled early in the season with the beneficial insect persimilis (*Phytoseiulus persimilis*) followed by miticide applications. Treatments for insects are combined with the fungicide treatments. The treatments are shown in Table A.

**Harvest.** The crop is harvested from March through mid-August with peak harvest in May and June. The early harvested strawberries go to fresh market, and as other growing areas such as the Central Coast region come in to production, the growers shift to the freezer market. In this study the percent by weight of the crop harvested each month is shown in Table B. Prior to harvest the plastic mulch is cut from the bottom of the furrow bed with tractor and sickle knife to cool down the soil for harvest. Labor with sickles finish cutting and pulling the mulch that is hauled to the dump. During harvest, the grower runs three 30 man crews with a general foreman for crew supervision, one field checker to check field for proper picking, and one picking card puncher per crew to count the boxes picked by each picker. For fresh market the picker pushes a picking cart that holds a fiberboard tray and eight one-pound containers. The picker picks the ripe strawberries by hand and places them in the container/trays. Depending upon the market other container sizes and types may be used, but are not included in this study. Picking rate per picker ranges from 3 trays per hour early and late in the season and 5 to 8 trays per hour during the peak harvest. For the freezer market, the picker places an 18-pound plastic tray on the picking cart. The growers purchase the fresh market trays, and the freezer furnishes the plastic freezer trays. (See Labor for picking costs). The grower uses two one-ton flatbed trucks that holds two to three pallets of 110 fresh market trays per pallet or 330 trays per load or 180 freezer trays per load. One truck driver delivers the strawberries to the cooler or freezer; one truck loader stacks the boxes on the truck. The truck driver takes about an hour per load to deliver the filled trays. For the freezer market, the driver picks up the empty freezer trays. In addition, the grower will have at least one tractor, trailer, and toilet in the field.

Table B Percent (by weight) Crop Harvested per Month

	March	April	May	June	July	August
Fresh 68%	5	14	32	9	8	
Freezer 32%			5	14	8	5

Source: Processing Strawberry Advisory Board Crop Trend Report, 2001-03

*Yields.* Strawberry yields are measured in trays per acre for the fresh and freezer market. Various tray weights are used to convert the yields to weight per acre. The standard consumer tray holds 8 x 1-pound containers and ranges from 8.5 to 10.0 pounds per tray. There are other tray arrangements with different size containers as well as the former

Table C. YIELDS and RETURNS<sup>1</sup>

YEAR	ACRE	FRESH			FREEZER			TOTAL	
		lb/acre	<sup>2</sup> tray/acre	\$/tray	lb/acre	<sup>3</sup> tray/acre	\$/tray	lb/acre	% fresh
99	3,163	27,720	2,310	6.41	35,520	1,973	5.32	63,240	44
00	3,550	31,308	2,609	5.81	27,060	1,503	4.06	58,368	54
01	3,092	34,817	2,901	6.06	22,420	1,246	5.59	57,237	61
02	3,725	42,732	3,561	6.56	22,600	1,256	6.16	65,332	65
03	3,763	51,592	4,299	6.88	30,000	1,667	5.03	81,592	63

<sup>1</sup>Ag Commissioner Crop Report-Santa Barbara County

<sup>2</sup>12lb

<sup>3</sup>18lb

standard tray containing 12 1-pint containers, which ranged from 10.5 to 12 pounds per tray. The weight used in this study is 9.5 pounds per tray for fresh market and 18 pounds per tray for freezer strawberries. Freezer trays delivered to the cooler usually weigh 18 to 20 pounds. Total per acre yield in this study is 63,200 pounds with 68% or 42,976 pounds (4,524 trays) delivered to fresh market and 32% or 20,224 pounds (1,124 trays) delivered to the freezer. The yield in this study is the 2001-2003 average yield for the Santa Maria area (2003 Processing Strawberry Board). Average per acre yields by year for Santa Barbara County are shown in Table C.

*Returns.* Based on fresh market average weighted returns from 2001 to 2003, the grower FOB returns are \$7.14 per 9.5-pound tray. Based on average weighted returns for 2001 – 2003, processor returns to the grower are \$5.58 per 18-pound (\$0.31 per pound) tray for the freezer market. Fresh market returns less selling commission and cooling costs equals a payment to the grower of \$6.07 per tray. Strawberry prices are based on trays and not weight, therefore the \$6.07 tray price is used in this study to provide a basis for a range of yields and prices shown in Table 4. Average grower returns as reported by the Agricultural Commissioner for the last five years are shown in Table C. Fresh market and processor prices vary during the harvest season.

*Assessments.* The grower pays \$.045 per tray to the Strawberry Commission for research and marketing. Fresh market assessment is per tray (9.5 lbs in this study) and the freezer assessment on a 14-pound tray.

**Year-end Cleanup.** The plastic mulch and drip tape are pulled and rolled by hand and hauled to the dump. The field is then disced one time in preparation for the next crop and the operation is incorporated with land preparation in this study.

**Labor.** Labor rates of \$12.73 per hour for machine operators and \$9.72 for general labor includes payroll overhead of 34%. The basic hourly wages are \$9.50 for machine operators and \$7.25 for general labor. Pickers are often paid a base pay plus piecework, or straight piecework depending on the time of harvest and if machine or non-machine harvest. In this study, picker pay is calculated using the field labor rate. The overhead includes the employers' share of federal and California state payroll taxes, workers' compensation insurance for strawberry crops (code 0079), and a percentage for other possible benefits. Workers' compensation costs will vary among growers, but for this study the cost is based upon the average industry final rate as of January 5, 2004 (California Department of Insurance). Labor for operations involving machinery are 20% higher than the operation time given in Table 1 to account for the extra labor involved in equipment set up, moving, maintenance, work breaks, and field repair.

**Equipment Operating Costs.** Repair costs are based on purchase price, annual hours of use, total hours of life, and repair coefficients formulated by the American Society of Agriculture Engineers (ASAE).

Fuel and lubrication costs are also determined by ASAE equations based on maximum power takeoff (PTO) horsepower, and fuel type. Prices for on-farm delivery of diesel and gasoline are \$1.45 and \$1.88 per gallon, respectively. The fuel prices are averaged, based on four California delivery locations plus \$0.24 per gallon, which is one-half the difference between the high and low price for regular gasoline in 2003 from the California State Automobile Association Monthly Survey. The cost includes a 2.25% sales tax (effective September 2001) on diesel fuel and 7.25% sales tax on gasoline. Gasoline also includes federal and state excise tax, which can be refunded for on-farm use when filing your income tax. The fuel, lube, and repair cost per acre for each operation in Table 1 are determined by multiplying the hours per acre for the selected operation by the total hourly operating cost in Table 6 for each piece of equipment used in that operation. Tractor time is 10% higher than implement time for a given operation to account for setup, travel and down time.

**Interest On Operating Capital.** Interest on operating capital is based on cash operating costs and is calculated monthly until harvest at a nominal rate of 6.89% per year. A nominal interest rate is the typical market cost of borrowed funds. The interest cost of post harvest operations is discounted back to the last harvest month using a negative interest charge.

**Risk.** While this study makes every effort to model a production system based on typical, real world practices, it cannot fully represent financial, agronomic and market risks that affect the profitability and economic viability of strawberry production. The risks associated with producing and marketing strawberries should not be minimized.

### **Cash Overhead**

Cash overhead consists of various cash expenses paid out during the year that are assigned to the whole farm and not to a particular operation. These costs include property taxes, interest on operating capital, office expense, liability and property insurance, sanitation services, and equipment repairs. Employee benefits, insurance, and payroll taxes are included in labor costs and not in overhead (see Labor).

**Property Taxes.** Counties charge a base property tax rate of 1% on the assessed value of the property. In some counties special assessment districts exist and charge additional taxes on property including equipment, buildings, and improvements. For this study, county taxes are calculated as 1% of the average value of the property. Average value equals new cost plus salvage value divided by 2 on a per acre basis.

**Insurance.** Insurance for farm investments varies depending on the assets included and the amount of coverage. Property insurance provides coverage for property loss and is charged at 0.676% of the average value of the assets over their useful life. Liability insurance covers accidents on the farm and costs \$516 for the entire farm.

**Office Expense.** Office and business expenses are estimated at \$500 per acre. These expenses include office supplies, telephones, bookkeeping, accounting, legal fees, utilities, and miscellaneous expenses.

**Sprinkler Pipe.** Sprinklers are rented for approximately three months during land preparation and plant establishment. Grower rental costs ranged from \$250 to \$400 per acre. A cost of \$275 per acre is used in this study.

**Land Rent.** The 85 acres is rented for cash at \$1,300 per acre or \$1,381 per producing acre (80 acres). The rented land includes the irrigation system that is maintained by the owner.

**Sanitation Services.** Sanitation services provide portable toilets with washing equipment and cost the farm \$9,600 annually or \$120 per producing acre. The cost is derived from grower budgets/actuals.

**Supervisor/Management Salaries.** Wages for management are not included as a cash cost. Returns above total costs are considered a return to management and risk.

### **Non-Cash Overhead**

Non-cash overhead, shown on an annual per acre basis is calculated as the capital recovery cost for equipment and other farm investments.

*Capital Recovery Costs.* Capital recovery cost is the annual depreciation and interest costs for a capital investment. It is the amount of money required each year to recover the difference between the purchase price and salvage value (unrecovered capital). It is equivalent to the annual payment on a loan for the investment with the down payment equal to the discounted salvage value. This is a more complex method of calculating ownership costs than straight-line depreciation and opportunity costs, but more accurately represents the annual costs of ownership because it takes the time value of money into account (Boehlje and Eidman). The formula for the calculation of the annual capital recovery costs is  $((\text{Purchase Price} - \text{Salvage Value}) \times \text{Capital Recovery Factor}) + (\text{Salvage Value} \times \text{Interest Rate})$ .

*Salvage Value.* Salvage value is an estimate of the remaining value of an investment at the end of its useful life. For farm machinery the remaining value is a percentage of the new cost of the investment (Boehlje and Eidman). The percent remaining value is calculated from equations developed by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) based on equipment type and years of life. The life in years is estimated by dividing the wear out life, as given by ASAE by the annual hours of use in this operation. For other investments including irrigation systems, buildings, and miscellaneous equipment, the value at the end of its useful life is zero. The salvage value and purchase price for land are the same because land does not depreciate. The purchase price and salvage value for equipment and investments are shown in Table 5.

*Capital Recovery Factor.* Capital recovery factor is the amortization factor or annual payment whose present value at compound interest is 1. The amortization factor is a table value that corresponds to the interest rate used and the life of the machine.

*Interest Rate.* The interest rate of 6.23% used to calculate capital recovery cost is the United States Department of Agriculture-Economic Reporting Service's (USDA-ERS) ten year average of California's agricultural sector long-run real rate of return to production assets from current income. It is used to reflect the long-term realized rate of return to these specialized resources.

**Land.** Land values in the region for this study are approximately \$17,000 to \$26,000 per acre for row cropland. Land suitable for strawberries appears to be the higher price land.

**Irrigation System.** The system is based on one 75 horsepower electric pump lifting 28 acre-inches from a water level depth of 120 feet. The pump and 300-foot deep well already existed on the site and the irrigation system costs are charged to the landowner. Water is pumped through a filtration station into main lines. Reusable lateral lines owned by the grower are buried each year at the edge of the strawberry field and are connected to the main and drip lines. The field configuration requires 3,480 feet per block. Two drip lines are buried in each bed prior to planting. The lateral lines have a 3-year life and the drip lines are an annual expense.

**Equipment.** Farm equipment is purchased new or used, but the study shows the current purchase price for new equipment. Strawberry production requires much specialized equipment including modifications to commercial tractors. Many of these modifications are made in machine shops and are not necessarily included in the equipment costs shown in the tables. Some of the other specialized equipment is also built in machine or farmer shops and retail prices are not readily available. The new purchase price is adjusted to 40% to indicate a mix of new and used equipment. Annual ownership costs for equipment and other investments are shown in the Whole Farm Annual Equipment, Investment, and Business Overhead Costs table. Equipment costs are composed of three parts: non-cash overhead, cash overhead, and operating costs. Both of the overhead factors have been discussed in previous sections. The operating costs consist of repairs, fuel, and lubrication and are discussed under operating costs.

**Table Values.** Due to rounding, the totals may be slightly different from the sum of the components.

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**Table 1 COSTS PER ACRE to PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES**  
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Operation	Operation Time (Hrs/A)	Cash and Labor Cost per acre				Total Cost	Your Cost
		Labor Cost	Fuel, Lube & Repairs	Material Cost	Custom/ Rent		
Cultural:							
Land Prep: Disc/Roll 5X	0.95	15	26	0	0	41	
Land Prep: Subsoil 2X	1.50	23	39	0	0	62	
Land Prep: Plow 1X	0.30	5	4	0	0	9	
Land Prep: Level/Smooth Field 2X	0.32	5	9	0	0	14	
Land Prep: List/Shape Beds	0.90	14	28	0	0	42	
Fertilize: Preplant (18-6-8)	0.25	4	3	550	0	556	
Fumigate: Fumigate/Lay Mulch	1.00	108	17	976	0	1,101	
Irrigate: Install Drip Tape 2 line/bed	1.50	23	16	245	0	284	
Plant: Cut/Grade Roads	2.50	38	21	0	0	59	
Irrigate: Lay Laterals/Connect Drip	0.08	113	1	0	0	114	
Irrigate: Sprinkle/Layout/Pickup Pipe	2.00	240	9	44	0	292	
Irrigate: Drip	29.00	282	0	160	0	441	
Plant: Punch Holes	0.69	11	3	0	0	14	
Plant: Transplant	42.00	408	0	1,750	0	2,158	
Pest: Worms	0.58	9	4	14	0	26	
Pest: Botrytis	1.17	18	8	96	0	122	
Pest: Mites-Persimilis	5.00	49	0	208	0	257	
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew	1.17	18	8	169	0	195	
Pest: Mildew/Mites	1.17	18	8	204	0	230	
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew/Mites	0.58	9	4	192	0	205	
Pest: Botrytis/Mites/Lygus	0.58	9	4	167	0	180	
Pest: Mildew/Mite/Lygus	0.58	9	4	142	0	155	
Weed: Hand	76.00	739	0	0	0	739	
Fertilize: Through drip	0.00	0	0	158	0	158	
Harvest: Cut Mulch Prior to Harvest	0.28	150	1	0	0	151	
Harvest: Haul Mulch to Dump	0.03	1	0	0	7	8	
Year End: Field Cleanup	0.04	64	0	0	65	129	
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS</b>	<b>170.17</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7,741</b>	
Harvest:							
Harvest/Record Fresh	716.44	6,964	0	7,012	0	13,976	
Load/Haul Fresh	4.96	298	121	0	0	419	
Harvest/Record/Haul Freezer	368.01	3,624	55	0	0	3,680	
Strawberry Commission	0.00	0	0	269	0	269	
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>	<b>1,089.41</b>	<b>10,886</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>7,281</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,344</b>	
Interest on operating capital @ 6.89%						642	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE</b>		<b>13,265</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>12,357</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>26,726</b>	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/TRAY*</b>						<b>4.73</b>	
CASH OVERHEAD (see Table 5):							
Liability Insurance						6	
Office Expense						500	
Sanitation Fee						100	
Land Rent						1,381	
Pipe Rent						275	
Property Taxes						24	
Property Insurance						16	
Investment Repairs						24	
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>						<b>2,327</b>	
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE</b>						<b>29,053</b>	
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/TRAY*</b>						<b>5.14</b>	

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Table 1 continued

Operation	Operation	Cash and Labor Cost per acre				Your Cost
	Time (Hrs/A)	Labor Cost	Fuel, Lube & Repairs	Material Cost	Custom/Rent	
NON-CASH OVERHEAD (see Table 5)	Per Producing Acre			Annual Cost		
				Capital Recovery		
Buildings		615		55		55
Fuel Tanks		44		4		4
Shop Tools		158		16		16
Harvest Carts 90		15		3		3
Hand Tools		57		6		6
Irrigation System -Lateral Lines		200		75		75
Equipment		3,108		316		316
<b>TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>		<b>4,196</b>		<b>475</b>		<b>475</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS/ACRE</b>						<b>29,528</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS/TRAY*</b>						<b>5.23</b>

\*Cost per tray is total of 9.5 lb plus 18 lb trays

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**Table 2 COSTS and RETURNS PER ACRE to PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES**  
 SOUTH COAST REGION - Santa Barbara County 2004

	Quantity/ Acre	Unit	Price or Cost/Unit	Value or Cost/Acre	Your Cost
<b>GROSS RETURNS</b>					
Fresh Market 9.5 lb tray	4,524	tray	6.07	27,461	
Freezer Market 18 lb tray	1,124	tray	5.58	6,272	
<b>TOTAL GROSS RETURNS</b>	<b>5,648</b>			<b>33,733</b>	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>					
<b>Water:</b>					
Water - pumped	28.00	acin	7.25	203	
<b>Materials:</b>					
T-Tape	16,345.00	foot	0.02	245	
Mulch 1.25m	350.00	lb	0.86	301	
Tray w/8 clamshells (Consumer Pack)	4,524.00	each	1.55	7,012	
<b>Fertilizer:</b>					
18-6-8	1,000.00	lb	0.55	550	
Thiocal (0-0-0-10S-6Ca)	1,246.80	lb	0.13	158	
<b>Plants:</b>					
Strawberry Plants	25,000.00	each	0.07	1,750	
<b>Fumigant:</b>					
Methyl Bromide + Chloropicrin 57/43	225.00	lb	3.00	675	
<b>Insecticide:</b>					
Dipel DF	1.00	lb	13.55	14	
Agri-Mek 0.15 EC	32.00	floz	7.80	250	
Acramite 50WS	2.00	lb	87.69	175	
Savey 50 DF	6.00	floz	20.69	124	
Dibrom 8 Emulsive	16.00	floz	0.81	13	
Danitol	16.00	floz	1.62	26	
<b>Fungicide:</b>					
Captan 50W	16.00	lb	4.05	65	
Elevate 50WDG	3.00	lb	42.45	127	
Pristine	23.00	oz	2.40	55	
Switch 62.5 WG	14.00	oz	4.27	60	
Quadris	12.00	floz	3.18	38	
Rally 40W	5.00	oz	4.90	25	
Thiolux	15.00	lb	0.90	14	
<b>Predatory Mites:</b>					
Persimilis	32.00	thou	6.50	208	
<b>Custom:</b>					
Dump Fee	1.10	acre	65.00	72	
<b>Assessment:</b>					
Strawberry Fresh - 9.5 lb tray	4,524.00	tray	0.05	204	
Strawberry Freezer - 14 lb tray equivalent	1,445.00	tray	0.05	65	
Labor (machine)	40.37	hrs	12.73	514	
Labor (non-machine)	1,311.80	hrs	9.72	12,751	
Fuel - Gas	66.65	gal	1.88	125	
Fuel - Diesel	100.90	gal	1.45	146	
Lube				41	
Machinery repair				80	
Interest on operating capital @ 6.89%				642	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE</b>				<b>26,726</b>	
<b>NET RETURNS ABOVE OPERATING COSTS</b>				<b>7,007</b>	

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Table 2 continued

	Quantity/ Acre	Unit	Price or Cost/Unit	Value or Cost/Acre	Your Cost
<b>CASH OVERHEAD:</b>					
Liability Insurance				6	
Office Expense				500	
Sanitation Fee				100	
Land Rent				1,381	
Pipe Rent				275	
Property Taxes				24	
Property Insurance				16	
Investment Repairs				24	
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE</b>				<b>2,327</b>	
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE</b>				<b>29,053</b>	
<b>NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS (Capital Recovery)</b>					
Buildings				55	
Fuel Tanks				4	
Shop Tools				16	
Harvest Carts 90				3	
Hand Tools				6	
Irrigation System -Lateral Lines				75	
Equipment				316	
<b>TOTAL NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE</b>				<b>475</b>	
<b>TOTAL COSTS/ACRE</b>				<b>29528</b>	
<b>NET RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL COSTS</b>				<b>4,205</b>	

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**Table 3 MONTHLY CASH COSTS PER ACRE to PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES**  
 SOUTH COAST REGION - Santa Barbara County 2004

Beginning AUG 03	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTAL
Ending JUL 04	03	03	03	03	03	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	04	
Cultural:														
Land Prep: Disc/Roll 5X	41													41
Land Prep: Subsoil 2X	62													62
Land Prep: Plow 1X	9													9
Land Prep: Level/Smooth Field 2X	14													14
Land Prep: List/Shape Beds		42												42
Fertilize: Preplant (18-6-8)		556												556
Fumigate: Fumigate/Lay Mulch		1,101												1,101
Irrigate: Install Drip Tape 2 line/bed		284												284
Plant: Cut/Grade Roads		59												59
Irrigate: Lay Laterals/Connect Drip		114												114
Irrigate: Sprinkle/Layout/Pickup Pipe		173		119										292
Irrigate: Drip			44		48	17	27	51	70	78	78	29		441
Plant: Punch Holes			14											14
Plant: Transplant			2,158											2,158
Pest: Worms					26									26
Pest: Botrytis						122								122
Pest: Mites-Persimilis						128	128							257
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew							195							195
Pest: Mildew/Mites								230						230
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew/Mites									205					205
Pest: Botrytis/Mites/Lygyus										180				180
Pest: Mildew/Mite/Lygyus											155			155
Weed: Hand				29	136	87	126	97	97	87	78			739
Fertilize: Through drip							26	26	26	26	26	26		158
Harvest: Cut Mulch Prior to Harvest							151							151
Harvest: Haul Mulch to Dump							8							8
Year End: Field Cleanup												129		129
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL COSTS</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,740</b>
Harvest:														
Harvest/Record Fresh								1,369	3,036	6,030	1,806	1,735		13,976
Load/Haul Fresh								38	90	186	55	50		419
Harvest/Record/Haul Freezer										446	1,420	941	873	3,680
Strawberry Commission										0			269	269
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>6,663</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>18,344</b>
Interest on operating capital	1	14	27	28	29	31	35	45	65	106	127	142	-7	642
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>26,726</b>
OVERHEAD:														
Liability Insurance						6								6
Office Expense	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	500
Sanitation Fee	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	100
Land Rent											1,381			1381
Pipe Rent				275										275
Property Taxes									24					24
Property Insurance							16							16
Investment Repairs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
<b>TOTAL CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,328</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>29,053</b>

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**Table 4. RANGING ANALYSIS**  
 SOUTH COAST REGION - Santa Barbara County 2004

COSTS PER ACRE AT VARYING YIELD TO PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES

Pounds per Acre:	57,209	59,215	61,204	63,210	65,208	67,215	69,203
	YIELD (trays/acre)						
Fresh Market 9.5 lb trays:	4,095	4,238	4,381	4,524	4,668	4,811	4,954
Freezer Market 18 lb trays:	1,017	1,053	1,088	1,124	1,159	1,195	1,230
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>							
Cultural Cost	7,740	7,740	7,740	7,740	7,740	7,740	7,740
Harvest Cost	16,351	16,926	17,501	18,075	18,654	19,228	19,803
Assessment Cost	243	252	260	269	277	286	294
Interest on operating capital	615	624	633	642	650	659	668
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/acre</b>	<b>24,949</b>	<b>25,542</b>	<b>26,134</b>	<b>26,726</b>	<b>27,321</b>	<b>27,913</b>	<b>28,505</b>
Total Operating Costs/tray	4.88	4.83	4.78	4.73	4.69	4.65	4.61
<b>CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>							
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/acre</b>	<b>27,277</b>	<b>27,870</b>	<b>28,462</b>	<b>29,054</b>	<b>29,649</b>	<b>30,241</b>	<b>30,833</b>
Total Cash Costs/tray	5.34	5.27	5.20	5.14	5.09	5.04	4.99
<b>NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS</b>							
<b>TOTAL COSTS/acre</b>	<b>27,751</b>	<b>28,344</b>	<b>28,936</b>	<b>29,528</b>	<b>30,123</b>	<b>30,715</b>	<b>31,307</b>
Total Costs/tray	5.43	5.36	5.29	5.23	5.17	5.11	5.06

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE OPERATING COSTS

\$/tray	YIELD (trays/acre)						
Fresh*	4,095	4,238	4,381	4,524	4,668	4,811	4,954
Freezer	1,017	1,053	1,088	1,124	1,159	1,195	1,230
4.25	4.86	-2,603	-2,413	-2,227	-2,037	-1,849	-1,659
4.86	5.22	261	551	837	1,128	1,415	1,706
5.46	5.58	3,084	3,473	3,857	4,247	4,633	5,023
6.07	5.94	5,948	6,437	6,921	7,411	7,898	8,388
6.68	6.30	8,812	9,402	9,985	10,575	11,163	11,753
7.28	6.66	11,636	12,323	13,006	13,694	14,381	15,070
7.89	7.02	14,500	15,288	16,070	16,859	17,645	18,434

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE CASH COST

\$/tray	YIELD (trays/acre)						
Fresh*	4,095	4,238	4,381	4,524	4,668	4,811	4,954
Freezer	1,017	1,053	1,088	1,124	1,159	1,195	1,230
4.25	4.86	-4,930	-4,740	-4,555	-4,364	-4,177	-3,986
4.86	5.22	-2,066	-1,776	-1,491	-1,200	-912	-621
5.46	5.58	757	1,146	1,530	1,919	2,306	2,696
6.07	5.94	3,621	4,110	4,594	5,084	5,571	6,061
6.68	6.30	6,485	7,074	7,658	8,248	8,835	9,425
7.28	6.66	9,308	9,996	10,678	11,367	12,053	12,742
7.89	7.02	12,172	12,960	13,742	14,531	15,318	16,107

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Table 4. continued

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE TOTAL COST

Fresh*	\$/tray	YIELD (trays/acre)						
	Freezer	4,095	4,238	4,381	4,524	4,668	4,811	4,954
		1,017	1,053	1,088	1,124	1,159	1,195	1,230
4.25	4.86	-5,405	-5,215	-5,030	-4,839	-4,652	-4,461	-4,275
4.86	5.22	-2,541	-2,251	-1,965	-1,675	-1,387	-1,096	-810
5.46	5.58	282	671	1,055	1,445	1,831	2,221	2,605
6.07	5.94	3,146	3,635	4,119	4,609	5,096	5,586	6,070
6.68	6.30	6,010	6,599	7,183	7,773	8,361	8,951	9,534
7.28	6.66	8,833	9,521	10,203	10,892	11,579	12,267	12,949
7.89	7.02	11,697	12,485	13,267	14,056	14,843	15,632	16,414

\*Prices are assumed to be net to grower (FOB less cooling and sales commission)

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Table 5 HOURLY EQUIPMENT COSTS

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Yr Description	COSTS PER HOUR								
	Actual Hours Used	Cash Overhead			Operating			Total Oper.	Total Costs/Hr.
		Capital Recovery	Insur-ance	Taxes	Repairs	Fuel & Lube			
04 205HP Crawler	322.90	18.13	0.76	1.12	2.48	19.84	22.32	42.33	
04 42HP 4WD Tractor	261.10	4.11	0.17	0.25	0.46	3.44	3.90	8.43	
04 55HP 2WD Tractor	601.40	2.07	0.09	0.13	0.92	4.50	5.42	7.71	
04 75HP 4WD Tractor	95.30	18.18	0.76	1.13	1.29	6.14	7.43	27.50	
04 85HP Crawler	220.00	7.88	0.33	0.49	0.74	6.96	7.70	16.40	
04 90HP 4WD Tractor	180.40	11.94	0.45	0.67	0.81	7.37	8.18	21.24	
04 Blade Rear 3 pt	206.70	0.20	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	
04 Disk Offset 14'	76.00	10.13	0.32	0.48	1.67	0.00	1.67	12.60	
04 Drip Machine 3-64"R	120.00	2.85	0.10	0.16	1.43	0.00	1.43	4.54	
04 Fertilizer Drill 3-64"Row 16'	20.00	20.09	0.74	1.10	1.68	0.00	1.68	23.61	
04 Fumigation/Mulch Machine 1-64" Row #1	80.00	8.79	0.32	0.48	1.30	0.00	1.30	10.89	
04 Fumigation/Mulch Machine 1-64" Row #2	80.00	8.79	0.32	0.48	1.30	0.00	1.30	10.89	
04 Knife-Sickle 64"	22.20	2.27	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.00	0.16	2.63	
04 Lister/Shaper 3-64"Row	71.60	28.06	1.03	1.53	6.58	0.00	6.58	37.20	
04 Plow 5 bottom	24.00	43.10	1.59	2.35	4.52	0.00	4.52	51.56	
04 Punch Machine 1-64" Row	55.20	3.64	0.13	0.20	0.37	0.00	0.37	4.34	
04 Ringroller 20'	76.00	8.35	0.31	0.46	1.17	0.00	1.17	10.29	
04 Ripper - 5 Shank	120.00	2.79	0.10	0.15	1.75	0.00	1.75	4.79	
04 Sprayer 21' boom	466.70	0.31	0.01	0.02	0.63	0.00	0.63	0.97	
04 Trailer-Pipe	160.00	0.47	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.54	
04 Triplane 15'	25.90	29.07	1.07	1.59	1.86	0.00	1.86	33.59	
04 Truck 1 Ton #1	584.10	2.84	0.11	0.16	2.29	9.91	12.20	15.31	
04 Truck 1 Ton #2	578.80	2.87	0.11	0.16	2.29	9.91	12.20	15.34	

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**Table 6. WHOLE FARM ANNUAL EQUIPMENT, INVESTMENT,  
and BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS**  
SOUTH COAST REGION - Santa Barbara County 2004

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT COSTS

Yr	Description	Price	Yrs Life	Salvage Value	Capital Recovery	Cash Overhead		Total
						Insur- ance	Taxes	
04	205HP Crawler	152,000	15	29,592	14,637	614	908	16,159
04	42HP 4WD Tractor	27,830	15	5,418	2,680	112	166	2,959
04	55HP 2WD Tractor	32,269	15	6,282	3,107	130	193	3,430
04	75HP 4WD Tractor	45,000	15	8,761	4,333	182	269	4,784
04	85HP Crawler	45,000	15	8,761	4,333	182	269	4,784
04	90HP 4WD Tractor	46,750	10	13,809	5,385	205	303	5,892
04	Blade Rear 3 pt	1,012	15	97	102	4	6	111
04	Disk Offset 14'	15,516	10	2,744	1,925	62	91	2,078
04	Drip Machine 3-64"R	8,500	15	816	854	31	47	932
04	Fertilizer Drill 3-64"Row 16'	10,000	15	960	1,005	37	55	1,096
04	Fumigation/Mulch Machine 1-64" Row #1	17,500	15	1,680	1,758	65	96	1,919
04	Fumigation/Mulch Machine 1-64" Row #2	17,500	15	1,680	1,758	65	96	1,919
04	Knife-Sickle 64"	1,250	15	120	126	5	7	137
04	Lister/Shaper 3-64"Row	50,000	15	4,800	5,023	185	274	5,482
04	Plow 5 bottom	25,740	15	2,471	2,586	95	141	2,822
04	Punch Machine 1-64" Row	5,000	15	480	502	19	27	548
04	Ringroller 20'	15,800	15	1,517	1,587	59	87	1,732
04	Ripper - 5 Shank	8,346	15	801	838	31	46	915
04	Sprayer 21' boom	3,630	15	349	365	13	20	398
04	Trailer-Pipe	2,150	20	112	188	8	11	207
04	Triplane 15'	18,750	15	1,800	1,884	69	103	2,056
04	Truck 1 Ton #1	36,000	10	10,634	4,147	158	233	4,537
04	Truck 1 Ton #2	36,000	10	10,634	4,147	158	233	4,537
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>621,543</b>		<b>114,318</b>	<b>63,270</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>69,436</b>
40% of New Cost *		248,617		45,727	25,308	995	1,472	27,775

\*Used to reflect a mix of new and used equipment

ANNUAL INVESTMENT COSTS

Description	Price	Yrs Life	Salvage Value	Capital Recovery	Cash Overhead			Total
					Insur- ance	Taxes	Repairs	
Buildings 2,400 sqft	49,162	20		4,367	166	246	983	5,762
Fuel Tanks/Above Ground	3,500	20	651	294	14	21	70	398
Hand Tools	4,595	15	460	461	17	25	92	595
Harvest Carts 90	1,170	5		279	4	6	23	312
Lateral Lines	16,008	3		6,014	54	80	534	6,682
Shop Tools	12,637	15	1,264	1,267	47	70	253	1,637
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>	<b>87,072</b>		<b>2,375</b>	<b>12,682</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>15,387</b>

ANNUAL BUSINESS OVERHEAD COSTS

Description	Units/ Farm	Unit	Price/ Unit	Total Cost
Land Rent	85	acre	1,300.00	110,500
Sprinkler Rent	80	acre	275.00	22,000
Liability Insurance	85	acre	6.07	516
Office Expense	80	acre	500.00	40,000
Sanitation Fee	80	acre	100.00	8,000

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**Table 7. OPERATIONS WITH EQUIPMENT**  
 SOUTH COAST REGION – Santa Barbara County 2004

Operation	Month	Equipment		Non-Machine		Rate/ Broadcast
		Tractor	Implement	Total Labor Hours/Acre	Material	
Land Prep: Disk/Roll 5X	August	205 HP Crawler	Disk - Offset Ringroller			
Land Prep: Subsoil 2X	August	205 HP Crawler	Ripper 5-Shank			
Land Prep: Plow 1X	August	205 HP Crawler	Plow 5 Bottom			
Land Prep: Triplane 2X	August	205 HP Crawler	Triplane			
Land Prep: List/Shape Beds	September	205 HP Crawler	Lister/Shaper			
Irrigate: Sprinkle/Layout/Pickup Pipe	September	42 HP 4WD	Trailer - Pipe	13.50	Water	3.00 acin
	November	42 HP 4WD	Trailer - Pipe	8.00	Water	3.00 acin
Irrigate: Install Drip Tape	September	90 HP 4WD	Tape Machine		T-Tape	16,345.00 ft
Irrigate: Lay Laterals/Connect Drip	September	75 HP 4WD	Blade	11.50		
Irrigate: Drip	October			3.00	Water	2.00 acin
	December			2.70	Water	3.00 acin
	January			1.00	Water	1.00 acin
	February			2.00	Water	1.00 acin
	March			3.80	Water	2.00 acin
	April			5.00	Water	3.00 acin
	May			5.00	Water	4.00 acin
	June			1.50	Water	4.00 acin
Fertilize: Preplant	September	90 HP 4WD	Fertilizer Drill		18-6-8	1,000.00 lb
Fertilize: through drip	February				Thiocal	207.00 lb
	March				Thiocal	207.00
	April				Thiocal	207.00
	May				Thiocal	207.00
	June				Thiocal	207.00
	July				Thiocal	207.00
Fumigate: Fumigate/Lay Mulch	September	75 HP 4WD	Fume/Mulch Machine #1	8.00	Methyl Bromide &	225.00 lb
		55 HP 4WD	Fume/Mulch Machine #2		Mulch	350.00 lb
Plant: Cut/Grade Roads	September	85 HP Crawler	Blade			
Plant: Punch Holes	October	42 HP 4WD	Punch Machine			
Plant: Transplant	October			42.00	Strawberry Plants	25,000.00 each
Pest: Worms	December	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Dipel	1.00 lb
Pest: Botrytis	January	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Captan	4.00 lb
					Elevate	1.50 lb
	January	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Captan	4.00 lb
Pest: Mites - Persimilis 2X	January			2.50	Persimilis	16,000.00 each
	February			2.50	Persimilis	16,000.00 each
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew	February	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Captan	4.00 lb
					Pristine	23.00 oz
	February	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Switch	14.00 oz
					Quadris	12.00 floz
Pest: Mildew/Mites	March	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Rally	5.00 oz
					Acramite	1.00 lb
	March	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Thiolux	5.00 lb
					Acramite	1.00 lb
Pest: Botrytis/Mildew/Mites	April	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Elevate	1.50 lb
					Thiolux	5.00 lb
					Savey	6.00 oz
Pest: Botrytis/Mites/Lygas	May	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Captan	4.00 lb
					Danitol	16.00 floz
					Agri-Mek	16.00 floz
Pest: Mildew/Mite/Lygas	June	55 HP 4WD	Sprayer		Thiolux	5.00 lb
					Agri-Mek	16.00 floz
					Dibrom	16.00 floz

## UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Table 7. continued

Operation	Month	Equipment		Non-Machine		Rate/ Broadcast	
		Tractor	Implement	Total Labor Hours/Acre	Material	Acre	Unit
Weed: Hand	November			3.00			
	December			14.00			
	January			9.00			
	February			13.00			
	March			10.00			
	April			10.00			
	May			9.00			
	June			8.00			
Harvest: Cut Mulch prior to harvest	February	42 HP 4WD	Knife-Sickle	15.00			
Harvest: Haul Mulch to Dump	February	Truck - 1 Ton #1			Dump Cost	65.00	acre
Harvest: Pick Fresh/Record	March			87.80	Trays	333.00	each
	April			163.85	Trays	931.00	each
	May			280.90	Trays	2,129.00	each
	June			90.30	Trays	599.00	each
	July			93.60	Trays	532.00	each
Harvest: Load/Haul Fresh	March	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		1.90			
	April	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		3.50			
	May	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		5.90			
	June	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		1.90			
	July	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		2.00			
Harvest: Pick Freezer/Record/Haul	May	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		43.90			
	June	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		140.44			
	July	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		93.60			
	August	Truck - 1 Ton #1 & #2		87.80			
Year End: Field Cleanup	August	Truck - 1 Ton #1		6.50	Dump Cost	65.00	acre