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## Introduction

In 1989, there were 32,000 acres of asparagus in production in Washington. Since then, the asparagus acreage has consistently declined. In 1998 through 2000, the asparagus harvested was steady at 22,000 acres. However, in 2001 a total of 19,000 acres of asparagus in Washington were harvested, the fewest acres since 1971. The yield per acre has risen from 32 cwt. per acre in 1999 to 36 cwt. per acre for 2001. The reduced acreage has been the result of the profitability of asparagus versus other crops. The declining profitability is partially attributed to the increased competition of imported asparagus from countries with low wage rates, such as Mexico and Peru.

In 2000, asparagus ranked $18^{\text {th }}$ among the top agricultural commodities produced in Washington. Franklin ( $40.9 \%$ ) and Yakima ( $32.8 \%$ ) counties account for nearly three-fourths of the statewide production ${ }^{1}$.

If profitable new technologies of substituting capital for labor are found and the Washington asparagus industry becomes more competitive, more acres may be planted in the future. Until new technologies are found, current managing and growing practices will continue. This study was done to assess the economic costs and profitability of establishing and producing asparagus based on 2001 prices and current managing and growing practices.

As a perennial crop, asparagus does not reach its full production until the fifth year after the crowns are transplanted. To estimate the economic costs of establishment and production for this study it is necessary to:

1. Specify the cultural practices normally followed in Washington to establish and maintain a 40-acre bed of asparagus
2. Estimate the costs of those practices and compare them with possible levels of receipts to establish profitability
3. Calculate the break-even price necessary to economically justify the development of establishing a new asparagus bed.
[^0]The economic budgets created in this study include both cash and noncash items. An example of a noncash item is an opportunity cost. For instance, when farmers produce a crop on the land they own, they forego the income that would be attained if the land were rented, minus any cost incurred as the lessor (i.e., real estate taxes). Therefore, the return foregone from the land is an opportunity cost. Since the budget includes full costs (including opportunity costs) and returns over the useful life of the asset, it is referred to as an economic budget.

Costs in the budget can be classified as variable and fixed. A fixed cost, which can be either cash or noncash, does not vary, even with an increase or decrease in production. Machinery interest and land tax are fixed cash costs, and remain constant regardless if the crop is produced. The opportunity cost for management is a noncash fixed cost. It remains fixed because it can be either used or not used during the year. Conversely, a variable cost is one that does change with the amount of product produced. Hand harvesting and labor are examples of costs that vary directly with the level of production.

The economic budgets reflect costs and returns for a production year, and not a calendar year. A production year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year. In addition, the budgets are not representative of a particular farm. Rather, they represent costs under the assumptions of this study. It is recommended that the user modify the assumptions to reflect their specific situation.

## Budget Assumptions

The major assumptions made to calculate the establishment costs of asparagus include:

1. The asparagus enterprise is a well-managed 40 -acre crop grown on a 180 -acre diversified farm.
2. The crop is established with transplanted Jersey Giant crowns in the first year. Net accumulated costs for the first five establishment years are amortized over the 10 years of full production at $8.7 \%$ interest.
3. A side-roll sprinkler irrigation system (wheel lines) is used. The irrigation system is composed of a main line, 125 h.p. pump, electrical system, 10 -foot wheel lines, and valve openers. The equipment is purchased new and depreciated over a 20 -year period for the 180-acre farm, of which 40 acres are in asparagus for 15 years. Total costs for the 180acre system $(\$ 81,900)$ are prorated for the 40 -acre asparagus field. Thus, $22.2 \%$ of the total cost is prorated to asparagus.
4. All machinery and equipment costs are based on new 2001 purchase prices. Assuming new equipment shows the enterprise's ability to generate the earnings required to replace depreciable assets. Machinery and equipment depreciation, housing, interest and insurance are calculated according costs of using machinery ${ }^{1}$.
5. The interest on operating capital is $7.75 \%$. Investment capital interest is charged at $8.7 \%$.

[^1]6. For the Columbia Basin, the 2001 irrigation water charge is $\$ 40.50$ per acre, an average of the counties in the region.
7. In the first production year after planting the Jersey Giant crowns, the crop is not harvested. The asparagus bed yields $850,1,800,4,000$, and 5,000 pounds during the second, third, fourth and fifth years after planting. Through production years $6-15$, the bed yields 5500 pounds per acre. Cutting costs are calculated as $45 \%$ of the yearly gross revenues from the harvest, which is standard for the industry. These costs do not include swamping or supervision. The price of asparagus used is $\$ 0.54$ per pound, which is the average of prices received the past 5 years. Combined prices of fresh pack and processing have ranged from $\$ 0.50$ per pound to nearly $\$ 0.57$ per pound during that period.
8. Real estate property taxes are from the Franklin County Assessor. The tax rate in 2001 is $1.3 \%$ of the average assessed value ( $\$ 13.00$ per $\$ 1,000$ of value). For tax purposes, real estate tax (land), irrigation system, and asparagus crown values are evaluated. The values assumed and the corresponding annual taxes are:

|  | Age of Asparagus Bed |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Item | 1-3 years | 4-15 years |
| Land | \$2,250.00 | \$2,250.00 |
| Asparagus Crown | 500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Irrigation System | 1,030.00 | 1,030.00 |
| Total Value | 3,780.00 | 4,280.00 |
| Per Acre Tax | 49.14 | 55.64 |

9. Prices for materials and services, assembled through growers, field persons, and industry supply firms, are the average of the selling prices of three major suppliers in the region. The average prices consisted of:

| Services: | Units | Price/unit |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Custom Listing | Acre | $\$$ |
| Custom Sorting | Acre | 30.00 |
| Custom Dipping | Acre | 50.00 |
| Custom Planting | Acre | 25.00 |
| Custom Aerial Spraying | Acre | 140.00 |
| Custom Fertilize Application | Acre | 6.50 |
| Irrigation Charge | Acre | 6.25 |
| Irrigation Electrical Charge | Acre | 40.50 |
| Net Land Rent | Acre | 32.00 |
| Real Estate Taxes Year 1-3 | Acre | 210.00 |
| Real Estate Taxes Year 4-8 | Acre | 49.14 |
|  |  | 55.64 |


| Materials: | Units | Price/unit |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Asparagus Crowns | Thousand | 80.00 |
| Diesel Fuel | Gal | 1.45 |
| Gasoline | Gal | 1.55 |
| Disyston | Gal | 91.61 |
| Sevin XLR Plus | Gal | 35.75 |
| Formula-40/2,4 | Gal | 16.05 |
| Karmex | Lb | 4.74 |
| Sencor | Lb | 20.82 |
| Lorox | Lb | 13.33 |
| Roundup | Gal | 41.32 |
| Treflan | Gal | 26.89 |
| Nitrogen | Lb | 0.21 |
| Phosphate | Lb | 0.17 |
| Potassium | Lb | 0.10 |

10. A management fee of $5 \%$ of the gross revenue when the asparagus bed is in full production reflects the management input made by the asparagus grower.

## Itemized Costs, Schedule of Operations, and Materials and Services

The complete budget information is presented in the Appendix for the establishment years 1-5, and for a typical full production year. Below is an overview of the information included in the Appendix tables for each year.

## Itemized Costs for Establishing an Asparagus Field

These tables itemize the total cost of operations for asparagus bed development by type of activity and the corresponding per acre costs. Included in the tables is the quantity of units applied or consumed by the activity type.

## Schedule of Operations for Establishing an Asparagus Field

A list of the schedule of operations and inputs used, along with the fixed and variable costs associated with each operation, are presented in the schedule of operations tables. Also included is the year and month the operation occurs, and the associated labor or machine hours. The fixed costs in the tables consist of machinery, building, land, establishment, and management.

Machinery and equipment fixed costs include depreciation, interest, insurance, taxes and housing. The land fixed cost is the net land rent, not including taxes and insurance, which represents a typical rental agreement for asparagus ground in the area. While the owner-operator will not have a net land rent cost, it is representative of the rental income the owner foregoes by producing a crop rather than renting the land. In this situation, net land rent is regarded as an opportunity cost. An opportunity cost for management is also included as a fixed cost.

## Materials and Services Applied by Operation for Establishing and Asparagus Field

The material and service tables identify the specific type and quantity of services and materials for each operation presented in the schedule of operations tables. For example, the pounds of nitrogen applied in a fertilizer application, or the gallons of Disyston used in the June aerial insect control application

## Machinery, Building, and Input Costs

Appendices Tables 7 a and 7 b report the machinery and equipment needed in the operation to produce asparagus and the associated costs. Included in the tables are the machinery and equipment purchase price, years of life before trade-in, salvage value, and fixed and variable costs. The fixed costs such as depreciation, interest, insurance, taxes and housing are reported on a cost per hour basis. Repair and fuel/lube variable costs are also reported as cost per hour. Annual hours of use for the machinery and equipment are also reported. For the irrigation system, the information is reported as the acreage supported by the system rather than annual hours of use.

## ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT COSTS FOR A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS BED

The first five years of an asparagus bed are for establishment or preparation for the next 10 years of full production. Soil preparation, planting the crowns, pest management and other routine cultural practices are performed. Over the remainder of this section the annual costs of these activities are presented for the establishment years.

## First-Year Establishment Costs

In Appendix Table 1a, the total cost of operations for asparagus bed development is broken down by type of input item and corresponding per acre costs in the first year. Appendix Table 1 b lists the schedule of operations along with the fixed and variable costs associated with each operation and the input used. The total cost of operations is $\$ 2,504.54$ per acre, with variable and fixed costs being $\$ 2,006.55$ and $\$ 497.99$ per acre respectively.

The material and services, by operation, used in the first year of establishment are listed in Appendix Table 1c. Before planting in the spring the soil is plowed, fertilized, and then disked to prepare the ground. Crowns are sorted, dipped, and planted and covered by a custom operation after soil preparation. Weed control is done several times during the first year, from April through June. Other field operations include cultivating and irrigation in the first year.

The asparagus crowns are the largest variable cost in year one. A net land rent of \$210 (not including taxes and insurance), management fee, and real estate taxes are the major fixed cost components. The asparagus crowns are transplanted in year one and the spears are allowed to grow into the fern stage to contribute to the health of the crowns. Since no spears are harvested there is no harvest revenue generated.

## Second-Year Establishment Costs

During the second year of establishment annual operating costs are $\$ 1,261.56$ per acre, which is $\$ 1,242.98$ lower than the first year. The fixed costs increase from year one, but the variable costs decline significantly. The itemized costs and schedule of operations are represented in Appendix Tables 2a and 2b, respectively. Appendix Table 2c contains the materials and services required and the corresponding prices and quantities of the inputs used.

In the spring, the ferns are beat and Treflan is applied as a weed control. The ground is rotovated and cultivated in March before the start of the growing season. A small harvest occurs for the first time in the second year; the asparagus field yields 850 pounds per acre and is sold at a market price of $\$ 0.54$ per pound.

In the second year, interest on the first year investment cost is incorporated in the budget. This accounts for the interest that could have been earned on an alternative investment. The $\$ 217.89$ interest on investment is based on year one's establishment expenses (\$2,504.54) at 8.7\% interest.

## Third-Year Establishment Costs

Appendix Tables 3 a and 3 b show the operations and detailed itemized costs during the third year. The material and services in the third year are summarized in Appendix Table 3c.
Operating expenses begin to increase as the labor costs of harvesting rise due to larger yields. Cutting expense is calculated as $45 \%$ of the gross revenue of the harvest. A harvested yield of 1,800 pounds generates a total revenue of $\$ 972$ per acre, and a harvesting labor cost of $\$ 437.40$ per acre. Revenues generated are enough to cover the variable costs of year three, but not the fixed costs of operation. The net cost is $\$ 634.29$ in the third production year.

## Fourth-Year Establishment Costs

Operations in the fourth year of establishment consist of routine cultural practices. Appendix Tables 4 a and 4 b contain the itemized costs and operations for the year, while Appendix Table 4 c lists the materials and services for the operations. Variable costs rise to $\$ 1,352.45$ per acre, with fixed costs also increasing (\$860.44). The real estate tax increased, as the asparagus beds are recognized by tax purposes as being in their productive years. Interest on investment accounted for $\$ 342.89$ of the fixed costs, due to the negative return in years one through three.

Asparagus production more than doubles to 4,000 pounds, and labor cutting costs totaled $\$ 972$ per acre, while the gross revenue from the harvest is $\$ 2,160$ per acre. For the fourth straight year, costs are greater than returns.

## Fifth-Year Establishment Costs

The final year of establishment costs are presented in Appendix Tables 5a and 5b. Appendix Table 5c contains the materials and services for the final establishment year's operations. Total costs of operation are $\$ 2,463.64$ per acre, resulting from a variable and fixed cost of $\$ 1,598.60$
and $\$ 865.04$ per acre respectively. Gross revenue totaled $\$ 2,700$, a yield of 5,000 pounds per acre and a price of $\$ 0.54$ accounted for the gross revenue. Year five has a net return of $\$ 236.36$ per acre, a positive return for the asparagus beds.

## Production Costs and Profit Levels for Asparagus Bed in Full Production

By the sixth year, the asparagus bed is in full production with a yield of 5,500 pounds per acre. Appendix Tables 6 a and 6 b summarize the annual costs of producing asparagus at full production. Inputs and services are listed in Appendix Table 6c. The total revenue is $\$ 2,970$ per acre, while total costs are $\$ 2,817.07$ per acre. The total costs include $\$ 577.85$ per acre, which is the amortized net establishment cost. Amortizing the net investment cost over 10 years at an $8.7 \%$ interest attains a value of $\$ 577.85$ per acre. The net investment cost consists of the unrecovered costs in establishment years 1 through 4, and the positive return of year 5, for a total of $\$ 3,757.93$ per acre.

## Summary of Establishment Costs

The per acre cost of establishing an asparagus bed, the revenues obtained from the asparagus sales, and the net returns for years 1 through 6 are summarized in Table 1. In the first four years, the total costs exceed the total revenues. By the fifth year, the yield is large enough that the total revenue is greater than the total cost, for a positive net return. The net investment cost is the summation of the net costs and returns for year 1 through year 5 , for a total of $\$ 3,757.93$ per acre. Amortizing the net investment cost over 10 years at $8.7 \%$ yields an amortized cost of $\$ 577.85$ per acre.

## Sensitivity Analysis

Profitability can vary depending on the price received and the yield an asparagus bed generates. A sensitivity analysis is done to find the price and yield combinations that produce a positive return after meeting total costs of production in a mature asparagus bed. In the analysis it is assumed that all costs are constant, both variable and fixed, except those that change with the amount of production. Harvesting expense is the only cost that varies directly with the level of production. It is further assumed that the 5 -year net establishment cost of $\$ 3,757.92$ per acre is the same for all price levels and levels of production (a price of $\$ 0.54$ per pound throughout the establishment years). Table 2 shows net profitability levels based on varying yields and prices during the productive years. For example, with a price of $\$ 0.51$ per pound and production of 5,200 pounds per acre, total costs are not covered. On the contrary, increasing the price received to $\$ 0.52$ per pound with the same yield, the net returns become positive.

## Understanding the Economic Budgets

This study generated economic budgets. These budgets are comprised of total or full economic costs, which include opportunity costs. An opportunity cost is the revenue that could have been earned by using the next best alternative. For example, if a farmer invests $\$ 40,000$ of equity into a new purchase of a tractor, the farmer gives up the next best alternative of similar risk such as investing in the stock market. A return greater than the alternative investment must be met in

Table 1. Summary of Revenue, Costs and Returns Per Acre

| Revenue/Cost | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth | Full <br> Production |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield (lbs) | 0 | 850 | 1,800 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 5,500 |
| Price (\$/lb) | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 |
| Total Revenue (\$) | 0.00 | 459.00 | 972.00 | 2,160.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,970.00 |
| Variable Cost |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-harvest | 2,006.55 | 315.02 | 333.65 | 337.06 | 337.08 | 337.07 |
| Harvest | 0.00 | 240.05 | 473.88 | 1,015.39 | 1,261.52 | 1,384.59 |
| Total Variable Costs | 2,006.55 | 555.07 | 807.53 | 1,352.45 | 1,598.60 | 1,721.66 |
| Fixed Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Management Fee | 148.50 | 148.50 | 148.50 | 148.50 | 148.50 | 148.50 |
| Real Estate Taxes | 49.14 | 49.14 | 49.14 | 55.64 | 55.64 | 55.64 |
| Net Land Rent | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 |
| Tractor | 15.38 | 7.81 | 6.39 | 6.39 | 6.39 | 6.39 |
| Machinery | 74.97 | 73.15 | 97.02 | 97.02 | 97.02 | 97.02 |
| Interest on Invest. | 0.00 | 217.89 | 287.71 | 342.89 | 347.49 | 577.85 |
| Total Fixed Cost | 497.99 | 706.49 | 798.76 | 860.44 | 865.04 | 1,095.40 |
| Total Cost | 2,504.54 | 1,261.56 | 1,606.29 | 2,212.90 | 2,463.64 | 2,817.07 |
| Net Return (\$) | -2,504.54 | -802.56 | -634.29 | -52.90 | 236.36 | 152.93 |

order to achieve what is considered an economic profit. Assume that the next best alternative for the farmer is to invest in a stock that has a $10 \%$ annual return. The alternative generates an annual return of $\$ 4,000$ based on a $10 \%$ interest. Therefore, the investment in equipment must have a net return over $\$ 4,000$ to obtain an economic profit.

Establishing an enterprise generates what is referred to as establishment costs. Costs that are incurred in establishing asparagus include listing, dipping, sorting, and transplanting of asparagus crowns, among other things. Over the course of five years, an asparagus bed is established for the state of full production. To account for the full economic costs involved in establishing the enterprise, the net establishment costs must be amortized over the useful life of the asparagus bed for the full production years. Summing the net costs and returns for years 1 through 5 generates a net establishment cost of $\$ 3,757.93$ per acre. Amortizing the value over 10 years using $8.7 \%$ interest results in $\$ 577.85$ per acre annual noncash cost to account for full economic costs. Therefore, for a full market return to be realized all economic costs including the opportunity costs must be covered by the operation.

Table 2. Estimated Economic Profits Given Varying Yield and Price Levels for Asparagus (\$/Acre)

| Yield | (lbs/Ac.) | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.48 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Price } \\ 0.49 \end{gathered}$ | $0.50$ | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.55 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5000 | -270.56 | -243.06 | -215.56 | -188.06 | -160.56 | -133.06 | -105.56 | -78.06 | -50.56 | -23.06 | 4.44 | 31.94 |
|  | 5100 | -246.36 | -218.31 | -190.26 | -162.21 | -134.16 | -106.11 | -78.06 | -50.01 | -21.96 | 6.09 | 34.14 | 62.19 |
|  | 5200 | -222.16 | -193.56 | -164.96 | -136.36 | -107.76 | -79.16 | -50.56 | -21.96 | 6.64 | 35.24 | 63.84 | 92.44 |
|  | 5300 | -197.96 | -168.81 | -139.66 | -110.51 | -81.36 | -52.21 | -23.06 | 6.09 | 35.24 | 64.39 | 93.54 | 122.69 |
|  | 5400 | -173.76 | -144.06 | -114.36 | -84.66 | -54.96 | -25.26 | 4.44 | 34.14 | 63.84 | 93.54 | 123.24 | 152.94 |
|  | 5500 | -149.56 | -119.31 | -89.06 | -58.81 | -28.56 | 1.69 | 31.94 | 62.19 | 92.44 | 122.69 | 152.94 | 183.19 |
|  | 5600 | -125.36 | -94.56 | -63.76 | -32.96 | -2.16 | 28.64 | 59.44 | 90.24 | 121.04 | 151.84 | 182.64 | 213.44 |
|  | 5700 | -101.16 | -69.81 | -38.46 | -7.11 | 24.24 | 55.59 | 86.94 | 118.29 | 149.64 | 180.99 | 212.34 | 243.69 |
|  | 5800 | -76.96 | -45.06 | -13.16 | 18.74 | 50.64 | 82.54 | 114.44 | 146.34 | 178.24 | 210.14 | 242.04 | 273.94 |
|  | 5900 | -52.76 | -20.31 | 12.14 | 44.59 | 77.04 | 109.49 | 141.94 | 174.39 | 206.84 | 239.29 | 271.74 | 304.19 |
|  | 6000 | -28.56 | 4.44 | 37.44 | 70.44 | 103.44 | 136.44 | 169.44 | 202.44 | 235.44 | 268.44 | 301.44 | 334.44 |


| Yield | (lbs/Ac.) | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.60 | $0.61$ | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.67 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5000 | 59.44 | 86.94 | 114.44 | 141.94 | 169.44 | 196.94 | 224.44 | 251.94 | 279.44 | 306.94 | 334.44 | 361.94 |
|  | 5100 | 90.24 | 118.29 | 146.34 | 174.39 | 202.44 | 230.49 | 258.54 | 286.59 | 314.64 | 342.69 | 370.74 | 398.79 |
|  | 5200 | 121.04 | 149.64 | 178.24 | 206.84 | 235.44 | 264.04 | 292.64 | 321.24 | 349.84 | 378.44 | 407.04 | 435.64 |
|  | 5300 | 151.84 | 180.99 | 210.14 | 239.29 | 268.44 | 297.59 | 326.74 | 355.89 | 385.04 | 414.19 | 443.34 | 472.49 |
|  | 5400 | 182.64 | 212.34 | 242.04 | 271.74 | 301.44 | 331.14 | 360.84 | 390.54 | 420.24 | 449.94 | 479.64 | 509.34 |
|  | 5500 | 213.44 | 243.69 | 273.94 | 304.19 | 334.44 | 364.69 | 394.94 | 425.19 | 455.44 | 485.69 | 515.94 | 546.19 |
|  | 5600 | 244.24 | 275.04 | 305.84 | 336.64 | 367.44 | 398.24 | 429.04 | 459.84 | 490.64 | 521.44 | 552.24 | 583.04 |
|  | 5700 | 275.04 | 306.39 | 337.74 | 369.09 | 400.44 | 431.79 | 463.14 | 494.49 | 525.84 | 557.19 | 588.54 | 619.89 |
|  | 5800 | 305.84 | 337.74 | 369.64 | 401.54 | 433.44 | 465.34 | 497.24 | 529.14 | 561.04 | 592.94 | 624.84 | 656.74 |
|  | 5900 | 336.64 | 369.09 | 401.54 | 433.99 | 466.44 | 498.89 | 531.34 | 563.79 | 596.24 | 628.69 | 661.14 | 693.59 |
|  | 6000 | 367.44 | 400.44 | 433.44 | 466.44 | 499.44 | 532.44 | 565.44 | 598.44 | 631.44 | 664.44 | 697.44 | 730.44 |

To provide an assessment of merely the financial cost of the operation and not the economic cost, the opportunity costs are excluded. For example, assume a producer owns the land and provides all of the managerial decisions, then land rent and management fee costs do not affect the cash flow of the operation. Also, assume that the farmer in this situation financed the asparagus establishment with $40 \%$ debt, and has an equipment loan of $\$ 100,000$, of which an annual interest of $10 \%$ is paid over 10 years. A cash flow projection was prepared (Table 3) that includes the financial costs of the operation for years 1 through 6 , excluding the following opportunity costs: land rent and management fee. The amortized costs in the enterprise budget are replaced in the cash flow with the interest on investment, and tractor and machinery interest from the enterprise budget is replaced with interest on the equipment loan.

For tax purposes, it is assumed that the producer is in a $27 \%$ marginal tax bracket; the income is considered marginal to that which is earned on the rest of the farm. Calculation of taxable income included the depreciation expense. However, since depreciation is a noncash item, it is added back to the gross income in order to get the net cash flow from operations. In establishment years 1, 2 and 3 a negative return is received from the operation. The fourth year provides the first positive return. During the first full production year, which is year 6 , a net return of $\$ 627.95$ per acre is earned.

## Conclusions

The assumptions and procedures in the study provide a basis that farmers can use to estimate their cost and return situation for asparagus. The conditions in this publication cannot be considered typical for all asparagus growers. Nonetheless, it provides a benchmark by which the economic health of a representative asparagus farm can be evaluated.

In the first year of establishment, the total costs of operation were $\$ 2,504.54$ per acre, largely due to the start-up costs of planting asparagus and additional weed control required to establish the asparagus bed. No harvest revenue was generated that year. Costs of operation decreased to $\$ 1,261.56$ per acre during the second year. A small harvest generated a revenue of $\$ 459$ per acre. In year 3, the revenue of $\$ 972$ per acre is enough to cover the variable costs, but not the fixed costs. In the fourth year, the net cost is still greater than the return. By the final year of establishment (year 5), the total costs per acre are $\$ 2,463.64$ and gross revenue is $\$ 2,700$, yielding a net positive return over costs. A positive return of nearly $\$ 153$ per acre is achieved in the full production years.

Establishment costs must be recovered during the crop's production years to consider the enterprise viable. Summing the net returns during the five years of establishment result in a net cost for establishing an asparagus bed of $\$ 3,757.93$ per acre. However, depending upon the different yields, prices, and cultural practices the net investment cost can vary significantly. Based on the current assumptions, it is not until the fifth year after establishment that the first returns over costs are realized.

Table 3. Annual Net Cash Flow Projections for 40-Acre Asparagus Field on Per Acre Basis

| Period | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield | 0 | 850 | 1800 | 4000 | 5000 | 5500 |
| Price | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asparagus Sales | $\$ 0.00$ | 459.00 | 972 | 2160 | 2700 | 2970 |

## EXPENSES:

VARIABLE COSTS:
Planting: Crow
Aerial spraying
Disyston
Sevin XLR Plu
Roundup
Lorox
Formula -40/ 2, 4D
Treflan FP
Labor (Harvest)
Karmex
Sencor
Custom Fert. Ap
Nitrogen
Phosphate and Potassium
Custom Irrigate
Irr Electricity
Overhead
Interest on Op. Cap.
Tractor Repair and Fuel/Lube
Machinery Repair and Fuel/Lube
Labor
Total Variable Cost:

| $\$ 1,605.00$ | -- | -- | -- | -- |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 6.50$ | $\$ 13.00$ | $\$ 13.00$ | $\$ 13.00$ | $\$ 13.00$ | $\$ 13.00$ |
| $\$ 11.91$ | $\$ 23.82$ | $\$ 22.90$ | $\$ 22.90$ | $\$ 22.90$ | $\$ 22.90$ |
| $\$ 8.94$ | $\$ 17.88$ | $\$ 17.88$ | $\$ 17.88$ | $\$ 17.88$ | $\$ 17.88$ |
| $\$ 10.33$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 13.33$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 2.09$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 2.09$ | $\$ 2.09$ | $\$ 2.09$ | $\$ 2.09$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 6.72$ | $\$ 6.72$ | $\$ 10.08$ | $\$ 10.08$ | $\$ 10.08$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 206.55$ | $\$ 437.40$ | $\$ 972.00$ | $\$ 1,215.00$ | $\$ 1,336.50$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 5.69$ | $\$ 5.69$ | $\$ 5.69$ | $\$ 5.69$ | $\$ 5.69$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ |
| $\$ 6.25$ | $\$ 6.25$ | $\$ 6.25$ | $\$ 6.25$ | $\$ 6.25$ | $\$ 6.25$ |
| $\$ 28.35$ | $\$ 25.20$ | $\$ 25.20$ | $\$ 25.20$ | $\$ 25.20$ | $\$ 25.20$ |
| $\$ 17.25$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 16.20$ | $\$ 40.50$ | $\$ 40.50$ | $\$ 40.50$ | $\$ 40.50$ | $\$ 40.50$ |
| $\$ 12.80$ | $\$ 32.00$ | $\$ 32.00$ | $\$ 32.00$ | $\$ 32.00$ | $\$ 32.00$ |
| $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 60.00$ |
| $\$ 37.95$ | $\$ 13.61$ | $\$ 17.04$ | $\$ 24.33$ | $\$ 27.47$ | $\$ 29.03$ |
| $\$ 27.41$ | $\$ 16.04$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ | $\$ 13.12$ |
| $\$ 18.18$ | $\$ 22.41$ | $\$ 46.90$ | $\$ 46.90$ | $\$ 46.90$ | $\$ 46.90$ |
| $\$ 124.00$ | $\$ 52.30$ | $\$ 47.40$ | $\$ 47.40$ | $\$ 47.40$ | $\$ 47.40$ |
| $\$ 2006.49$ | $\$ 555.09$ | $\$ 807.21$ | $\$ 1,352.46$ | $\$ 1,598.60$ | $\$ 1,721.66$ |

FIXED COSTS:

| Insurance | $\$ 2.46$ | $\$ 2.16$ | $\$ 2.55$ | $\$ 2.55$ | $\$ 2.55$ | $\$ 2.55$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Interest on Loan | $\$ 44.44$ | $\$ 44.44$ | $\$ 44.44$ | $\$ 44.44$ | $\$ 44.44$ | $\$ 44.44$ |
| Depreciation | $\$ 44.81$ | $\$ 41.17$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ |
| Taxes | $\$ 5.72$ | $\$ 5.04$ | $\$ 5.94$ | $\$ 5.94$ | $\$ 5.94$ | $\$ 5.94$ |
| Housing | $\$ 1.81$ | $\$ 1.32$ | $\$ 1.97$ | $\$ 1.97$ | $\$ 1.97$ | $\$ 1.97$ |
| Interest on Investment | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 87.16$ | $\$ 115.08$ | $\$ 137.16$ | $\$ 139.00$ | $\$ 231.14$ |
| RE Tax | $\$ 49.14$ | $\$ 49.14$ | $\$ 49.14$ | $\$ 55.64$ | $\$ 55.64$ | $\$ 55.64$ |
| Total Fixed Cost: | $\$ 148.38$ | $\$ 230.43$ | $\$ 275.14$ | $\$ 303.72$ | $\$ 305.56$ | $\$ 397.70$ |
| Total Cost: | $\$ 2,165.99$ | $\$ 793.15$ | $\$ 1,086.15$ | $\$ 1,655.75$ | $\$ 1,899.09$ | $\$ 2,109.63$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable Income | $(\$ 2,165.99)$ | $(\$ 334.15)$ | $(\$ 114.15)$ | $\$ 504.25$ | $\$ 800.91$ | $\$ 860.37$ |
| Income Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\$ 136.15$ | $\$ 216.24$ | $\$ 232.30$ |
| Gross Cash Flow | $(\$ 2,165.99)$ | $(\$ 334.15)$ | $(\$ 114.15)$ | $\$ 368.10$ | $\$ 584.66$ | $\$ 628.07$ |
| +Depreciation | $\$ 44.81$ | $\$ 41.17$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ | $\$ 56.02$ |
| - Principal | $\$ 34.86$ | $\$ 38.34$ | $\$ 42.18$ | $\$ 46.40$ | $\$ 51.04$ | $\$ 56.14$ |
| Net Cash Flow | $(\$ 2,156.03)$ | $(\$ 331.32)$ | $(\$ 100.31)$ | $\$ 377.72$ | $\$ 589.65$ | $\$ 627.95$ |

## APPENDIX

APPENDIX TABLE 1A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 1

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | YOUR <br> FARM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| CUSTOM DIPPING | ACRE | 25.00 | 1.00 | 25.00 |  |
| CUSTOM PLANTING | ACRE | 140.00 | 1.00 | 140.00 |  |
| ASPARAGUS CROWN | THOU | 80.00 | 17.00 | 1360.00 |  |
| CUSTOM LISTING | ACRE | 30.00 | 1.00 | 30.00 |  |
| CUSTOM SORTING | ACRE | 50.00 | 1.00 | 50.00 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| PHOSPHATE | LB | . 17 | 75.00 | 12.75 |  |
| POTASSIUM | LB | . 10 | 45.00 | 4.50 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 135.00 | 28.35 |  |
| ROUNDUP | GAL | 41.32 | . 25 | 10.33 |  |
| LOROX | LB | 13.33 | 1.00 | 13.33 |  |
| FORMULA-40/2,4D | GAL | 16.05 | . 13 | 2.09 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.91 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | . 40 | 16.20 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | . 40 | 12.80 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 7.00 | 1.00 | 7.00 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 20.41 | 1.00 | 20.41 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 14.17 | 1.00 | 14.17 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 4.01 | 1.00 | 4.01 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 124.00 | 1.00 | 124.00 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 38.01 | 1.00 | 38.01 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 2006.55 |  |
| FIXED COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| TRACTOR DEPRECIATION | ACRE | 6.68 | 1.00 | 6.68 |  |
| TRACTOR INTEREST | ACRE | 6.47 | 1.00 | 6.47 |  |
| TRACTOR INSURANCE | ACRE | . 45 | 1.00 | . 45 |  |
| TRACTOR TAXES | ACRE | 1.04 | 1.00 | 1.04 |  |
| TRACTOR HOUSING | ACRE | . 74 | 1.00 | . 74 |  |
| MACHINE DEPRECIATION | ACRE | 38.13 | 1.00 | 38.13 |  |
| MACHINE INTEREST | ACRE | 29.08 | 1.00 | 29.08 |  |
| MACHINE INSURANCE | ACRE | 2.01 | 1.00 | 2.01 |  |
| MACHINE TAXES | ACRE | 4.68 | 1.00 | 4.68 |  |
| MACHINE HOUSING | ACRE | 1.07 | 1.00 | 1.07 |  |
| NET LAND RENT | ACRE | 210.00 | 1.00 | 210.00 |  |
| RE TAX 1-3 | ACRE | 49.14 | 1.00 | 49.14 |  |
| MANAGEMENT FEE | ACRE | 148.50 | 1.00 | 148.50 |  |
| TOTAL FIXED COST |  |  |  | 497.99 |  |

TOTAL COST 2504.54 $\qquad$
NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 1B. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 1

|  |  | VARIABLE COST |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATION | TOOLING | MTH | YEAR | MACH HOURS | LABOR HOURS | TOTAL <br> FIXED COST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FUEL, } \\ & \text { LUBE, \& } \\ & \text { REPAIRS } \end{aligned}$ | LABOR | SERVICE | MATER. | INTER. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { VARIABLE } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| PLOW | 105 HP TRACTOR, PLOW MOLDBOARD | MAR | 1 | . 60 | . 73 | 9.34 | 8.67 | 7.30 | . 00 | . 00 | . 31 | 16.28 | 25.62 |
| FERTILIZE | CUSTOM FERTILIZER APPLICATION | MAR | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.25 | 45.60 | 1.00 | 52.85 | 52.85 |
| DISK | 105 HP TRACTOR 13' TANDEM DISK | MAR | 1 | . 20 | . 24 | 3.93 | 2.78 | 2.40 | . 00 | . 00 | . 10 | 5.28 | 9.21 |
| LISTING | CUSTOM LISTING | MAR | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 30.00 | . 00 | . 58 | 30.58 | 30.58 |
| SORTING CROWNS | CUSTOM SORTING | MAR | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 50.00 | . 00 | . 97 | 50.97 | 50.97 |
| DIPPING CROWNS | CUSTOM DIPPING | MAR | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 25.00 | . 00 | . 48 | 25.48 | 25.48 |
| PLANTING | CUSTOM PLANTING | MAR | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 140.00 | 1360.00 | 29.06 | 1529.06 | 1529.06 |
| PLANTING | SUPERVISE PLANTING | MAR | 1 | . 00 | 2.00 | . 00 | . 00 | 20.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 39 | 20.39 | 20.39 |
| COVER ROOTS | 60 HP TRACTOR DRAGGING BOARD | MAR | 1 | . 52 | . 62 | 1.63 | 3.35 | 6.20 | . 00 | . 00 | . 19 | 9.74 | 11.37 |
| CULTIVATE | 60 HP TRACTOR, 2 ROW LILLISTON | APR | 1 | . 46 | . 55 | 3.73 | 3.83 | 5.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 12 | 9.45 | 13.18 |
| SPRAY WEEDS | 60 HP TRACTOR PTO SPRAYER | APR | 1 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 10.33 | . 17 | 13.53 | 15.18 |
| IRRIGATION | IRRIGATE MAY TO SEPTEMBER | SEA | 1 | 00 | . 20 | 47.09 | 4.63 | 2.00 | 29.00 | . 00 | 1.38 | 37.01 | 84.10 |
| HAND HOEING | HAND HOEING | MAY | 1 | . 00 | 6.00 | . 00 | . 00 | 60.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 39 | 60.39 | 60.39 |
| CULTIVATE | 60 HP TRACTOR, 2 ROW LILLISTON | MAY | 1 | . 91 | 1.10 | 7.39 | 7.57 | 11.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 12 | 18.69 | 26.08 |
| SPRAY WEEDS | 60 HP TRACTOR PTO SPRAYER | MAY | 1 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 13.33 | . 11 | 16.46 | 18.11 |
| SPOT SPRAY | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | JUN | 1 | . 50 | . 60 | 5.49 | 4.09 | 6.00 | . 00 | 2.09 | . 00 | 12.17 | 17.67 |
| SPRAY INSECTS | CUSTOM AERIAL SPRAYING | JUN | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.50 | 20.85 | . 00 | 27.35 | 27.35 |
| MANAGEMENT FEE | 5\% OF FULL PRODUCTION REVENUE | ANN | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 |
| LABOR PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 1 | . 25 | . 00 | 1.49 | 1.82 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 07 | 1.89 | 3.38 |
| PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 1 | . 75 | . 00 | 6.96 | 6.39 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 25 | 6.64 | 13.60 |
| LAND | NET LAND RENT | ANN | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 |
| TAXES | REAL ESTATE, TAXES IN YEAR ONE | AnN | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | 49.14 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 49.14 |
| OVERHEAD | UTILITIES, TELEPHONE, ETC. | ANN | 1 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 60.00 | 2.33 | 62.33 | 62.33 |
| TOTAL PER ACRE |  |  |  | 4.49 | 12.40 | 497.99 | 45.59 | 124.00 | 286.75 | 1512.19 | 38.01 | 2006.55 | 2504.54 |

[^2]Appendix Table 1c. Material and Services Used by Operation in the First Production Year

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fertilize | March | 135 lbs. Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb, 75 lbs. Phosphate @ \$.17/lb, 45 lbs. Potassium @ \$.10/lb; Custom hire @ \$6.25/acre |
| Listing | March | Custom hire @ \$30/acre |
| Sorting Crown | March | Custom hire @ \$50/acre |
| Dipping Crown | March | Custom hire @ \$25.00/acre |
| Planting | March | Custom hire @ \$140.00/acre |
| Planting Asparagus | March | 17,000 Crowns @ \$80.00/thousand |
| Spray Weeds | April | . 25 gal . of Roundup @ \$41.32/gal. |
| Irrigation | Season | Irrigation Charge @ \$16.20, Electricity Charge @ \$12.80 |
| Spray Weeds | May | 1 lb . of Lorox @ \$13.33/lb. |
| Spot Spray | June | . 125 gal . of 2,4D @ \$16.05/gal. |
| Spray Insect | June | .125 gal. of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of Sevin @ \$35.75; Custom Hire @ \$6.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Utilities and Expenses @ \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 2A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 2

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOUR } \\ & \text { FARM } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.91 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.91 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| TREFLAN FP | GAL | 26.89 | . 25 | 6.72 |  |
| CUT (YR.2) | ACRE | 206.55 | 1.00 | 206.55 |  |
| KARMEX | LB | 4.74 | 1.20 | 5.69 |  |
| SENCOR | LB | 20.82 | . 63 | 13.12 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 120.00 | 25.20 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | 1.00 | 40.50 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | 1.00 | 32.00 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 3.60 | 1.00 | 3.60 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 12.44 | 1.00 | 12.44 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 14.39 | 1.00 | 14.39 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 8.02 | 1.00 | 8.02 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 52.30 | 1.00 | 52.30 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 13.51 | 1.00 | 13.61 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 555.07 |  |


| FIXED COSTS | $\$$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TRACTOR DEPRECIATION | ACRE | 3.39 | 1.00 | 3.39 |
| TRACTOR INTEREST | ACRE | 3.28 | 1.00 | 3.28 |
| TRACTOR INSURANCE | ACRE | .23 | 1.00 | .23 |
| TRACTOR TAXES | ACRE | .53 | 1.00 | .53 |
| TRACTOR HOUSING | ACRE | .38 | 1.00 | .38 |
| MACHINE DEPRECIATION | ACRE | 37.78 | 1.00 | 37.78 |
| MACHINE INTEREST | ACRE | 28.00 | 1.00 | 28.00 |
| MACHINE INSURANCE | ACRE | 1.93 | 1.00 | 1.93 |
| MACHINE TAXES | ACRE | 4.51 | 1.00 | 4.51 |
| MACHINE HOUSING | ACRE | .94 | 1.00 | .94 |
| RE TAX 1-3 | ACRE | 49.14 | 1.00 | 49.14 |
| NET LAND RENT | ACRE | 210.00 | 1.00 | 210.00 |
| MANAGEMENT FEE | ACRE | 148.50 | 1.00 | 148.50 |
| INVEST INT (Y1) | ACRE | 217.89 | 1.00 | 217.89 |
|  |  |  |  | ------ |

TOTAL COST
1261.56

NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 2B. SChEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 2


NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cover Spray | July | 13 gal of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of Sevin @ \$35.75; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Insect Control | August | .13 gal of Disyston @ $\$ 91.61 / \mathrm{gal} ., .25 \mathrm{gal}$ of Sevin @ \$35.75; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Weed Control | March | . 25 gal of Treflan @ \$26.89/gal |
| Harvest | April/June | 45\% of Gross Revenue for a total of \$206.55 |
| Herbicide at Lay-by | June | 1.20 lb of Karmex @ \$4.74/lb <br> .63 lb of Sencor @ \$20.82/lb |
| Fertilize | June | 120 lbs of Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb $\$ 6.25$ for Custom Fertilize Service |
| Irrigation | Seasonal | Electricity @ \$32/acre, <br> Irrigation Charge @ \$40.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Phone, Utilities for a total of \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 3A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 3

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOUR } \\ & \text { FARM } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| TREFLAN FP | GAL | 26.89 | . 25 | 6.72 |  |
| FORMULA-40/2,4D | GAL | 16.05 | . 13 | 2.09 |  |
| CUT (Y3) | ACRE | 437.40 | 1.00 | 437.40 |  |
| SENCOR | LB | 20.82 | . 63 | 13.12 |  |
| KARMEX | LB | 4.74 | 1.20 | 5.69 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 120.00 | 25.20 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | 1.00 | 40.50 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | 1.00 | 32.00 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 2.94 | 1.00 | 2.94 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 10.18 | 1.00 | 10.18 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 26.58 | 1.00 | 26.58 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 20.32 | 1.00 | 20.32 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 47.40 | 1.00 | 47.40 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 17.36 | 1.00 | 17.36 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 807.52 |  |

FIXED COSTS
\$
\$
TRACTOR DEPRECIATION ACRE
TRACTOR INTEREST ACRE
TRACTOR INSURANCE ACRE
TRACTOR TAXES ACRE
TRACTOR HOUSING ACRE
MACHINE DEPRECIATION
MACHINE INTEREST
MACHINE INSURANCE
MACHINE TAXES
MACHINE HOUSING ACRE
MANAGEMENT FEE ACRE
NET LAND RENT
INVEST INT.(Y2)
RE TAX 1-3
ACRE
ACRE
ACRE
TOTAL FIXED COST

TOTAL COST
NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 3B. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 3


NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cover Spray | July | .13 gal of Disyston @ $\$ 91.61 / \mathrm{gal} ., .25 \mathrm{gal}$ of Sevin @ 35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Insect Control | August | .13 gal of Disyston @ $\$ 91.61 / \mathrm{gal}$., .25 gal of Sevin @ 35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Weed Control | March | . 25 gal of Treflan @ \$26.89/gal |
| Spot Spray | April | . 13 gal. of Formula-40/2,4-D @ \$16.05/gal. |
| Harvest | April/June | $45 \%$ of Gross Revenue for a total of \$437.40 |
| Herbicide at Lay-by | June | 1.20 lb of Karmex @ \$4.74/lb <br> .63 lb of Sencor @ \$20.82/lb |
| Fertilize | June | 120 lbs of Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb $\$ 6.25$ for Custom Fertilize Service |
| Irrigation | Seasonal | Electricity @ \$32/acre, Irrigation Charge @ \$40.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Phone, Utilities for a total of \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 4A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 4

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOUR } \\ & \text { FARM } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| TREFLAN FP | GAL | 26.89 | . 38 | 10.08 |  |
| CUT (Y-4) | ACRE | 972.00 | 1.00 | 972.00 |  |
| FORMULA-40/2,4D | GAL | 16.05 | . 13 | 2.09 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 120.00 | 25.20 |  |
| SENCOR | LB | 20.82 | . 63 | 13.12 |  |
| KARMEX | LB | 4.74 | 1.20 | 5.69 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | 1.00 | 40.50 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | 1.00 | 32.00 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 2.94 | 1.00 | 2.94 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 10.18 | 1.00 | 10.18 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 26.58 | 1.00 | 26.58 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 20.32 | 1.00 | 20.32 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 47.40 | 1.00 | 47.40 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 24.33 | 1.00 | 24.33 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 1352.45 |  |

FIXED COSTS
\$
\$
TRACTOR DEPRECIATION ACRE
TRACTOR INTEREST ACRE
TRACTOR INSURANCE ACRE
TRACTOR TAXES ACRE
TRACTOR HOUSING ACRE
MACHINE DEPRECIATION
MACHINE INTEREST
MACHINE INSURANCE
MACHTNE TAXFS
MACHINE HOUSING ACRE
MANA
NT FE
ACRE
INVEST INT (Y3)
NET LAND RENT
RE TAX 4-15
TOTAL FIXED COST

TOTAL COST
2212.90
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NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 4B. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 4

|  |  | VARIABLE COST |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATION | TOOLING | MTH | YEAR | MACH HOURS | LABOR HOURS | TOTAL <br> FIXED <br> COST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FUEL, } \\ & \text { LUBE, \& } \\ & \text { REPAIRS } \end{aligned}$ | LABOR | SERVICE | MATER. | INTER. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { VARIABLE } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| INSECT CONTROL | CUSTOM AERIAL SPRAYING | JUL | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.50 | 20.39 | 1.91 | 28.80 | 28.80 |
| INSECT CONTROL | CUSTOM AERIAL SPRAYING | AUG | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.50 | 20.39 | 1.74 | 28.63 | 28.63 |
| BEAT FERNS | 60 HP TRACTOR, ROTARY MOWER | MAR | 4 | . 37 | . 45 | 4.08 | 3.53 | 4.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 16 | 8.18 | 12.26 |
| WEED CONTROL | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | MAR | 4 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 10.08 | . 25 | 13.36 | 15.01 |
| ROTOVATE | 60 HP TRACTOR, 5' ROTOVATOR | MAR | 4 | . 69 | . 83 | 7.95 | 7.16 | 8.30 | . 00 | . 00 | . 30 | 15.76 | 23.71 |
| IRRIGATION | IRRIGATE APRIL TO SEPTEMBER | SEA | 4 | 00 | . 50 | 47.09 | 4.63 | 5.00 | 72.50 | . 00 | 3.18 | 85.31 | 132.41 |
| CUT | 45\% OF ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE | APR | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 972.00 | . 00 | 12.56 | 984.56 | 984.56 |
| SWAMPING | 60 HP TRACTOR, TRAILER | APR | 4 | . 44 | . 54 | 1.89 | 3.16 | 5.40 | . 00 | . 00 | . 11 | 8.67 | 10.57 |
| HARVEST | SUPERVISE HARVEST | APR | 4 | . 00 | 2.00 | . 00 | . 00 | 20.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 26 | 20.26 | 20.26 |
| SPOT SPRAY | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | APR | 4 | . 05 | . 06 | . 55 | . 41 | . 60 | . 00 | 2.09 | . 04 | 3.14 | 3.68 |
| APPLY HERBICIDE | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | JUN | 4 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 18.80 | . 00 | 21.83 | 23.48 |
| FERTILIZE | CUSTOM FERTILIZER APPLICATION | JUN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.25 | 25.20 | . 00 | 31.45 | 31.45 |
| MANAGEMENT FEE | 7\% OF FULL PRODUCTION REVENUE | ANN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 |
| LABOR PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 4 | 1.80 | . 00 | 10.72 | 13.12 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 51 | 13.62 | 24.35 |
| PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 4 | 3.00 | . 00 | 27.83 | 25.57 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 99 | 26.56 | 54.39 |
| INTEREST | ACCUMLATED NET ESTAB COST | ANN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | 342.89 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 342.89 |
| LAND | NET LAND RENT | ANN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 |
| TAXES | RE TAXES IN YEAR FOUR | ANN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | 55.64 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 55.64 |
| OVERHEAD | UTILITIES, TELEPHONE,ETC. | ANN | 4 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 60.00 | 2.33 | 62.33 | 62.33 |
| TOTAL PER ACRE |  |  |  | 6.65 | 4.74 | 860.44 | 60.03 | 47.40 | 1063.75 | 156.95 | 24.33 | 1352.45 | 2212.90 |

NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

Appendix Table 4c. Material and Service Used by Operation in the Fourth Production Year

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cover Spray | July | . 13 gal of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of |
|  |  | Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Insect Control | August | . 13 gal of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of |
|  |  | Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Weed Control | March | . 375 gal of Treflan @ \$26.89/gal |
| Spot Spray | April | . 13 gal of Formula-40/2,4-D @ \$16.05/gal. |
| Harvest | April/June | 45\% of Gross Revenue for a total of \$972.00 |
| Herbicide at Lay-by | June | 1.20 lb of Karmex @ \$4.74/lb |
|  |  | . 63 lb of Sencor @ \$20.82/lb |
| Fertilize | June | 120 lbs of Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb |
|  |  | \$6.25 for Custom Fertilize Service |
| Irrigation | Seasonal | Electricity @ \$32/acre, |
|  |  | Irrigation Charge @ \$40.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Phone, Utilities for a total of \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 5A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 5

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | YOUR <br> FARM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| TREFLAN FP | GAL | 26.89 | . 38 | 10.08 |  |
| CUT (YR.5) | ACRE | 1215.00 | 1.00 | 1215.00 |  |
| FORMULA-40/2,4D | GAL | 16.05 | . 13 | 2.09 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 120.00 | 25.20 |  |
| SENCOR | LB | 20.82 | . 63 | 13.12 |  |
| KARMEX | LB | 4.74 | 1.20 | 5.69 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | 1.00 | 40.50 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | 1.00 | 32.00 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 2.94 | 1.00 | 2.94 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 10.18 | 1.00 | 10.18 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 26.58 | 1.00 | 26.58 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 20.32 | 1.00 | 20.32 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 47.40 | 1.00 | 47.40 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 27.47 | 1.00 | 27.47 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 1598.60 |  |

FIXED COSTS
TRACTOR DEPRECIATION ACRE
TRACTOR INTEREST ACRE
TRACTOR INSURANCE
TRACTOR TAXES
ACRE
TRACTOR HOUSING ACRE
MACHINE DEPRECIATION
MACHINE INTEREST
MACHINE INSURANCE
MACHINE TAXES
MACHINE HOUSING ACRE
MANAGEMENT FEE ACRE
INT ( YR.4)
ACRE
NET LAND RENT ACRE
RE TAX 4-15
ACRE
TOTAL FIXED COST

TOTAL COST
2463.64

NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 5B. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - YEAR 5

|  |  | VARIABLE COST |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATION | TOOLING | MTH | YEAR | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MACH } \\ \text { HOURS } \end{array}$ | LABOR HOURS | TOTAL <br> FIXED COST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FUEL, } \\ & \text { LUBE, \& } \\ & \text { REPAIRS } \end{aligned}$ | LABOR | SERVICE | MATER. | INTER. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { VARIABLE } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| INSECT CONTROL | CUSTOM AERIAL SPRAYING | JUL | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.50 | 20.39 | 1.91 | 28.80 | 28.80 |
| INSECT CONTROL | CUSTOM AERIAL SPRAYING | AUG | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.50 | 20.39 | 1.74 | 28.63 | 28.63 |
| BEAT FERNS | 60 HP TRACTOR, ROTARY MOWER | MAR | 5 | . 37 | . 45 | 4.08 | 3.53 | 4.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 16 | 8.18 | 12.26 |
| WEED CONTROL | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | MAR | 5 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 10.08 | . 25 | 13.36 | 15.01 |
| ROTOVATE | 60 HP TRACTOR, 5' ROTOVATOR | MAR | 5 | . 69 | . 83 | 7.95 | 7.16 | 8.30 | . 00 | . 00 | . 30 | 15.76 | 23.71 |
| IRRIGATION | IRRIGATE APRIL TO SEPTEMBER | SEA | 5 | 00 | . 50 | 47.09 | 4.63 | 5.00 | 72.50 | . 00 | 3.18 | 85.31 | 132.41 |
| CUT | 45\% OF ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE | APR | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 1215.00 | . 00 | 15.69 | 1230.69 | 1230.69 |
| SWAMPING | 60 HP TRACTOR, TRAILER | APR | 5 | . 44 | . 54 | 1.89 | 3.16 | 5.40 | . 00 | . 00 | . 11 | 8.67 | 10.57 |
| HARVEST | SUPERVISE HARVEST | APR | 5 | . 00 | 2.00 | . 00 | . 00 | 20.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 26 | 20.26 | 20.26 |
| SPOT SPRAY | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | APR | 5 | . 05 | . 06 | . 55 | . 41 | . 60 | . 00 | 2.09 | . 04 | 3.14 | 3.68 |
| APPLY HERBICIDE | 60 HP TRACTOR, PTO SPRAYER | JUN | 5 | . 15 | . 18 | 1.65 | 1.23 | 1.80 | . 00 | 18.80 | . 00 | 21.83 | 23.48 |
| FERTILIZE | CUSTOM FERTILIZER APPLICATION | JUN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 6.25 | 25.20 | . 00 | 31.45 | 31.45 |
| MANAGEMENT FEE | 5\% OF FULL PRODUCTION REVENUE | ANN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 148.50 |
| LABOR PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 5 | 1.80 | . 00 | 10.72 | 13.12 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 51 | 13.62 | 24.35 |
| PICKUP | MISCELLANEOUS USE | ANN | 5 | 3.00 | . 00 | 27.83 | 25.57 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 99 | 26.56 | 54.39 |
| INTEREST | ACCUMULATED NET ESTAB COST | ANN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | 347.49 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 347.49 |
| LAND | NET LAND RENT | ANN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 210.00 |
| TAXES | RE TAXES IN YEAR FOUR | ANN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | 55.64 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 55.64 |
| OVERHEAD | UTILITIES, TELEPHONE,ETC. | ANN | 5 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | 60.00 | 2.33 | 62.33 | 62.33 |
| TOTAL PER ACRE |  |  |  | 6.65 | 4.74 | 865.04 | 60.03 | 47.40 | 1306.75 | 156.95 | 27.47 | 1598.60 | 2463.64 |

NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30Th

Appendix Table 5c. Material and Services Used by Operation in the Fifth Production Year

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cover Spray | July | .13 gal of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Insect Control | August | . 13 gal of Disyston @ $\$ 91.61 / \mathrm{gal} ., .25 \mathrm{gal}$ of Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Weed Control | March | . 375 gal of Treflan @ \$26.89/gal |
| Spot Spray | April | . 13 gal of Formula-40/2,4-D @ \$16.05/gal. |
| Harvest | April/June | $45 \%$ of Gross Revenue for a total of \$1215.00 |
| Herbicide at Lay-by | June | 1.20 lb of Karmex @ \$4.74/lb <br> .63 lb of Sencor @ \$20.82/lb |
| Fertilize | June | 120 lbs of Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb $\$ 6.25$ for Custom Fertilize Service |
| Irrigation | Seasonal | Electricity @ \$32/acre, <br> Irrigation Charge @ \$40.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Phone, Utilities for a total of \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 6A. ITEMIZED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - FULL PRODUCTION

|  | UNIT | PRICE OR COST/UNIT | QUANTITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALUE OR } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOUR } \\ & \text { FARM } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIABLE COSTS |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| AERIAL SPRAYING | ACRE | 6.50 | 1.00 | 6.50 |  |
| DISYSTON | GAL | 91.61 | . 13 | 11.45 |  |
| SEVIN XLR PLUS | GAL | 35.75 | . 25 | 8.94 |  |
| TREFLAN FP | GAL | 26.89 | . 38 | 10.08 |  |
| CUT (YR. 6) | ACRE | 1336.50 | 1.00 | 1336.50 |  |
| FORMULA-40/2,4D | GAL | 16.05 | . 13 | 2.09 |  |
| CUSTOM FERT.APP | ACRE | 6.25 | 1.00 | 6.25 |  |
| NITROGEN | LB | . 21 | 120.00 | 25.20 |  |
| SENCOR | LB | 20.82 | . 63 | 13.12 |  |
| KARMEX | LB | 4.74 | 1.20 | 5.69 |  |
| CUSTOM IRRIGATE | ACRE | 40.50 | 1.00 | 40.50 |  |
| IRR ELECTRICITY | ACRE | 32.00 | 1.00 | 32.00 |  |
| TRACTOR REPAIR | ACRE | 2.94 | 1.00 | 2.94 |  |
| TRACTOR FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 10.18 | 1.00 | 10.18 |  |
| MACHINERY REPAIRS | ACRE | 26.58 | 1.00 | 26.58 |  |
| MACHINE FUEL/LUBE | ACRE | 20.32 | 1.00 | 20.32 |  |
| LABOR (TRAC/MACH) | ACRE | 47.40 | 1.00 | 47.40 |  |
| INTEREST ON OP. CAP. | ACRE | 29.03 | 1.00 | 29.03 |  |
| OVERHEAD | ACRE | 60.00 | 1.00 | 60.00 |  |
| TOTAL VARIABLE COST |  |  |  | 1721.66 |  |

FIXED COSTS
\$
\$
TRACTOR DEPRECIATION ACRE
TRACTOR INTEREST ACRE
TRACTOR INSURANCE ACRE
TRACTOR TAXES ACRE
TRACTOR HOUSING ACRE
MACHINE DEPRECIATION
MACHINE INTEREST
MACHINE INSURANCE
MACHINE TAXES
MACHINE HOUSING ACRE
MANAGEMENT FEE ACRE
AMORTIZED ESTAB COST
NET LAND RENT
RE TAX 4-15
ACRE
ACRE
ACRE ACRE ACRE ACRE

TOTAL FIXED COST

TOTAL COST
2817.07

NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

APPENDIX TABLE 6B. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATED COSTS PER ACRE FOR ESTABLISHING A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD - FULL PRODUCTION


NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

Appendix Table 6c. Material and Services Used by Operation in the Sixth Production Year

| Operation | Period | Material and/or Service |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cover Spray | July | .13 gal of Disyston @ $\$ 91.61 / \mathrm{gal} ., .25 \mathrm{gal}$ of Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Insect Control | August | .13 gal of Disyston @ \$91.61/gal., . 25 gal of Sevin @ \$35.75/gal; \$6.50/acre Aerial Spraying |
| Weed Control | March | . 375 gal of Treflan @ \$26.89/gal |
| Spot Spray | April | . 13 gal of Formula-40/2,4-D @ \$16.05/gal. |
| Harvest | April/June | $45 \%$ of Gross Revenue for a total of \$1336.5 |
| Herbicide at lay-by | June | 1.20 lb of Karmex @ \$4.74/lb <br> .63 lb of Sencor @ \$20.82/lb |
| Fertilize | June | 120 lbs of Nitrogen @ \$.21/lb $\$ 6.25$ for Custom Fertilize Service |
| Irrigation | Seasonal | Electricity @ \$32/acre, <br> Irrigation Charge @ \$40.50/acre |
| Overhead | Annual | Phone, Utilities for a total of \$60/acre |

APPENDIX TABLE 7A. HOURLY OR PER ACRE MACHINERY COSTS FOR A 40-ACRE ASPARAGUS FIELD

| MACHINERY | PURCHASE <br> PRICE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YEARS } \\ & \text { TO } \\ & \text { TRADE } \end{aligned}$ | ANNUAL HOURS | DEPREC- <br> IATION | INTEREST | INSURANCE | TAXES | HOUSING | TOTAL FIXED COST | REPAIR | FUEL <br> AND <br> LUBE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { VARIABLE } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { COST } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -Cost | R HOUR |  |  |  |  |
| 105HP TRACTOR | 57,500.00 | 15 | 1000 | 3.09 | 2.99 | . 21 | . 48 | . 34 | 7.11 | 3.18 | 6.67 | 9.85 | 16.95 |
| 60 HP TRACTOR | 30,500.00 | 15 | 1200 | 1.36 | 1.32 | . 09 | . 21 | . 15 | 3.14 | 1.45 | 5.00 | 6.45 | 9.59 |
| 3/4 TON PICKUP | 26,000.00 | 4 | 650 | 6.00 | 2.44 | . 17 | . 39 | . 28 | 9.28 | 4.96 | 3.57 | 8.52 | 17.80 |
| PLOW MOLDBOARD | 10,250.00 | 10 | 200 | 4.22 | 2.62 | . 18 | . 42 | . 30 | 7.75 | 3.63 | . 00 | 3.63 | 11.37 |
| 13' TANDEM DISK | 9,500.00 | 15 | 100 | 5.73 | 4.53 | . 31 | . 73 | . 52 | 11.82 | 3.08 | . 00 | 3.08 | 14.90 |
| 4-ROW CULTIVATOR | 5,000.00 | 15 | 120 | 2.51 | 1.99 | . 14 | . 32 | . 23 | 5.18 | 1.71 | . 00 | 1.71 | 6.90 |
| 6' ROTOVATOR | 6,400.00 | 10 | 120 | 4.39 | 2.73 | . 19 | . 44 | . 31 | 8.06 | 3.29 | . 00 | 3.29 | 11.35 |
| 12' ROLL HORROW | 10,000.00 | 15 | 100 | 6.03 | 4.77 | . 33 | . 77 | . 55 | 12.44 | 3.24 | . 00 | 3.24 | 15.68 |
| 4-ROW PLANTER | 13,000.00 | 12 | 60 | 15.56 | 10.73 | . 74 | 1.73 | 1.23 | 29.99 | 4.33 | . 00 | 4.33 | 34.32 |
| 10' ROTARY MOWER | 5,000.00 | 10 | 100 | 4.17 | 2.53 | . 17 | . 41 | . 29 | 7.58 | 2.43 | . 00 | 2.43 | 10.02 |
| 150G PTO SPRAYER | 2,500.00 | 10 | 50 | 4.06 | 2.58 | . 18 | . 42 | . 30 | 7.53 | 1.08 | . 00 | 1.08 | 8.61 |
| SWAMPING CART | 340.00 | 15 | 50 | . 45 | . 30 | . 02 | . 05 | . 03 | . 85 | . 09 | . 00 | . 09 | . 94 |
| 2-ROW LILLISTON | 3,750.00 | 15 | 100 | 2.25 | 1.79 | . 12 | . 29 | . 21 | 4.66 | 1.23 | . 00 | 1.23 | 5.89 |
| LABOR PICKUP | 10,500.00 | 8 | 300 | 3.50 | 1.83 | . 13 | . 29 | . 21 | 5.96 | 1.94 | 5.35 | 7.29 | 13.24 |
|  |  |  | ACRES |  |  |  |  | -COST | ER ACRE-- |  |  |  |  |
| SIDE ROLL SYSTEM | 18,200.00 | 20 | 40 | 22.75 | 19.79 | 1.37 | 3.19 | . 00 | 47.09 | 4.63 | . 00 | 4.63 | 51.72 |

APPENDIX TABLE 7B. EQUIPMENT DATA*

| MACHINERY | PURCHASE PRICE (\$) | YEARS OF USE | SALVAGE VALUE | ANNUAL HOURS OF USE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 105 HP TRACTOR | 57,500 | 15 | 11,195 | 1,000 |
| 60 HP TRACTOR | 30,500 | 15 | 5,938 | 1,200 |
| 3/4 TON PICKUP | 26,000 | 4 | 10,400 | 650 |
| PLOW MOLDBOARD | 10,250 | 10 | 1,812 | 200 |
| 13' TANDEM DISK | 9,500 | 15 | 912 | 100 |
| 4-ROW CULTIVATOR | 5,000 | 15 | 480 | 120 |
| 6' ROTOVATOR | 6,400 | 10 | 1,132 | 120 |
| 12' ROLL HARROW | 10,000 | 15 | 960 | 100 |
| 4-ROW PLANTER | 13,000 | 12 | 1,801 | 60 |
| 10' ROTARY MOWER | 5,000 | 10 | 826 | 100 |
| 150G PTO SPRAYER | 2,500 | 10 | 471 | 50 |
| SWAMPING CART | 340 | 15 | 0 | 50 |
| 2-ROW LILLISTON | 3,750 | 15 | 375 | 100 |
| LABOR PICKUP | 10,500 | 8 | 2,100 | $300$ |
| SIDE ROLL SYSTEM | 18,200 | 20 | 0 | 40 |

*Annual repair cost and fuel use per hour are calculated by using machine parameter.


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    ${ }^{1}$ Washington Agricultural Statistics Service, 2001.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Pacific Northwest Farm Machinery Costs: 2000.

[^2]:    NOTE: PRODUCTION YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST AND ENDS JUNE 30TH

