

Spray and Other Materials, Tree Replacement, Picking Up Drops (1929 and 1930), and Cultivation, Labor, Caretaker, and All Other Costs.¹ The number of absentee owners reporting costs under these headings were fewer than the number who reported total costs. Frequently the total cost figures were available while the several items making up the total costs were not available. However, these items were stated in a sufficient number of replies to give a fairly reliable 6-year average. The figures are shown in Table 12 by age of trees.

TABLE 12.—COSTS PER ACRE OTHER THAN TAXES AND FERTILIZER BY AGE OF TREES, SIX-YEAR AVERAGE, SEASONS 1924-25 TO 1929-30.

Age of trees	Spray and other materials	Tree replacement	Cultivation, labor, caretaker and all other costs (excluding interest)	Total
Year	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Sixth to eighth.....	5.73	2.13	30.37	38.23
Ninth to eleventh.....	6.66	1.22	38.74	46.62
Twelfth to fourteenth.....	7.47	1.19	40.37	49.03
Fifteenth to seventeenth..	6.04	1.61	45.61	53.26
Eighteenth and older.....	12.79	2.46	62.53	77.78
Mixed and unknown.....	7.32	3.37	51.48	62.17
All ages.....	7.37	1.94	38.41	47.72

Federal quarantine regulations, which were applicable to what was known as the eradication area, required that dropped citrus be picked up and destroyed once every two weeks beginning September 1, 1929. Soon afterwards, the regulation was changed to once every week, and was in effect until November 15, 1930.

Hence the cost of picking up drops was inappreciable except for parts of the years 1929 and 1930 when the quarantine was in effect. Of the 477 absentee owners, 197 reported a separate cost for picking up drops in the season 1929-30. Many of the others reported that this cost was included in the 1929-30 total cost and 51 reported no cost for picking up drops—there being no cost for non-bearing groves. The 197 owners who reported a separate cost for this item gave \$7,861.15 as the cost for a total acreage of 2,518.25 acres of groves, or an average cost of \$3.12 per acre.

¹See copy of questionnaire, pages 30-32