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ABSTRACT

Estimated costs and returns of growing round oranges in the Central Florida citrus area are presented for the twentieth consecutive year. Due to the freezes of the 1980's, the Central Florida citrus area refers primarily to Polk and Highlands counties. The format presented may be used by individual growers to budget costs and returns, utilizing individual data on specific groves.

Key words: citrus, Central Florida, budgeting, costs and returns.

NOTE: The Central Florida production area refers to Polk and Highlands counties. However, the costs presented in this report are applicable to other counties such as Hardee, Hillsborough, Lake and Orange counties.

The budgeted cost information presented herein is the most current available. The budget cost items have been revised to reflect current grove practices being used by growers—e.g., chemical mowing, different spray materials and rates of fertilization, microsprinkler irrigation, more reset trees, etc. Thus, the 2002-03 budget costs reflect lower fertilizer and pesticide materials costs and increased per acre yield due to higher per acre tree densities.

The budget costs in this report represent a **custom-managed operation**. **Therefore, all equipment costs are based on the average custom rate costs, and a 10 percent handling and supervision charge is added to the material cost.**

Although the estimated annual per acre grove costs listed are representative for a mature citrus grove (10+ years old), the grove care costs for a specific grove site may differ depending upon the tree age, tree density and the grove practices performed; e.g., spot herbicide for grass/brush regrowth under trees could add an additional \$19.23 per acre; Diaprepes control could add \$69.54 per acre for soil biological control application and \$73.20 per acre for each foliar application; extensive tree loss due to blight or tristeza could substantially increase the tree replacement and care costs; spray applications to control citrus leafminer and nematicide applications such as Temik (\$128.11/acre) could increase the total cultural costs per acre above the average costs shown in the comparative budgets; travel and set-up costs may vary due to size of the citrus grove and distance from grove equipment barn and could add \$25.98 per acre; etc.

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BUDGETING COSTS AND RETURNS FOR CENTRAL FLORIDA CITRUS PRODUCTION, 2002-03

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INTRODUCTION

Budget analysis provides the basis for many grower decisions. Budget analysis can be used to calculate potential profits from an operation, to determine cash requirements for an operation, and to determine break-even prices. This report presents a budget constructed from current data and serves as a format for growers to analyze costs and returns from their individual records. During the 1980's, several freezes occurred which changed the character of the Central Florida citrus production area. The December 1983 and January 1985 freezes caused extensive tree and acreage losses in the north central counties such as Lake and Orange counties. The December 1989 freeze resulted in severe tree damage and tree loss in North and Central Polk County. Thus, Central Florida in this report refers primarily to Polk and Highlands counties.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

The data presented here were developed by surveying custom operators, input suppliers, growers, colleagues at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, and County Extension Citrus Agents in the Central Florida production region. The survey is conducted annually in February and March.

COSTS AND INPUTS

Costs for various production inputs are those collected from citrus growers as well as the average of the data obtained from annual custom rate, chemical, and fertilizer surveys. Growers' costs are shown in the ADDENDA, Table 1-A through 7-A. The custom rate costs are shown in Table 8-A and the various chemical and fertilizer costs are shown in Table 9-A and 10-A in the ADDENDA. **The budget costs represent a custom-managed operation. Therefore, all equipment costs are based upon the**

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average custom-rate costs and a 10 percent handling and supervision charge is added to the material cost.

Although brand names are used in many of the tables in the ADDENDA, this does not imply endorsement by the University of Florida. It is merely an attempt to depict typical production practices.

All tables have a column reserved for the individual growers to insert data from a particular grove. This will allow a comparison of the grower's costs with those presented.

THE GROVE SITUATION

Production practices for a Central Florida round orange grove are shown in Table 1 with times during the year when they would likely be performed. There are two benefits to developing such a table for an individual grove. First, it shows what work is needed and when, so that operations can be planned well in advance. Second, it can be helpful if an annual cash flow analysis is developed to plan financing. The individual grower may benefit from developing a plan for a particular grove.

Specific production practices vary from grove to grove making it difficult to define a "typical" grove. Many combinations of practices and various tree variety combinations produce acceptable yields and returns. Although the example represents a Valencia orange grove, the cost and return data are designed to be applicable to most grove situations. A grower, realtor, or land appraiser can substitute individual grove costs and expected returns into the budget format and develop a budget for a particular grove. A "your cost" column is appropriately provided for this purpose in subsequent tables.

In the following budget, above average management and cultural practices are assumed. Beyond this general assumption, the following specifics are assumed.

1. A 10+ year-old, low volume-irrigated grove;
2. Variety is Valencia round orange;
3. Tree loss is 3 percent annually;
4. Trees are pulled and replaced when production falls below
50 percent of expected yield;
5. Production is for processed use;
6. Tree density is 112 trees per acre; and
7. Custom-care taker is providing grove management.

Table 1.--Schedule of production practices and budget items for a Central Florida citrus grove, 2002-03^a

	Month											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<u>Total revenue:</u>			20% deposit		50% Partial payment							Final payment
Less: <u>Pick & haul cost</u>			X									
<u>DOC advertisement tax</u>			X									
<u>Grove expenses:</u>												
<u>Disc</u>			X							X		
<u>Chop</u>												
<u>Mow</u>					X		X		X			
<u>Labor, general grove work, pull vines</u>	X								X			
<u>Herbicide (1/2 grove acre equivalent)</u>			X			X						
Spray: <u>Post bloom/nutritional</u>				X								
<u>Summer oil/greasy spot</u>							X					
<u>Fall miticide</u>										X		
<u>Supplemental miticide</u>												
<u>Dust</u>												
<u>Fertilizer</u>		68# N/A			68# N/A					68# N/A		Dolomite
<u>Hedging and topping</u>			Hedge									
<u>Brush removal/chop brush</u>			Chop brush									
<u>Tree removal</u>			X	X								
<u>Young tree care</u>			X	X		X	X		X			
<u>Microjet irrigation (times/week)</u>	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
<u>Miscellaneous</u>												
<u>Grove taxes including water management</u>											X	
<u>Interest expense</u>							X					
<u>Annual principal payment on mortgage</u>							X					

^aThis is a suggested schedule of practices. Actual practices would not necessarily be done on the exact schedule shown here.

As a result of tree losses and replacement, the tree ages will vary. The budget reflects the following age distribution:

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Yield boxes/tree</u>
3% pulled and reset	0.0
3% 1 year old	0.0
3% 2 years old	0.0
3% 3 years old	0.6
3% 4 years old	0.9
45% 5-19 years old	3.8
3% producing 50% of expected yield	2.8
37% mature producing	5.5

Calculation of normal production per acre is shown in Table 2. Note that the proportion-of-trees-by-age column only adds to 91 percent since 9 percent of the trees are non-bearing.

Table 2.--Calculation of normal production per acre, 2002-03

<u>Age of Tree</u>	<u>Trees</u>			<u>Boxes /tree</u>	<u>Total boxes</u>
	<u>Total no.</u>		<u>Proportion</u>		
	<u>all ages</u>		<u>ea. age^a</u>	<u>No. ea. age</u>	<u>No.</u>
3 years	112	x	0.03	= 3.3	x 0.6 = 2.0
4 years	112	x	0.03	= 3.3	x 0.9 = 3.0
5-19 years	112	x	0.45	= 50.4	x 4.0 = 201.6
Prod. 50% of exp. yield	112	x	0.03	= 3.3	x 2.8 = 9.2
20 years	112	x	0.37	= 41.8	x 5.5 = <u>229.9</u>
				<u>Total boxes</u>	<u>= 445.7</u>

^aProportion adds up to 0.91 (91 percent) as 9 percent of the trees were non-bearing (pulled and reset, 1 and 2 year old trees).

BUDGET COSTS AND RETURNS

The estimated budget costs and returns for the Central Florida grove situation are shown in Table 3. The budgeted costs represent one possible citrus production program and were selected from the costs shown in the ADDENDA tables. The gross revenue estimates are based on the projected yields in Table 3 and estimated preliminary on-tree prices for the 2002-03 season. Grove establishment and reset costs, harvesting and packing charges can be found in Tables 11-A through 15-A in the ADDENDA.

Also, historical on-tree prices for selected Florida citrus varieties are shown in Table 16-A of the ADDENDA.

As shown in Table 3, the total revenue for processed-market Valencia oranges is estimated to be \$2,105.12 per acre. Total specified costs are \$825.59 and are comprised of grove care costs of \$777.69, plus management cost of \$48.00. Return to land and trees of \$1,279.53 represents net return above variable costs. At 300 and 500 boxes per acre, respectively, the break-even price required to cover grove care costs for Valencia oranges range from \$2.59 to \$1.56 per box on-tree and \$0.72 to \$0.56 per pounds solids delivered-in.

Ad valorem taxes, and overhead and administrative costs (such as water drainage district taxes, crop insurance, and other grower assessments) can add up to 12 percent to the total grove care costs. These costs vary from grove to grove depending on age, location, variety of fruit, etc. and should be considered in arriving at net return to land, trees and ownership (total return minus total costs). Harvest costs (pick, roadside, and hauling costs) also add to the total fruit cost delivered to either a processing plant or fresh fruit packinghouse. Also, average annual debt payment (principal and interest) may be as high as \$440 per acre (\$3,750 average debt per acre @ 10 percent interest amortized over 20 years) which would reduce total available cash for grove expansion or other investment.

An estimated "delivered-in" costs are shown for processed oranges in Table 4. "Delivered-in" costs include grove care costs (Table 3) plus harvesting, regulatory, and grower assessment costs. The "delivered-in" cost is presented as a cost per acre, per box, and per pound solids. Three possible budget cost scenarios are presented (Refer to Table 13-A): 1) Low Cost Processed Cultural Program; 2) Reduced Cost Cultural Program; and 3) Typical/Historical Cultural Program. Scenarios 1 and 2 represent costs of two possible cultural programs directed toward reducing the expenditures for fruit grown primarily for the processed market. The third scenario represents typical costs of grove practices which have been performed for citrus grown for the fresh/processed fruit market. Modified herbicide and/or spray and fertilizer programs account for the reduced costs. NOTE: Before modifying a grove management program to reduce costs, an evaluation of the market program (processed or fresh), yield, and specific cultural problems (nutrition, disease, etc.) for the specific grove site should be made.

HISTORICAL COST TRENDS

Annual budgets of costs and returns for mature, processed Valencia oranges in the Central Florida area have been developed and published the past four years. Estimated cost and return histories for 1998-99 through 2001-02 along with 2002-03, and a five-year average are presented in Table 5. To allow comparisons in current values, these same costs and returns, adjusted to 2003 dollars, are presented in Table 6.

Table 3.--Estimated annual per acre costs and returns for a mature, Valencia orange grove producing for the processed market, Central Florida area, 2002-03^a

Item	Description	Amount		Your cost
		----- Dollars -----		
I. Revenue	446 boxes @ \$4.72 ^b	2,105.12		
II. Expenses ^c				
Weed control				
Discing	2 times per year	18.42		
Mow middles	4 times per year	41.24		
General grove work/sprouting, etc.	(2 labor hours per acre)	24.70		
Herbicide (Table 2-A, Program #1, #2 & #7)		<u>136.01</u>	220.37	
Spray program (Table 1-A, Programs #2, #9 & #11)			154.01	
Fertilizer (Table 3-A, Program #3)			148.58	
Dolomite (Table 6-A, Program #2)			9.74	
Pruning (maintenance)				
Topping	$(\$372.50/\text{hr.} \div 10 \text{ A/hr.}) \div 2.5 \text{ yrs.}$	14.90		
Hedging	$(\$341.67/\text{hr.} \div 10 \text{ A/hr.}) \div 2 \text{ yrs.}$	17.09		
Mow/chop brush	$(\$8.78/\text{A} \div 2 \text{ yrs.})$	<u>4.39</u>	36.38	
Tree replacement and care (Table 12-A)	(1 through 3 years)			
Remove trees/stack/burn	3 trees per acre	14.22		
Prepare sites and plant resets	Including 3 trees per acre	21.04		
Supplemental fertilizer, tree wraps, maintenance, sprout, etc.	Including application	<u>28.05</u>	63.31	
Microsprinkler irrigation (Table 7-A, Program #4)			<u>145.30</u>	
Total grove care expenses			777.69	
III. Management	\$4.00 per acre per month ^d		<u>48.00</u>	
IV. Total specified costs ^e			<u>825.59</u>	
V. Return to land, trees, and ownership			<u>1,279.53</u>	
VI. Break-even price for total grove care expenses				
	Boxes per acre		Boxes per acre	
	<u>300</u> <u>350</u> <u>400</u> <u>450</u> <u>500</u>		<u>300</u> <u>350</u> <u>400</u> <u>450</u> <u>500</u>	
	<u>\$ On-tree price per box</u>		<u>\$ Delivered-in price per pound solids^f</u>	
	2.59 2.22 1.94 1.73 1.56		0.72 0.66 0.62 0.59 0.56	

^aAlthough the estimated annual per acre grove costs shown in Table 3 are representative for a mature Central Florida Valencia orange grove, the grove care costs for a specific grove site may differ depending upon the grove practices performed; e.g., a Temik application would add \$128.11 per acre; extensive tree loss due to blight or tristeza would double the tree replacement and care costs; travel and set-up costs may vary due to size of citrus grove and distance from grove equipment bam.

^bOn-tree price per box is preliminary; assumes price for processed oranges only.

^cAssumes material custom applied; therefore, a 10 percent handling and supervision charge is added to material cost.

^dOther methods to estimate a management cost--e.g., 5% of gross revenue or 10% of total grove care costs--are used in the industry. Other selected methods will give a different return to land and trees than reported here.

^eOther cost items which are not included in the budget are ad valorem taxes and interest on grove investment. In addition to these cost items, overhead and administrative costs, such as water drainage/district taxes, crop insurance, and other grower assessments, can add up to 12 percent to the total grove care costs. These costs vary from grove to grove depending on a age, location, and time of purchase or grove establishment.

^fAssumes 6.7 pounds solids per box and \$2.19 pick and haul cost per box (including canker decontamination costs) and Department of Citrus advertising assessment of \$0.165 per box.

Table 4.--Estimated total delivered-in cost for Central Florida (Ridge) Valencia oranges grown for the processed market under three cultural cost programs, 2002-03

Represents a mature (10+ years old) Central Florida (Ridge) Orange Grove	Processed Valencia Oranges Low Cost Cultural Program			Processed Valencia Oranges Reduced Cost Cultural Program			Fresh/Processed Valencia Oranges Cultural Program		
	\$/Acre	\$/Box	\$/P.S.	\$/Acre	\$/Box	\$/P.S.	\$/Acre	\$/Box	\$/P.S.
Total Production/Cultural Costs	\$ 722.78	\$1.621	\$0.2419	\$ 777.69	\$1.744	\$0.2603	\$837.24	\$1.877	\$0.2802
Interest on Operating (Cultural) Costs	36.14	0.081	0.0121	38.88	0.087	0.0130	41.86	0.094	0.0140
Management Costs	48.00	0.108	0.0161	48.00	0.108	0.0161	48.00	0.108	0.0161
Taxes/Regulatory Costs:									
Property Tax and Water Management Tax	58.92	0.132	0.0197	58.92	0.132	0.0197	58.92	0.132	0.0197
Canker Decontamination Costs	<u>4.50</u>	<u>0.010</u>	<u>0.0015</u>	<u>4.50</u>	<u>0.010</u>	<u>0.0015</u>	<u>4.50</u>	<u>0.010</u>	<u>0.0015</u>
Total Direct Grower Costs	\$ 870.34	\$1.951	\$0.2913	\$ 927.99	\$2.081	\$0.3106	\$ 990.52	\$2.221	\$0.3315
Interest on Average Capital Investment Costs	<u>377.90</u>	<u>0.847</u>	<u>\$0.1265</u>	<u>377.90</u>	<u>0.847</u>	<u>0.1265</u>	<u>377.90</u>	<u>0.844</u>	<u>0.1259</u>
Total Grower Costs	\$1,248.24	\$2.799	\$0.4177	\$1,305.89	\$2.928	\$0.4370	\$1,368.42	\$3.064	\$0.4574
Harvesting and Assessment Costs:									
Pick/Spot Pick, Roadside & Haul and Canker Decontamination Costs	974.51	2.185	0.3261	974.51	2.185	0.3261	974.51	2.185	0.3261
DOC Assessment	<u>73.59</u>	<u>0.165</u>	<u>0.0246</u>	<u>73.59</u>	<u>0.165</u>	<u>0.0246</u>	<u>73.59</u>	<u>0.165</u>	<u>0.0246</u>
Total Harvesting and Assessment Costs	1,048.10	2.350	0.3507	1,048.10	2.350	0.3507	1,048.10	2.350	0.3507
Total Delivered-In Cost	<u>\$2,296.34</u>	<u>\$5.149</u>	<u>\$0.7685</u>	<u>\$2,353.99</u>	<u>\$5.278</u>	<u>\$0.7878</u>	<u>\$2,416.52</u>	<u>\$5.414</u>	<u>\$0.8081</u>
P.S. = Pound Solids	Refer to cultural program shown in Table 13-A.			Refer to cultural program shown in Table 3.			Refer to cultural program shown in Table 13-A.		
Yield: 446 boxes/acre @ 6.8 P.S. per box	Two summer oil sprays with oil, copper, and nutritional.						A Fall Miticide Spray added to the cultural program shown in Table 3.		
112 trees per acre									

Table 5.--Estimated annual per acre costs and returns and 5-year average costs and returns for a mature, Valencia orange grove producing citrus for processing in the Central Florida area, 1998-99–2002-03

Year	On-tree price/box ^a	Yield	Gross revenue	Total grove care expenses	Total specified costs ^f	Net return to land, trees, and ownership
			----- Dollars -----			
1998-99	\$5.32	448 ^c	2,383.36	770.79	818.79	1,565.11
1999-00	\$4.31	448 ^c	1,930.88	783.43	831.43	1,099.45
2000-01	\$3.70	436 ^d	1,613.20	758.85 ^e	806.85	806.35
2001-02	\$3.96	446	1,766.16	767.77	815.77	950.39
2002-03	\$4.72 ^b	446	2,105.12	777.69	825.59	1,279.53
5-yr. avg.	\$4.40	445	1,958.00	771.74	819.71	1,138.29

^aOn-tree prices for processed oranges only as reported by the Florida Agricultural Statistics Service.

^bPreliminary estimate by authors at time of printing and is not a published price.

^cHigher per acre yield is due to increased average tree density of Valencia citrus groves in Central Florida.

^dThe severe drought affected yields for the 2000-01 season.

^eTwo summer oil sprays (one with nutritionals) were used in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 budget estimates.

^fA management cost of \$4.00 per acre per month is included. Fixed costs such as taxes, debt service, and crop insurance are not included.

Table 6.--Estimated annual per acre costs and returns and 5-year average costs and returns (adjusted to 2003 dollars) for a mature, Valencia orange grove producing citrus for processing in the Central Florida area, 1998-99–2002-03

Year	Inflation factor index ^a	Adjusted on-tree price/box	Yield	Gross revenue	Total specified costs ^b	Net return to land, trees, and ownership
				----- <u>Dollars</u> -----		
1998-99	109.6	\$5.83	448	2,611.84	897.39	1,714.45
1999-00	103.7	\$4.47	448	2,002.56	862.19	1,140.37
2000-01	102.5	\$3.79	436	1,652.44	827.02	825.42
2001-02	105.0	\$4.16	446	1,855.36	856.56	998.80
2002-03	100.0	\$4.72	446	2,105.12	825.59	1,279.53
5-yr. avg.	—	\$4.59	445	2,042.55	853.75	1,188.80

^aProducer price index for each year adjusted to 2003 prices (2003 = 100), with 2003 producer price index estimated to be 137.6. Producer price index for other years are: 1999 = 125.5; 2000 = 132.7; 2001 = 134.2; and 2002 = 131.1.

^bA management cost of \$4.00 per acre per month is included. Fixed costs such as taxes, debt service, and crop insurance are not included. (Refer to Table 5.)

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Abbreviations for important chemicals are:

B = Boron	Fe = Iron	Mn = Manganese	Zn = Zinc
Cu = Copper	Mg = Magnesium	N = Nitrogen	

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Table 1-A.--Spray programs

POST BLOOM SPRAY

Spray Program #1	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	\$12.40	_____
	Cu (50% metallic)	10 lbs	14.00	_____
	Zn	5 lbs	4.35	_____
	Mn	10 lbs	3.40	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>25.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$59.36</u>	=====

Spray Program #2	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
(Scab/melanose)	Cu (50% metallic)	10 lbs	\$14.00	_____
	Zn	5 lbs	4.35	_____
	Mn	10 lbs	3.40	_____
	Micromite 25WP	1.25 lbs	42.93	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>25.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$89.89</u>	=====

Spray Program #3	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Cu (50% metallic)	15 lbs	\$21.00	_____
	Ethion	6 pts	27.84	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.65</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$77.49</u>	=====

Spray Program #4	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Vendex 50WP	2 lbs	\$32.72	_____
	Zn	5 lbs	4.35	_____
	Mn	10 lbs	3.40	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>25.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$65.68</u>	=====

Table 1-A.--Spray programs (cont'd.)

POST BLOOM SPRAY (cont'd.)

Spray Program #5	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
(Scale insects)	Lorsban 4EC	5 pts	\$28.40	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	500 gals	<u>34.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$62.61</u>	=====

SUMMER SPRAY

Spray Program #6	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	\$12.40	_____
	Cu (50% material)	7 lbs	9.80	_____
	Ethion	6.0 pts	27.84	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.80</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$78.84</u>	=====

Spray Program #7	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	\$12.40	_____
	Ethion	5 pts	23.20	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	500 gals	<u>34.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$69.81</u>	=====

Spray Program #8	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	\$12.40	_____
	Agri-Mek	10 ozs	51.90	_____
	Cu (50% material)	7 lbs	9.80	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.65</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$102.75</u>	=====

Table 1-A.--Spray programs (cont'd.)

SUMMER SPRAY (cont'd.)

Spray Program #9	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	\$12.40	_____
	Micromite	1.25 lbs	42.93	_____
	Cu (50% material)	7 lbs	9.80	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.80</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$93.93</u>	=====

Spray Program #10	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Oil 97+%	7 gals	\$17.36	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.65</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$46.01</u>	=====

Spray Program #11	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Cu (50% metallic)	7 lbs	\$ 9.80	_____
	Oil 97+%	5 gals	12.40	_____
	Zn	5 lbs	4.35	_____
	Mn	10 lbs	3.40	_____
	B	0.25 lbs	1.33	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	250 gals	<u>28.80</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$60.08</u>	=====

FALL SPRAY

Spray Program #12	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Kelthane MF	6 pts	\$28.08	_____
	Spray Buffer	1 pt	2.03	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>25.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$55.32</u>	=====

Table 1-A.--Spray programs (cont'd.)

FALL SPRAY (cont'd.)

Spray Program #13	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Vendex 50WP	2 lbs	\$32.72	_____
	Ground Application (engine driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>26.83</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$59.55</u>	=====

Spray Program #14	<u>Materials/Ingredients</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Cost/Acre</u>
	Thiolux (Sulfur)	15 lbs	\$11.10	_____
	Ground Application (PTO driven airblast)	150 gals	<u>25.21</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$36.31</u>	=====

Table 2-A.--Herbicide

Herbicide Program #1	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/</u> <u>Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Solicam 80 DF	3 lbs	\$24.87	_____
	Kamex WP	4 lbs	8.12	_____
	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	12.10	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$58.90</u>	=====

Herbicide Program #2	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/</u> <u>Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Mandate	2 pts	\$24.83	_____
	Direx 4L	3 qts	7.14	_____
	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	12.10	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$57.88</u>	=====

Herbicide Program #3	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/</u> <u>Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/</u> <u>Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Kamex WP	4 lbs	\$ 8.12	_____
	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	12.10	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$34.03</u>	=====

Table 2-A.--Herbicide (cont'd.)

Herbicide Program #4	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/ Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/ Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/ Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	\$12.10	_____
	Ammonium Sulfate	17 lbs	1.32	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$27.83</u>	=====

Herbicide Program #5	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/ Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/ Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/ Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	\$12.10	_____
	Princep (Caliber 90)	4 lbs	6.60	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$32.51</u>	=====

Herbicide Program #6	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/ Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/ Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/ Grove Acre</u>
(Strip/band)	Direx 4L	3 qts	\$ 7.14	_____
	Solicam	3 lbs	24.87	_____
	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	12.10	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)		<u>13.81</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$57.92</u>	=====

Herbicide Program #7	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Amount/ Treated Acre</u>	<u>Cost/ Grove Acre^a</u>	<u>Your Cost/ Grove Acre</u>
(Spot herbicide for grass/brush regrowth under trees.)	Roundup Ultra Max	2 qts	\$12.10	_____
	Ground Application (1 time)	15 gals	<u>7.13</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$19.23</u>	=====

^aWith respect to herbicide materials, Amount Per Grove Acre does not equal Amount Per Treated Acre shown on the label. Only a strip or band is being treated. In this report, it is assumed that only one-half of a grove surface is being treated.

Table 3-A.--Dry fertilizer

Program #1	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(162 lbs N/Acre)	12-2-12-2.4 MgO	1350 lbs	\$ 109.35	_____
	Application	3 times	<u>26.13</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$135.48</u>	=====

Program #2	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(180 lbs N/Acre)	16-0-16-4 MgO	1125 lbs	\$ 108.00	_____
	Application	3 times	<u>26.13</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$134.13</u>	=====

Program #3	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(204 lbs N/Acre)	16-0-16-4 MgO	1275 lbs	\$122.40	_____
	Application	3 times	<u>26.13</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$148.53</u>	=====

Program #4	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(225 lbs N/Acre)	15-2-15-2.4 MgO	1500 lbs	\$136.50	_____
	Application	3 times	<u>26.13</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$162.63</u>	=====

Table 4-A.--Liquid fertilizer (Double boom application)

Program #1	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(180 lbs N/Acre)	10-0-10	1800 lbs	\$ 111.60	_____
	Double Boom Application	3 times	<u>43.50</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$155.10</u>	=====

Program #2	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(180 lbs N/Acre)	10-2-10	1800 lbs	\$ 117.00	_____
	Double Boom Application	3 times	<u>43.50</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$160.50</u>	=====

Program #3	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
(180 lbs N/Acre)	10-0-10	1800 lbs	\$ 111.60	_____
	Solicam 80 DF	3 lbs*	24.87	_____
	Kamex WP	4 lbs*	8.12	_____
	Double Boom Application	3 times	<u>43.50</u>	_____
	Total for 3 Applications		<u>\$188.09</u>	=====

*Treated acre (one herbicide application)

Table 5-A.--Nematicides

Program #1	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
	Temik 15G	33 lbs	\$113.85	_____
	Application		<u>14.26</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$128.11</u>	=====

Program #2	<u>Analysis/Material Applied</u>	<u>Amount /Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Your Cost/Acre</u>
	Temik 15G	17 lbs	\$ 58.65	_____
	Application		<u>14.26</u>	_____
	Total per Application		<u>\$ 72.91</u>	=====

Table 6-A.--Soil amendment

Program #1	Analysis/Material <u>Applied</u>	Amount <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>
(Every 3 years)	Dolomite (Delivered)	1 ton	\$30.14	_____
	Application	1 time	<u>8.80</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$38.94</u>	=====
	(Average 1/3 Ton Applied/Yr)		<u>\$12.98</u>	=====

Program #2	Analysis/Material <u>Applied</u>	Amount <u>/Acre</u>	<u>Cost/Acre</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>
(Every 4 years)	Dolomite (Delivered)	1 ton	\$30.14	_____
	Application	1 time	<u>8.80</u>	_____
	Total for 1 Application		<u>\$38.94</u>	=====
	(Average 1/4 Ton Applied/Yr)		<u>\$ 9.74</u>	=====

Table 7-A.--Irrigation--annual cost per acre

PERMANENT OVERHEAD

	<u>Program #1</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Program #2</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>
Operating	(Electric) \$103.60	_____	(Diesel) \$ 84.15	_____
Maintenance of System	<u>41.83</u>	_____	<u>43.88</u>	_____
Total Cash Expenses	\$145.43	_____	\$128.03	_____
Fixed Depreciation Expense	<u>55.73</u>	_____	<u>59.54</u>	_____
Total Cash and Fixed Expenses	<u>\$201.16</u>	=====	<u>\$187.57</u>	=====

MICROSPRINKLER

	<u>Program #3</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Program #4</u>	Your <u>Cost/Acre</u>
Operating	(Electric) \$ 49.87	_____	(Diesel) \$ 41.98	_____
Maintenance of System	<u>45.75</u>	_____	<u>46.76</u>	_____
Total Cash Expenses	\$ 95.62	_____	\$ 88.74	_____
Fixed Depreciation Expense	<u>52.94</u>	_____	<u>56.56</u>	_____
Total Cash and Fixed Expenses	<u>\$148.56</u>	=====	<u>\$145.30</u>	=====

Table 8-A.-- A listing of 2003 custom rates reported by thirty Ridge citrus caretakers

Grove Practice	Unit	Range of Rate Reported		Average Rate ^a	Comments			
CULTIVATION AND EQUIPMENT:								
Hand Hoe/Hand Labor	Hour	\$10.00-	\$15.00	\$12.35	Plus transportation			
Mechanic Labor	Hour	25.00-	42.50	31.85	Includes truck			
Rotovate	Hour	28.00-	45.00	35.69				
Disc 7'	Hour	26.00-	35.00	30.09				
Disc 7'	Acre	8.00-	12.00	10.00	One-way discing			
Disc 9'-10'	Hour	28.00-	40.00	33.00				
Disc 9'-10'	Acre	8.00-	11.25	9.21	One-way discing			
Chop	Hour	26.70-	40.00	31.43				
Chop	Acre	7.00-	10.00	8.68				
Mow 5'-7'	Hour	28.00-	35.00	30.17				
Mow 9'-12'	Hour	32.00-	36.50	35.33	3 data points			
Mow 5'-7'	Acre	8.50-	11.25	10.31				
Mow 9'-12'	Acre	9.50-	13.50	10.91				
Mow 15'-16'	Acre	10.00-	12.50	11.25				
Herbicide ^c (Strip/Band--Single Boom)	Hour	26.40-	33.00	29.48	Plus materials			
Herbicide ^c (Strip/Band--Single Boom)	Acre	11.50-	15.00	13.98	Plus materials			
Herbicide ^c (Strip/Band--Double Boom)	Acre	12.50-	15.70	13.81	Plus materials; Avg. \$36.50/hour			
Herbicide (Piggy Back Appl.)	Acre	12.50-	17.50	14.50	Plus materials			
Herbicide ^c (Chemical Mow)	Acre	5.00-	9.25	7.32	Plus materials			
Temik ^k	Acre	13.00-	15.00	14.26	Plus materials			
Plow	Hour	30.00-	35.00	33.38				
Deviner	Hour	—	—	30.00				
Bush Hog	Hour	28.00-	41.00	34.23	One reporting \$13.00/acre			
Pickup Truck with Driver	Hour	22.50-	35.00	26.37	Average miles/year/pickup: 27,353			
Flatbed Transport Truck with Driver	Hour	28.00-	40.00	33.03	Average miles/year: 27,639; Avg. \$17.83/hour with out driver			
Low-Boy Transport	Hour	50.00-	55.00	52.25	One reporting \$75.00/trip			
Tractor with Driver	Hour	25.00-	32.50	27.88				
Water/Supply Truck	Hour	25.00-	34.25	29.38				
SPRAYING:^z								
AIR BLAST SPRAYER								
		Engine Driven		Avg 500 gal tank	PTO Powered		Avg 500 gal tank	Average with Electronic Sensing Technology
		1,000 gallon tank			1,000 gallon tank			
500 GPA	Acre	35.00-	35.25 35.08	34.21	25.00 - 35.00	31.30	30.19	\$32.60/acre
250 GPA	Acre	25.00-	35.00 30.88	28.65	25.00 - 32.00	28.80	27.30	\$29.75/acre
125 GPA	Acre	—	— —	—	21.00 - 27.00	23.13	21.53	\$27.50/acre
100 GPA	Acre	—	— —	—	20.00 - 23.00	21.33	19.71	\$23.50/acre
50 GPA	Acre	—	— —	—	15.00 - 20.00	18.83	—	\$20.00/acre
Aerial (Bell-47 Helicopter)		\$10.00 @ 5 GPA; \$15.00 @ 10 GPA; \$17.50 @ 15 GPA; \$22.00 @ 20 GPA						
FERTILIZE AND SOIL AMENDMENTS:^z								
Inject Liquid Fertilizer into Irrigation System	Hour	\$25.00-	\$35.00	\$31.03	Truck plus labor			
Inject Liquid Fertilizer into Irrigation System	Acre	1.50-	3.50	2.69	Average \$58.06/irrigation injection hookup			
Liquid Boom Application:								
Double Boom	Acre	12.00-	15.00	13.86	Average \$17.50/acre single boom			
Dry (Bulk)	Acre	7.00-	10.50	8.71	Average \$30.20/hour			
Lime or Dolomite	Acre	7.50-	10.75	8.80				
Lime or Dolomite	Ton	7.00-	10.50	8.03				
Fertilize Young Trees: ^z Hand Spread	Hour	10.00-	15.00	12.35	Plus transportation and materials			
Fert. Spreader	Hour	27.50-	35.00	30.50	Plus materials; average \$7.76/acre			
IRRIGATION								
Microsprinkler		Avg. \$3.48/acre; Avg. \$37.50/month;			Start/stop and supervision			
		Avg. \$18.00/trip						
Microsprinkler	Hour	25.00-	35.00	27.60	Start/stop and supervision; truck and driver			
ATV with Driver	Hour	17.00-	25.00	21.82	Check/repair microsprinkler irrigation system-plus materials			
Ring Young Trees: Hand Labor	Hour	10.00-	15.00	12.35	Plus transportation			
Mechanical	Hour	24.20-	28.50	25.93	Labor plus equipment			
REMOVING TREES:								
Tree Shearing (Cutting Tree at Ground Level)	Hour	\$50.00-	\$65.00	\$60.17	Avg. trees sheared: 5 to 20 trees/hour			
Front-end Loader	Hour	50.00-	60.00	54.19	Average trees removed: 5 to 15 trees/hour			
Bulldozer	Hour	—	—	50.00				
Front-end Loader with Tree Spade	Hour	—	—	65.00				

Table 8-A.-- A listing of 2003 custom rates reported by thirty Ridge citrus caretakers (cont'd.)

Grove Practice	Unit	Range of Rate Reported		Average Rate ^e	Comments
PRUNING:					
Power Saw with Operator	Hour	\$ 17.00-	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.50	Plus transportation
Limb Lifter/Tree Skirt Trimmer (Double Sided)	Hour	—	—	200.00	Cover 9-18 acres one pass
Hedging:					
Single Side (Tractor Mounted)	Hour	75.00-	80.00	76.67	Cover 2-5 acres/hour
Double Side (Tractor Pulled)	Hour	80.00-	100.00	86.88	Cover 3-5 acres/hour
Double Side (Tractor Mounted)	Hour	200.00-	220.00	210.00	
Double Side (Self Propelled) ^f	Hour	325.00-	360.00	341.67	Cover 10-25 acres/hour depending on wood size
Double Side (Self Propelled) ^f	Hour	250.00-	300.00	287.50	Cover 4-12 acres/hour depending on wood size
Topping:					
Tractor Mounted	Hour	195.00-	200.00	196.67	
Tractor Pulled	Hour	—	—	100.00	Cover 1-3 acres/hour
Self Propelled	Hour	365.00-	380.00	372.50	Cover 5-10 acres/hr (Roof Top); 5-20 acres/hr (Flat Top)
Double Boom (Self Propelled)	Hour	—	—	550.00	Cover 2-12 acres/hr (Roof Top); 15-30 acres/hr (Flat Top)
Removing Brush:					
Haul Brush out of Grove	Hour	35.00-	40.50	37.10	Tractor-trailer/truck, driver plus 1 person; plus 2 people
Front-end Loader (Push Brush)	Hour	46.40-	60.00	53.72	2-10 acres/hour
Chop/Mow Brush	Hour	27.90-	37.50	33.42	3-6 acres/hour; Averaged \$11.31/acre
COLD PROTECTION:					
Mechanical (Bank and Unbank)	Hour	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23.43	
Install Wraps	Each	0.24	0.50	0.34	
OTHER CUSTOM RATES:					
Plant Resets	Per Tree	\$ 1.75-	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.38	Stake, plant and first watering
Solid Set Planting	Per Tree	1.00-	1.75	1.29	Stake, plant and first watering
Travel/Setup Charge	Hour	—	—	27.00	Average for those reporting; One reporting \$100.00
Grove Management Charge/Month:					
Supervising Grove Care Operations	Acre	1.50-	5.50	2.88	In addition to caretaking charges; 6% equipment labor
Handling Fruit Marketing	Box	0.10-	0.25	0.15	charge; \$50/acre annually
Supervising/Handling Chemicals/Fertilizer	10% to 25% of materials cost				
Charge for personnel to oversee harvesting operations and coordinate harvest in different blocks/groves and keeping of harvesting labor compliance record.	10¢/box to 18¢/box; average 16¢/box				
Consulting	Cultural Management/Horticultural Evaluation - \$50/hr to \$100/hr Financial Analysis Prospectus - \$150/hr				
Total Reported Acreage Provided Grove Service to:	Acre	350-	14,415	2,639	Total acres reporting: 62,709

^e Plus materials. Caretakers reporting rates include labor, tractor and sprayer; supply truck included by most caretakers.^f Calculated by dividing the total number of caretakers reporting a grove practice rate into the sum reported. Unless otherwise stated, labor included with all charges.^g Low acres is for 2 years regrowth hedging; high acres is for annual maintenance hedging.

Source: Ronald P. Muaro, Extension Farm Management Economist, Lake Alfred CREC, June 2003.

Table 9-A.--2003 summary of average chemical price estimates

Item	Unit	Average Price	Your Price (2003)
<u>Fungicides:</u>			
Abound	gal.	235.00	_____
Aliette 80WP	lb.	9.96	_____
Basic Copper Sulfate (53%)	lb.	1.27	_____
Copper (50%) (Kocide 101)	lb.	1.96	_____
Carbamate 76WP	lb.	3.13	_____
Enable 2F	40 oz.	56.40	_____
Headline	gal.	220.00	_____
Nu-Cop 50DF	lb.	1.80	_____
Oil - 435 or 455	gal.	2.25	_____
Ridomil Gold Granular	lb.	5.35	_____
Ridomil Gold EC	gal.	604.15	_____
<u>Insecticides/Nematicides:</u>			
Admire 2F	gal.	522.50	_____
Agri-Mek (0.15EC)	gal.	604.00	_____
<u>Bacillus thuringiensis</u>	gal.	9.92	_____
Comite 6.55 EC	gal.	80.95	_____
Danitol	gal.	141.67	_____
Ethion	gal.	33.75	_____
Guthion 50WP	lb.	9.78	_____
Kelthane MF	gal.	34.00	_____
Lorsban 4EC	gal.	41.25	_____
Lorsban 15G	lb.	1.76	_____
Malathion 5 EC	gal.	20.09	_____
Micromite 25WP	lb.	31.22	_____
Microthiol 80DF	lb.	0.67	_____
Nexter WP	lb.	100.44	_____
Sevin 80S	lb.	4.57	_____
Sevin XLR	gal.	25.93	_____
Sulphur 6F	gal.	2.65	_____
Temik 15G	lb.	3.14	_____
Thiolux 80 DF	lb.	0.67	_____
Vendex 50W	lb.	14.88	_____

Table 9-A.--2003 summary of average chemical price estimates (cont'd.)

Item	Unit	Average Price	Your Price (2003)
<u>Herbicides:</u>			
Direx 4L	gal.	17.24	_____
Direx 80 DF	lb.	3.49	_____
Fusilade DX	gal.	123.57	_____
Gramoxone (Paraquat)	gal.	33.65	_____
Hyvar X	lb.	18.19	_____
Karmex	lb.	3.69	_____
Krovar I	lb.	10.68	_____
Mandate 2E	gal.	180.63	_____
Poast Plus 1.0 EC	gal.	53.97	_____
Princep (Caliber 90)	lb.	3.00	_____
Princep 4L	gal.	13.71	_____
Rodeo (30 gal drum)	gal.	72.69	_____
Roundup (30 gal drum)	gal.	27.75	_____
Roundup Ultra Max	gal.	44.00	_____
Simazine 90 DF	lb.	2.72	_____
Simazine 4L	gal.	13.00	_____
Solicam 80 DF	lb.	15.08	_____
Surflan AS	gal.	70.73	_____
Touchdown	gal.	35.67	_____
<u>Growth Regulators:</u>			
Citrus Fix	gal.	284.48	_____
Pro-Gibb 3.91%	32 oz. bottle	37.56	_____
<u>Other Spray Materials:</u>			
Borates (15%)	lb.	0.74	_____
Manganese (32%)	lb.	0.31	_____
Zinc (78%)	lb.	0.79	_____
<u>Nutritional Spray Mix:</u>			
Dyna Gold MZF	gal.	6.41	_____

SOURCE: Ronald P. Muraro, Extension Farm Management Economist, University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Lake Alfred, Florida, August 2003.

Table 10-A.--2003 summary of average fertilizer price estimates

Item	Unit	Average Price	Your Price (2003)
<u>FERTILIZER (FOB Price @ Plant)</u>			
		\$	
<u>Dry Mix (Bulk)</u>			
17-0-17-3 _{Mg}	ton	177.44	_____
17-4-17-2.4 _{Mg}	ton	180.46	_____
16-0-16	ton	166.08	_____
16-0-16-4 _{Mg}	ton	174.36	_____
16-2-16-3 _{Mg}	ton	175.82	_____
15-2-15-2.4 _{Mg}	ton	165.26	_____
12-2-12-2.4 _{Mg}	ton	147.78	_____
8-8-8 w/minors*	ton	145.30	_____
8-4-8 w/minors*	ton	128.44	_____
8-2-8 w/minors*	ton	126.26	_____
6-6-6 w/minors*	ton	127.03	_____
<u>Liquid Mix (Bulk)</u>			
8-2-8	ton	112.48	_____
8-4-8	ton	107.08	_____
9-3-9	ton	109.54	_____
9-4-9	ton	124.19	_____
10-0-10	ton	111.81	_____
10-2-10	ton	118.71	_____
12-0-6	ton	110.49	_____
12-3-6	ton	108.41	_____

*With organic nitrogen, the price averaged 25% higher.

Table 10-A.--2003 summary of average fertilizer price estimates (cont'd.)

Item	Unit	Average Price	Your Price (2003)
<u>Other Fertilizer Materials (Bulk)</u>			
Ammonium Nitrate (21% N Liquid)	ton	124.75	_____
Ammonium Nitrate (33.5% N Dry)	ton	187.38	_____
Ammonium Sulfate (21% N)	ton	101.67	_____
Calcium Nitrate (19% Ca, 15.5% N)	ton	207.69	_____
Dolomite (at mine--49% CaCO ₃ , 36% MgCO ₃)	ton	16.49	_____
Muriate of Potash (60% K ₂ O)	ton	162.02	_____
Potassium Nitrate (14% N; 46% K ₂ O)	ton	373.26	_____
Sul-Po-Mag (SPM--21.9% K ₂ O)	ton	162.50	_____
Super Phosphate (20% P ₂ O ₅)	ton	143.31	_____
Triple Superphosphate (48% P ₂ O ₅)	ton	172.94	_____
Urea	ton	373.26	_____
Average Delivery Cost	ton	12.00	_____
<u>Foliar Macronutrients</u>			
N-Sure 28-0-0 (72% SRN)**	gal.	6.39	_____
Phos Might 0-22-20	gal.	21.87	_____
Nutriphite 0-28-26	gal.	26.67	_____
MKP (0-52-34) (Mono-Potassium Phosphate)	lb.	0.65	_____
DKP (0-18-20) (Di-Potassium Phosphate)	gal.	2.50	_____

**SRN, Slow Release Nitrogen

SOURCE: Ronald P. Muraro, Extension Farm Management Economist, University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Lake Alfred, Florida, August 2003.

Table 11-A.--Cost for establishing, planting and maintaining a citrus grove through four years of age, North Florida area

	Cost Per Acre	
	Range	Average
	\$	\$
Land Cost ¹	2,500-4,500	3,450
Land Preparation (clearing, disking, leveling)	275- 700 ²	350
Soil Amendments: Dolomite 1 ton		35
Super Phosphate, 400 lbs.		30
Cover Crop	9- 16	12
Irrigation System: Microsprinkler -- with Well ³	850-1,650	1,350
-- without Well	525-1,250	975
Water Permits, Environmental Studies, and Engineering: Cost	35- 80	50
Time in Months	3- 8	6
Percent Land Utilization: Planted to Citrus	90%- 97%	95%
Roads and Service Areas	3%- 10%	5%

	North Florida			
	Year			
	1	2	3	4
<u>Solidset Planted Trees⁴</u>	----- Cost Per Tree -----			
Microsprinkler Irrigation and Ditch Maintenance	\$0.37	\$0.45	\$0.55	\$0.65
Fertilize Tree	0.25	0.40	0.55	0.57
Supplemental Fertilization thru Irrigation	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.29
Spray	0.42	0.55	0.65	0.75
Insulated Tree Wrap (annual maintenance)	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00
Sprouting (labor)	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00
Cultivation/Mowing	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Herbicide	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Ridomil/Aliette	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.43</u>	<u>0.49</u>	<u>0.47</u>	<u>0.47</u>
Total Cost Per Year	\$3.27	\$3.74	\$3.57	\$3.58
<u>Reset Trees</u> (annual additional grove care costs)	\$2.13	\$2.47	\$1.84	--
<u>Cost of Planting Trees⁵</u>	Solidset = \$6.75		Reset = \$8.05	

¹Land cost will vary from one county to another as well as from one parcel to another.

²Includes fumigation cost of \$330 per acre.

³Irrigation costs include distribution system, power unit and well (where indicated.) The higher cost ranges reported also included a cost for fertigation equipment.

⁴The per tree costs shown are applicable for tree densities of 145 to 165 trees per acre. The per tree costs should be decreased for higher density plantings and increased for lower density plantings; e.g., at 200 trees per acre decrease costs by 15%; at 115 trees per acre increase costs by 15%.

⁵Tree cost (bare root) = \$3.25; stake, plant, and water tree = \$1.25 (solidset) and \$2.55 (resets); and insulated tree wrap = \$2.25.

Source: Ronald P. Muraro, Fam Management Economist, CREC, Lake Alfred, FL, March 1990.

Table 12-A.--Estimated cost of planting and maintaining a reset citrus tree through three years of age, December 2000

	Number of Resets/Replacement Trees Per Acre				
	1-2	3-5	6-10	11-25	26+
	----- Cost Per Tree -----				
<u>Year #1:</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Tree Removal	5.73	4.98	3.98	3.22	2.57
Tree Cost (Container Tree)	4.50	4.50	4.35	4.25	4.25
Site Preparation ^a	5.40	4.68	3.97	3.67	2.88
Plant Tree and First Watering	<u>3.28</u>	<u>2.40</u>	<u>2.08</u>	<u>1.74</u>	<u>1.31</u>
Total Planting Cost	13.18	11.58	10.40	9.66	8.44
Supplemental Fertilization — 4 Times (Application & Materials)	1.28	1.11	1.02	0.93	0.85
Supplemental Spraying (Application & Materials) ^b	0.48	0.41	0.38	0.35	0.32
Spot Herbicide (Application & Materials)	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13
Tree Wrap (Corrugated)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sprouting/Pruning	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.38	0.34
Miscellaneous	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.13
Supervision & Overhead	<u>0.27</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.23</u>	<u>0.22</u>	<u>0.21</u>
Total Tree Care Cost Year #1	3.82	3.52	3.32	3.16	2.98
Total Cost Year #1	22.73	20.08	17.70	16.04	13.99
<u>Year #2:</u>					
Supplemental Fertilization — 3 Times (Application & Materials)	1.72	1.53	1.34	1.13	1.03
Supplemental Spraying (Application & Materials) ^b	0.55	0.49	0.43	0.36	0.33
Spot Herbicide (Application & Materials)	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13
Sprouting/Pruning	0.49	0.49	0.41	0.41	0.37
Miscellaneous	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.09
Supervision & Overhead	<u>0.23</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>0.15</u>
Total Cost Year #2	3.34	3.02	2.64	2.30	2.10
<u>Year #3:</u>					
Supplemental Fertilization — 3 Times (Application & Materials)	2.34	2.09	1.79	1.53	1.30
Miscellaneous	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.06
Supervision & Overhead	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>0.12</u>	<u>0.10</u>
Total Cost Year #3 ^b	2.64	2.35	2.02	1.73	1.46
Total Three-Year Cumulative Costs	<u>28.71</u>	<u>25.45</u>	<u>22.36</u>	<u>20.07</u>	<u>17.55</u>

^aSite preparation for bedded citrus grove; cost of root removal, rotovating/leveling tree planting site. Fumigate planting site would cost approximately \$2.50 per tree.

^bAdditional spray costs may be incurred if leafminer is a problem.

SOURCE: Ronald P. Muraro, Farm Management Economist, CREC, Lake Alfred, FL, December 2000.

Table 13-A.—A listing of estimated comparative Central Florida (Ridge) citrus production costs per acre for 2002-2003^z

Costs represent a mature (10+ years old) Central Florida (Ridge) Orange Grove.	Low Cost Processed Cultural Program	Processed and Reduced Fresh Cost Cultural Program	Typical/Historical Fresh Fruit Cultural Program
PRODUCTION/CULTURAL COSTS:^z			
Weed Management/Control:			
Discing (2 times per year)	\$ 18.42	\$ 18.42	\$ 18.42
Mechanical Mow Middles (4 times per year)	41.24	41.24	41.24
General Grove Work (2 labor hours per acre)	24.70	24.70	24.70
Herbicide (1/2 tree acre treated):			
Application (3 applications)	\$27.62	\$27.62	\$27.62
Material	63.79	89.16	89.16
Spot Treatment (Material/application)	<u>19.23</u>	<u>19.23</u>	<u>19.23</u>
Total Herbicide Cost	110.64	136.01	136.01
Spray:			
Summer Oil #1 (Processed @ 250 GPA) or Post Bloom (Fresh @ 150 GPA):			
Application	28.80	28.80	25.21
Material	<u>50.04</u>	<u>65.13</u>	<u>64.68</u>
Total Summer Oil #1 or Post Bloom Cost	78.84	93.93	89.89
Summer Oil #2: Application (PTO – 250 GPA)			
Application (PTO – 250 GPA)	28.80	28.80	28.80
Material	<u>31.28^x</u>	<u>31.28^x</u>	<u>74.10</u>
Total Summer Oil #2 Cost	60.08	60.08	102.90
Supplemental Fall Miticide:			
Application (PTO – 150 GPA)	—	—	25.21
Material	—	—	<u>11.10</u>
Total Supplemental Fall Miticide Cost	—	—	36.31
Fertilizer (Bulk): 3 Applications			
Material (16-0-16-4 MgO @ 180 lbs N per acre and 204 lbs N per acre)	26.13	26.18	26.18
Total Fertilizer Cost	<u>108.00</u>	<u>122.40</u>	<u>122.40</u>
Dolomite (one ton applied every 4 years)	134.13	148.58	148.58
Material/Application	9.74	9.74	9.74
Pruning: Topping (\$37.25/A ÷ 2.5 yrs) ^w			
Hedging (\$34.17/A ÷ 2 yrs) ^w	14.90	14.90	14.90
Chop/Mow Brush after Hedging (\$8.78/A ÷ 2 yrs) ^w	17.09	17.09	17.09
Total Pruning Cost	<u>4.39</u>	<u>4.39</u>	<u>4.39</u>
36.38	36.38	36.38	36.38
Tree Replacement--1 thru 3 years of age: (4 trees/acre)			
Remove Trees: Pull, Stack & Burn 4 Trees with Front-end Loader			
14.22	14.22	14.22	14.22
Prepare Site & Plant Tree (Includes 4 reset trees)			
21.04	21.04	21.04	21.04
Supplemental Fertilizer, Tree Wraps Maintenance, Sprout, Etc. (Trees 1-3 years old)			
<u>28.05</u>	<u>28.05</u>	<u>28.05</u>	<u>28.05</u>
Total Tree Replacement Cost	63.31	63.31	63.31
Irrigation: Microsprinkler System ^y	<u>145.30</u>	<u>145.30</u>	145.30
IRRIGATED PROCESSED FRUIT PRODUCTION COSTS	<u>\$722.78</u>	<u>\$777.69</u>	
Fall Miticide: Application (150 GPA)			
Material		26.83	26.83
Total Fall Miticide Cost		<u>32.72</u>	<u>32.72</u>
IRRIGATED FRESH FRUIT PRODUCTION COSTS		<u>\$837.24</u>	<u>\$912.33</u>

^zThe listed estimated comparative costs are for the example grove situation described in the Economic Information Report Series entitled: "Budgeting Costs and Returns for Central Florida Citrus Production" and may not represent your particular grove situation in Central Florida.

SOURCE: Ronald P. Muraro, University of Florida-IFAS, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL, August 2003.

Table 14-A.—Estimated average picking, roadsiding and hauling charges for Florida citrus, 2002-03

	Fresh Fruit		Processed Fruit	
	Range	Average	Range	Average
	\$/Box	\$/Box	\$/Box	\$/Box
<u>Picking Charges:</u>				
Early and Mid-Season Oranges	0.72 - 0.90	0.814	0.75 - 0.90	0.806
Valencia Oranges	0.79 - 0.90	0.835	0.76 - 0.90	0.810
Pink/Red Grapefruit	0.60 - 0.80	0.692	0.55 - 0.75	0.625
White/Marsh Grapefruit	0.60 - 0.77	0.668	0.50 - 0.75	0.600
Temples/Tangelos	0.85 - 0.90	0.883	0.85 - 0.90	0.860
Tangerines	1.35 - 1.91	1.600	—	—
	Fresh Fruit		Processed Fruit	
	Range	Average	Range	Average
	\$/Box	\$/Box	\$/Box	\$/Box
<u>Roadsiding Charges:</u>				
Early and Mid-Season Oranges	0.75 - 1.03	0.882	0.70 - 0.96	0.838
Valencia Oranges	0.75 - 1.08	0.910	0.70 - 0.96	0.851
Pink/Red Grapefruit	0.75 - 0.85	0.792	0.75 - 0.77	0.758
White/Marsh Grapefruit	0.75 - 0.81	0.778	0.75 - 0.77	0.758
Temples/Tangelos	0.90 - 0.95	0.927	0.76 - 0.90	0.850
Tangerines	1.12 - 1.21	1.177	—	—
	Fresh Fruit		Processed Fruit	
	All Varieties		All Varieties	
	\$/Box		\$/Box	
<u>Hauling Charges:</u>				
0 - 30 miles	0.408		0.384	
31 - 50 miles	0.445		0.433	
51 - 80 miles	0.517		0.498	
81 - 100 miles	0.575		0.551	
100 + miles	0.663		0.625	

Table 15-A.—Estimated average packing charges for Florida citrus, 2002-03

	Domestic Grapefruit	Export Grapefruit	Oranges	Temples/ Tangelos	Tangerines
	----- \$/Carton -----				
Total Packing Charge ^a	3.544	3.992	3.731	4.214	4.733
	----- \$/Box -----				
Drenching Charge	0.170	0.168	0.178	0.178	0.178
Packinghouse Elimination Charges	0.566	0.588	0.600	0.600	0.633
Hauling Charge for Eliminations	0.388	0.368	0.404	0.434	0.434

^aTotal Packing Charge includes the following items:

1. Materials including mesh/plastic bags, labels/PLUs, etc.
2. Includes supervisor/foreman labor, grading, palletizing, shipping and general labor. Includes payroll taxes (FICA), workers' compensation, ground insurance, etc.
3. Other direct packing costs include: fruit treating; power, lights and water; repair maintenance; miscellaneous supplies; etc.
4. Indirect packing costs include such items as: insurance-fire and casualty; taxes and licenses, depreciation and rent.
5. G&A costs include: office personnel (FICA, w/comp); packinghouse and general manager; office supplies; telephone; etc.
6. Special assessments include such items as: advertising taxes, inspection fees, Florida Citrus Packers; CAC.

NOTE: Packing charges represent a total of nine citrus packinghouses from both the Indian River and Interior production regions.

Table 16-A.--Historic prices^a for selected citrus varieties

Crop year	Variety						
	Early ^b and mid ^c -season oranges	Late season oranges ^d	Temple oranges	All Tangerines	Tangelos	Seedless grapefruit ^e	
						(white)	(colored)
1961-62	\$1.93	\$1.81	\$2.17	\$2.04	\$3.36	\$0.68	\$0.86
1962-63	2.17	3.50	3.09	3.02	4.66	1.29	1.81
1963-64	4.43	4.45	4.45	3.18	4.83	2.24	2.54
1964-65	2.57	2.28	2.77	2.68	4.00	1.51	1.82
1965-66	1.44	1.79	1.80	2.14	2.85	1.39	1.64
1966-67	0.81	1.08	0.88	1.06	1.64	0.73	0.94
1967-68	1.86	2.28	2.79	4.29	3.22	2.05	2.48
1968-69	1.56	1.83	2.22	2.55	2.47	0.98	1.15
1969-70	1.15	1.13	1.47	2.23	1.13	1.72	1.92
1970-71	1.10	1.91	1.91	1.88	1.04	1.89	2.15
1971-72	1.98	2.11	1.95	2.97	1.69	2.27	2.69
1972-73	1.43	1.71	1.95	2.37	1.39	2.06	2.53
1973-74	1.38	1.59	1.64	2.82	1.25	1.58	2.12
1974-75	1.46	1.82	1.68	3.05	1.45	1.55	2.59
1975-76	1.69	1.88	1.79	3.02	1.42	1.29	2.23
1976-77	1.89	2.63	2.16	3.29	1.42	1.49	2.04
1977-78	3.90	4.40	3.92	4.79	3.29	1.47	2.09
1978-79	4.44	4.95	4.89	4.99	3.90	2.21	3.13
1979-80	3.59	3.89	2.89	4.25	2.87	3.12	3.80
1980-81	3.67	4.63	4.21	5.45	3.92	3.46	4.22
1981-82	4.27	4.29	4.01	6.23	3.58	1.92	2.80
1982-83	4.88	5.41	3.99	7.57	4.37	1.51	3.20
1983-84	5.09	6.72	5.34	5.93	4.28	2.08	4.05
1984-85	7.30	6.88	5.59	15.91	7.08	3.02	4.84
1985-86	3.92	3.97	3.01	12.69	4.06	3.56	4.98
1986-87	4.56	6.02	3.60	10.92	3.72	4.45	5.80
1987-88	6.72	8.73	5.69	12.99	5.58	5.35	5.93
1988-89	6.63	8.41	5.46	12.64	6.31	4.33	4.71
1989-90	6.01	6.53	5.64	15.28	5.10	5.21	6.30
1990-91	5.38	6.58	6.31	17.10	6.11	4.59	6.85
1991-92	5.44	6.65	6.51	18.00	7.16	6.46	6.87
1992-93	3.23	3.88	2.99	13.75	3.31	2.22	3.11
1993-94	3.76	4.61	2.73	9.83	2.38	3.23	3.38
1994-95	3.25	4.41	3.47	11.98	2.64	2.58	1.66
1995-96	3.62	5.57	4.44	12.59	3.63	2.14	1.77
1996-97	3.18	4.07	3.22	7.99	2.19	1.12	1.91
1997-98	2.81	4.88	3.07	8.49	1.66	0.93	1.50
1998-99	4.35	5.58	5.12	12.07	4.53	1.95	2.65
1999-00	3.19	4.33	2.55	6.67	2.52	3.87	3.36
2000-01	2.60	4.02	2.05	6.40	1.27	2.07	2.28
2001-02 ^f	2.46	3.99	2.28	7.69	2.37	1.95	2.17

^aOn-tree average price per box (1-3/5 bushel box equivalent) for all methods of sale minus pick and haul charges.

^bNavel and Hamlin ^cParson Brown and Pineapple ^dValencia ^eMarsh (white) or pink ^fPreliminary

Source: Florida Agricultural Statistics Service.

Table 17-A.--Debt which can be supported per \$1,000.00 annual payment capacity

Loan term (years)	Interest rate paid on the loan														
	8.0%	8.5%	9.0%	9.5%	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.5%	13.0%	13.5%	14.0%	14.5%	15.0%
1	926	922	917	913	909	905	901	897	893	889	885	881	877	873	870
2	1,783	1,771	1,759	1,747	1,754	1,724	1,713	1,701	1,690	1,679	1,668	1,657	1,647	1,636	1,626
3	2,577	2,554	2,531	2,509	2,487	2,465	2,444	2,423	2,402	2,381	2,361	2,341	2,322	2,302	2,283
4	3,312	3,276	3,240	3,204	3,170	3,136	3,102	3,070	3,037	3,006	2,974	2,944	2,914	2,884	2,855
5	3,993	3,941	3,890	3,840	3,791	3,743	3,696	3,650	3,605	3,561	3,517	3,475	3,433	3,392	3,352
6	4,623	4,554	4,486	4,420	4,355	4,292	4,230	4,170	4,111	4,054	3,998	3,942	3,889	3,836	3,784
7	5,206	5,119	5,033	4,950	4,868	4,789	4,712	4,640	4,564	4,492	4,423	4,355	4,288	4,224	4,160
8	5,747	5,639	5,535	5,433	5,335	5,239	5,146	5,056	4,968	4,882	4,799	4,718	4,639	4,562	4,487
9	6,247	6,119	5,995	5,875	5,759	5,646	5,537	5,431	5,328	5,228	5,132	5,038	4,946	4,858	4,772
10	6,710	6,561	6,418	6,279	6,145	6,015	5,889	5,768	5,650	5,536	5,426	5,319	5,216	5,116	5,019
11	7,139	6,969	6,805	6,647	6,495	6,348	6,207	6,070	5,938	5,810	5,687	5,568	5,453	5,341	5,234
12	7,536	7,345	7,161	6,984	6,814	6,650	6,492	6,341	6,194	6,054	5,918	5,787	5,660	5,538	5,421
13	7,904	7,691	7,487	7,291	7,103	6,923	6,750	6,583	6,424	6,270	6,122	5,979	5,842	5,710	5,583
14	8,244	8,010	7,786	7,572	7,367	7,170	6,982	6,801	6,628	6,462	6,302	6,149	6,002	5,861	5,724
15	8,559	8,304	8,061	7,828	7,606	7,394	7,191	6,997 ^a	6,811	6,633	6,462	6,299	6,142	5,992	5,847
16	8,851	8,576	8,313	8,062	7,824	7,596	7,379	7,172	6,974	6,785	6,604	6,431	6,265	6,106	5,954
17	9,122	8,825	8,543	8,276	8,022	7,779	7,549	7,329	7,119	6,920	6,729	6,547	6,373	6,207	6,048
18	9,372	9,056	8,756	8,471	8,201	7,945	7,702	7,470	7,250	7,040	6,840	6,649	6,467	6,294	6,128
19	9,603	9,268	8,950	8,650	8,365	8,095	7,839	7,596	7,366	7,146	6,938	6,739	6,551	6,370	6,198
20	9,818	9,463	9,129	8,812	8,514	8,231	7,963	7,710 ^a	7,469	7,241	7,025	6,819	6,623	6,437	6,259
25	10,675	10,234	9,823	9,438	9,077	8,739	8,422	8,123	7,843	7,579	7,330	7,095	6,873	6,663	6,464
30	11,258	10,747	10,274	9,835	9,427	9,047	8,868	8,364	8,055	7,766	7,496	7,242	7,003	6,778	6,566
35	11,655	11,088	10,567	10,087	9,644	9,234	8,855	8,503	8,175	7,870	7,586	7,320	7,070	6,836	6,617
40	11,925	11,315	10,757	10,247	9,779	9,348	8,951	8,587	8,244	7,928	7,634	7,361	7,105	6,866	6,642

^aExample. Assumes a \$10,000 after tax income at 11.5% interest rate and a 15-year term mortgage, the total debt which can be supported is \$69,970 (\$6,997 x 10). At 11.5% interest rate and a 20-year term mortgage, the total debt which can be supported is \$77,100 (\$7,710 x 10).