

TABLE 6.—COMPARISON OF PRODUCTION COSTS AND GROWER RETURN

	Calimyrna	Adriatic	Kadotas	Black Missions
Preharvest cash costs.....	\$116.85	\$108.83	\$108.83	\$108.83
Harvest costs.....	81.05	75.70	75.70	92.25
Depreciation.....	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Interest on investment.....	35.40	35.40	35.40	35.40
Total costs of production per acre.....	261.30	247.93	247.93	264.48
Cost of production per ton of merchantable figs ¹	348.40	247.93	247.93	211.72
Average grower return for 1966 crop per ton.....	290.00	137.00	165.00	146.00

¹ Based on Calimyrna production of 1,500 pounds per acre; Adriatic production of 2,000 pounds per acre; Kadota production of 2,000 pounds per acre; Black Mission production of 2,500 pounds per acre.

Source: 1963 dried fig cost of production worksheet prepared by the Extensive Service of the University of California, only labor costs have been revised to current wage rates. Average grower returns from official records of the Dried Fig Advisory Board.

AVERAGE GROWER RETURNS

Table 7, shows, by variety, the average returns on a per ton basis to growers for merchantable figs for the last 30 years. As you will notice, Growers Returns for each variety have declined the past two years.

On a Varietal and Product Utilization basis (Dried Fig and Fig Paste), Table 8 illustrates the depressing effect foreign fig paste has had on average price returns to growers for the past two years.

In referring to the Tables 7 and 8, on a varietal basis, it is immediately apparent that the greater the percentage utilized as Fig Paste, in direct competition to low priced imports, the greater the reduction in grower returns.

For the 1964 crop the \$237.00 per ton average received by growers was 92% of the parity price but the \$189.00 figure for 1966 (Table 9) equalled only 67% of the parity price; the lowest figure since the 1952 season.

TABLE 7.—AVERAGE ANNUAL PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS FOR DRIED FIGS, SEASONS 1937 TO 1966 INCLUSIVE

[In dollars per ton]

Year	Calimyrna	Adriatic	Kadota	Mission
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1937.....	102	83	85	52
1938.....	115	81	85	53
1939.....	109	107	89	64
1940.....	120	99	84	53
1941.....	210	150	140	98
1942.....	278	218	181	130
1943.....	406	290	252	218
1944.....	390	275	256	220
1945.....	410	296	276	241
1946.....	436	360	340	282
1947.....	177	155	139	84
1948.....	220	164	146	125
1949.....	294	190	172	110
1950.....	454	340	320	190
1951.....	318	222	216	134
1952.....	258	138	130	100
1953.....	250	193	197	113
1954.....	245	187	183	123
1955.....	296	195	198	165
1956 ¹	241	144	147	116
1957.....	271	162	174	124
1958.....	292	213	220	159
1959.....	288	219	221	195
1960.....	329	203	221	207
1961.....	288	182	164	189
1962.....	313	165	168	157
1963.....	320	180	180	150
1964.....	334	235	248	182
1965.....	308	212	223	156
1966 ²	290	137	165	146

¹ Prices paid for 80 percent free tonnage.

² Preliminary.

Sources: For years through 1958: USDA, agricultural statistics. For 1959–65: U.S. Tariff Commission.