

# *Costos de Producción y Tendencias del Mercado de la Fresa*

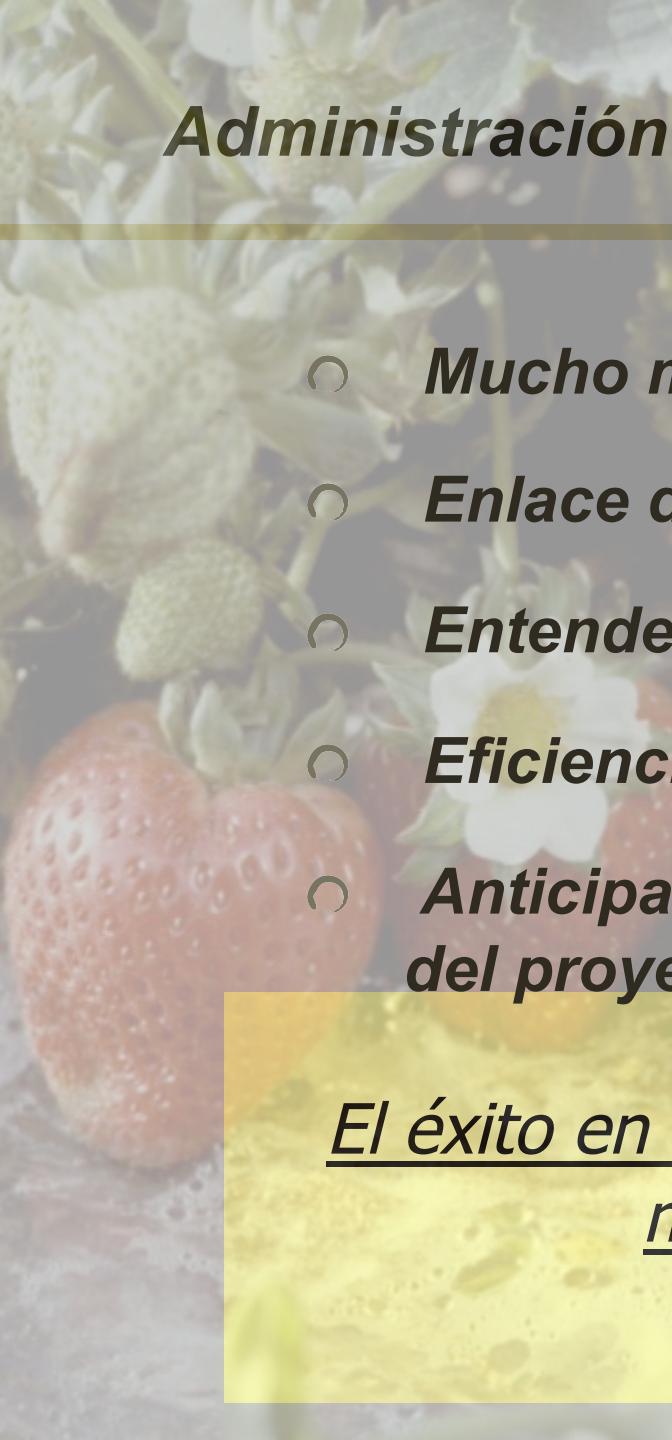
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## *Eficiencia en el manejo del cultivo*

- *Importante entender costos*
- *Importante entender tendencias en el mercado*
- *Costos unitarios  
VS  
precios unitarios?*

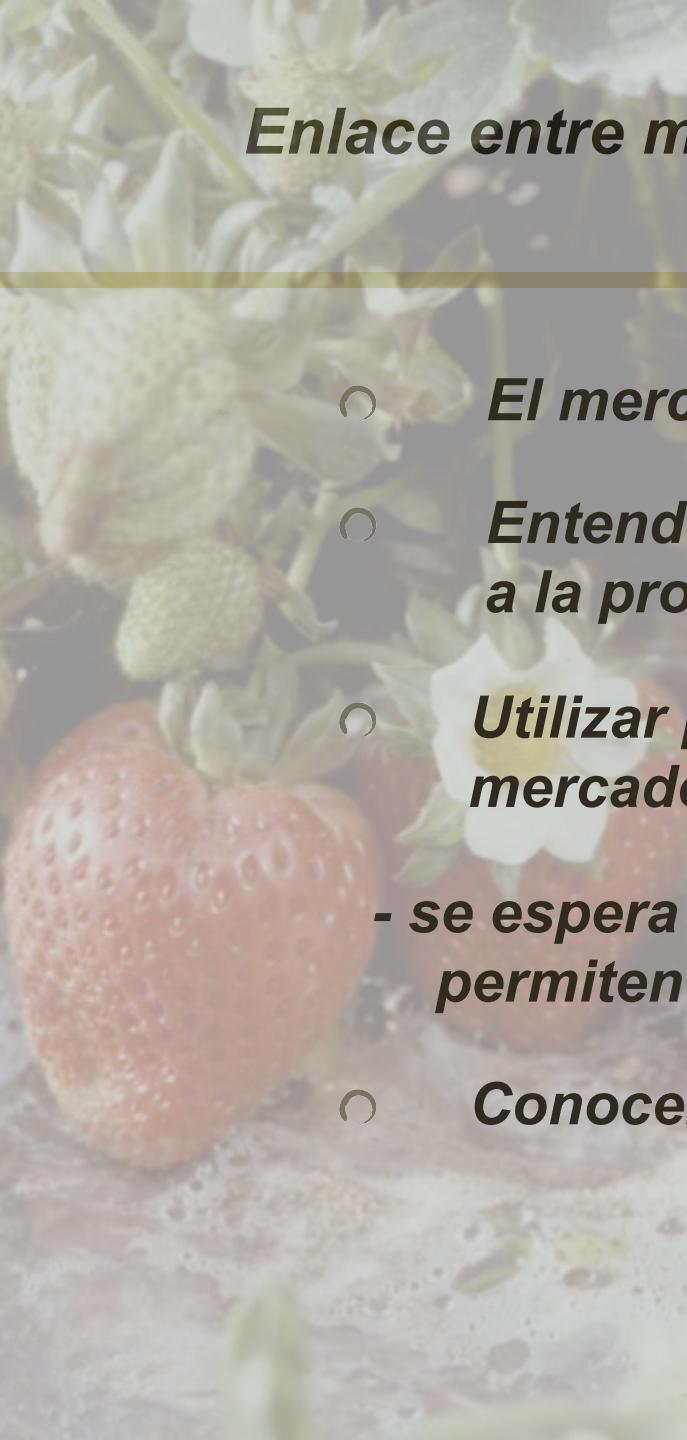


# Administración del negocio

- *Mucho mas que manejo del cultivo*
- *Enlace del mercadeo y producción*
- *Entender el mercado y producir producto(s)*
- *Eficiencia a todos los niveles*
- *Anticipar gastos y necesidades durante la vida del proyecto para trabajar con eficiencia*

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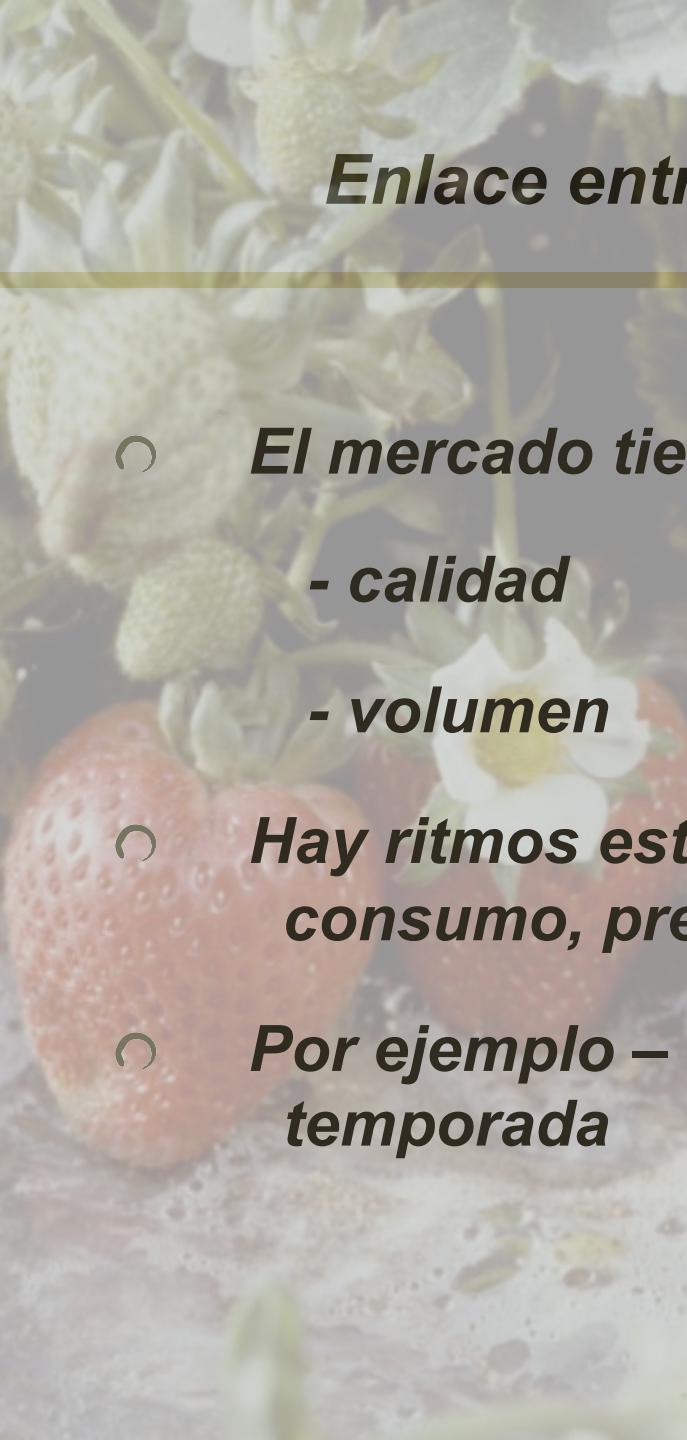
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manejo de los detalles



## *Enlace entre mercadeo y la producción*

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- *El mercado dicta los términos del negocio*
- *Entender el mercado y pasar el conocimiento a la producción*
- *Utilizar pasos eficientes para producir para el mercado.*
  - *se espera que los costos de producción permiten ganancia en una semana típica*
- *Conocer el mercado y conocer sus costos*



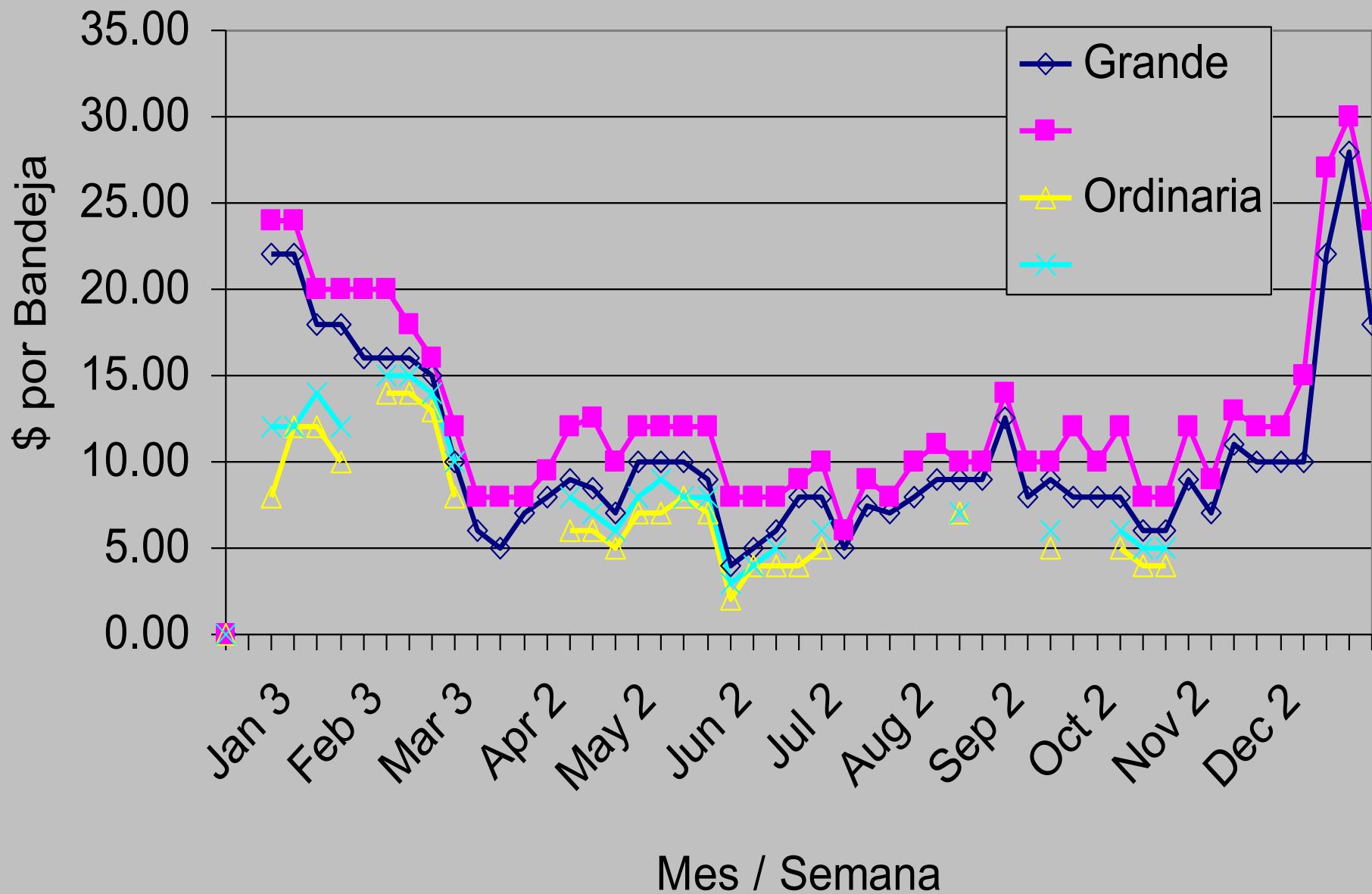
## *Enlace entre mercadeo y producción*

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- *El mercado tiene sus esperanzas del producto*
  - *calidad*
  - *volumen*
- *Hay ritmos establecidos de flujo del producto – consumo, preferencias de los consumidores.*
- *Por ejemplo – fruta grande al comienzo de la temporada*

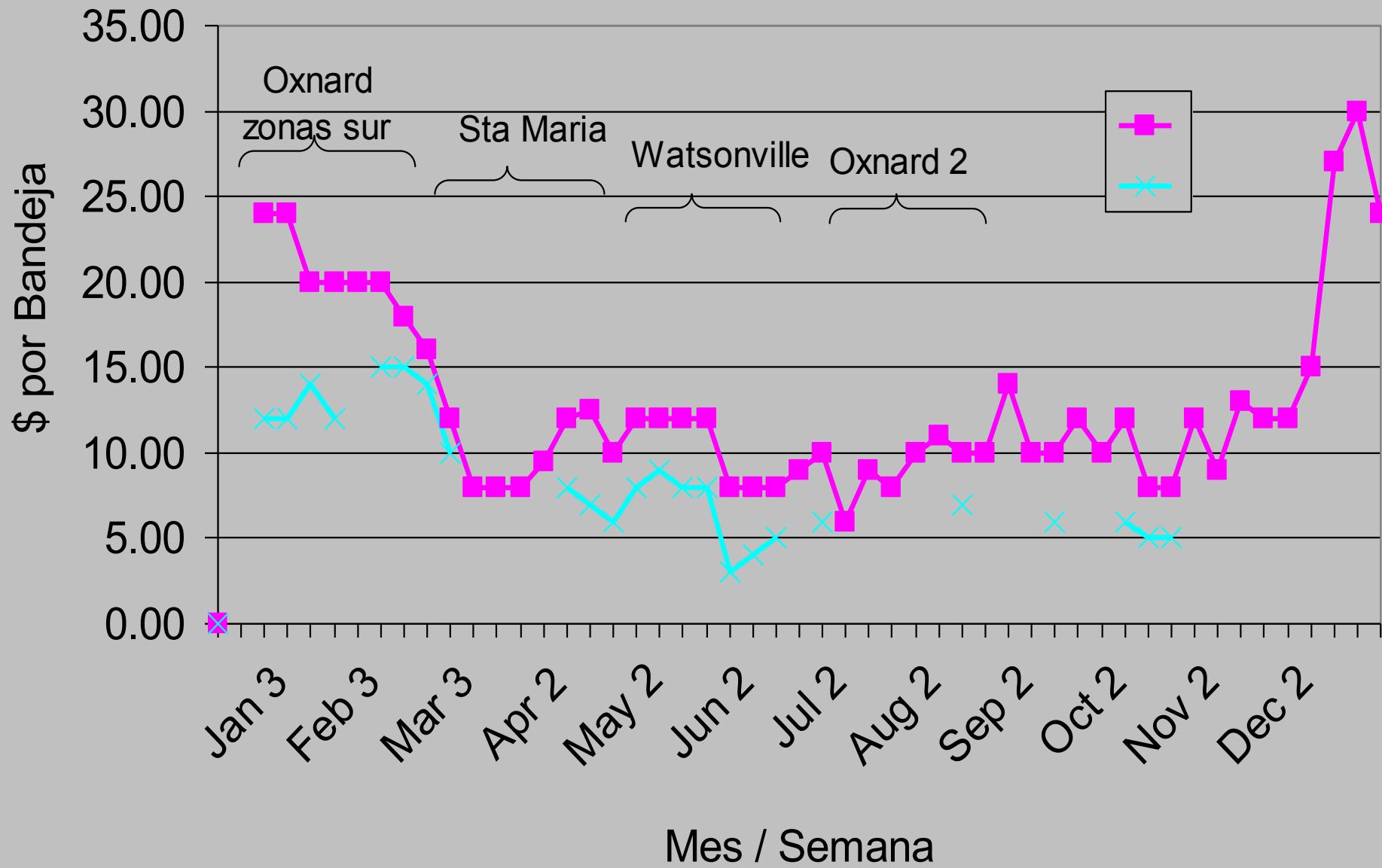
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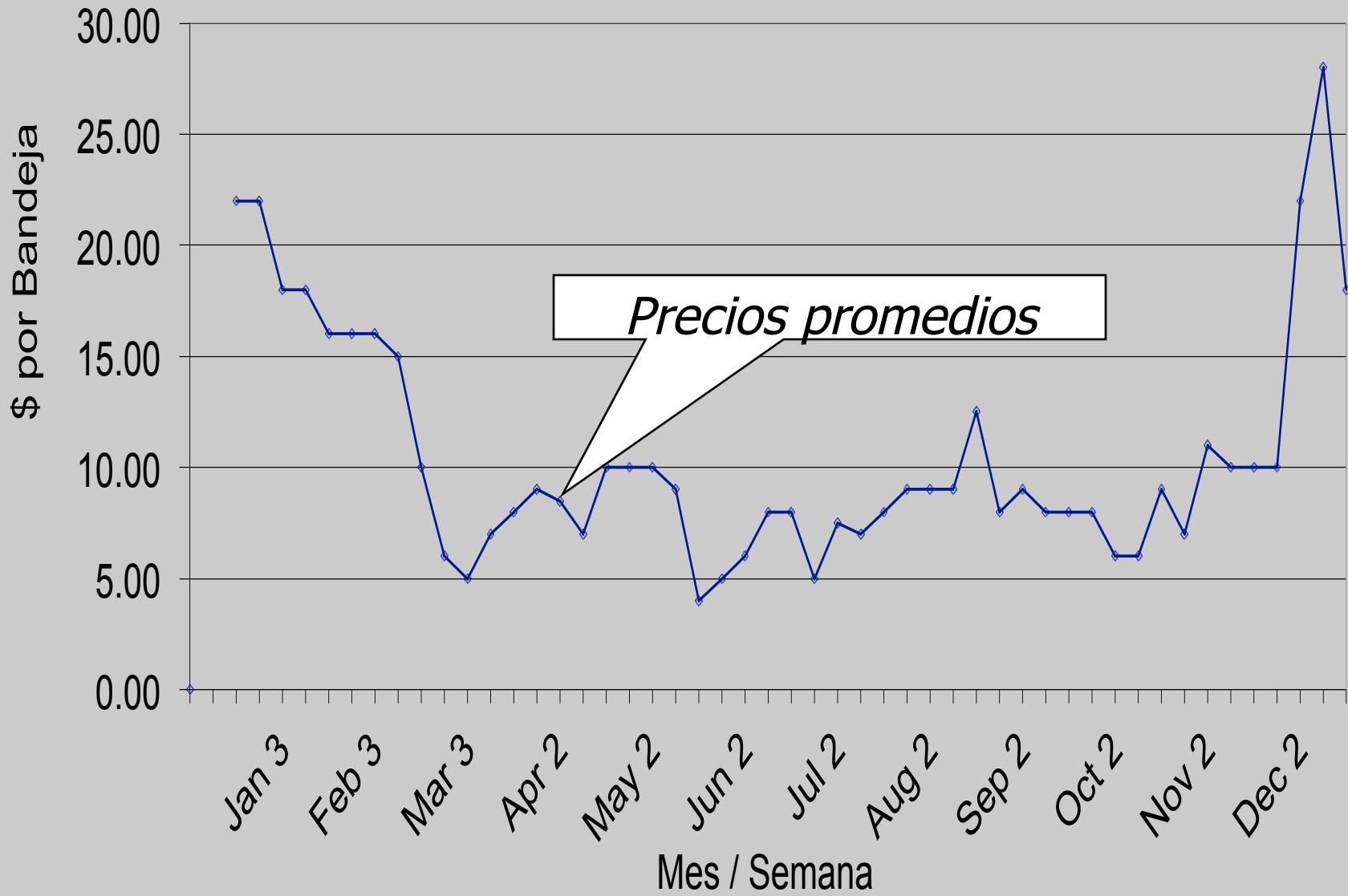
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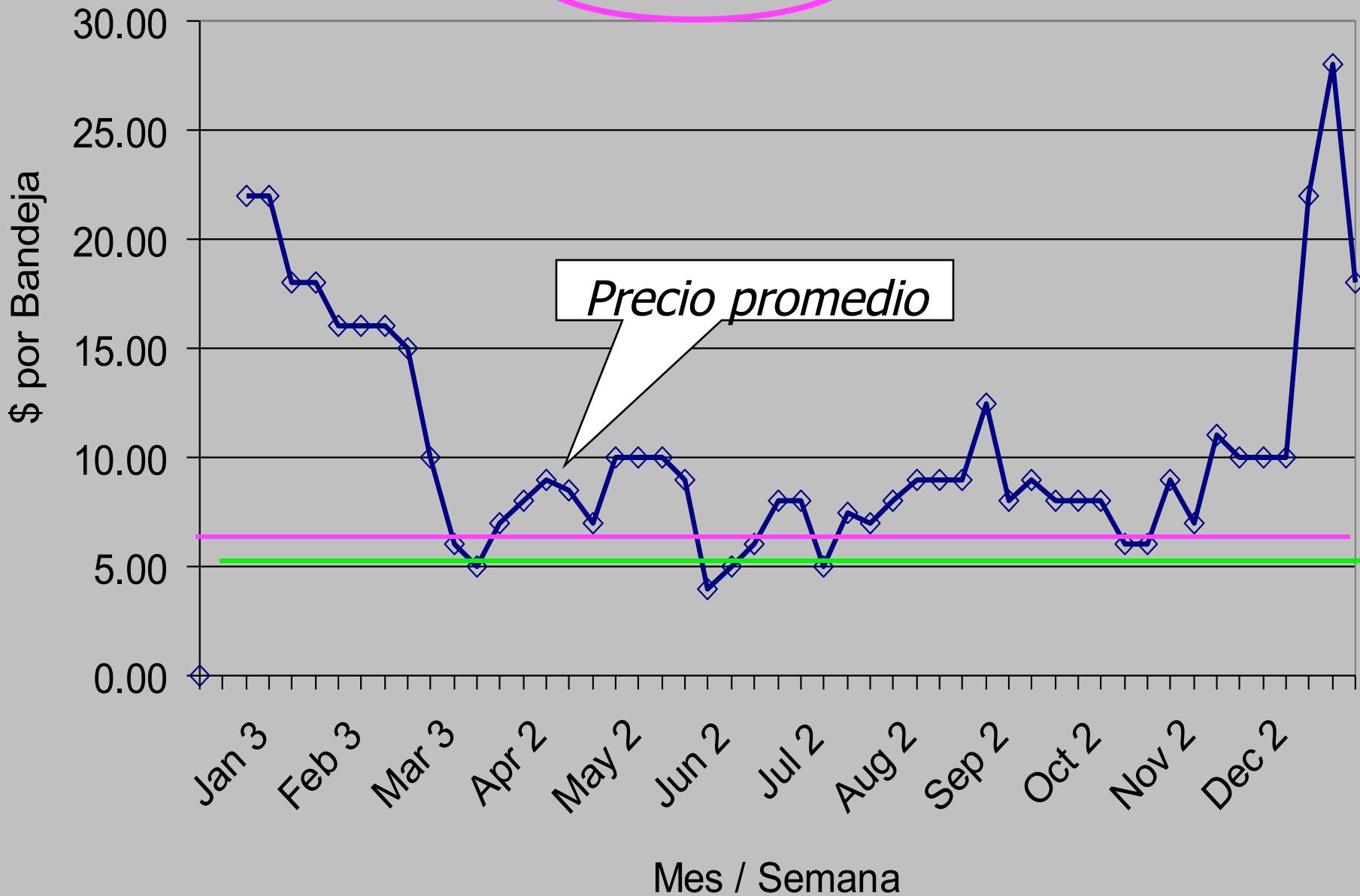
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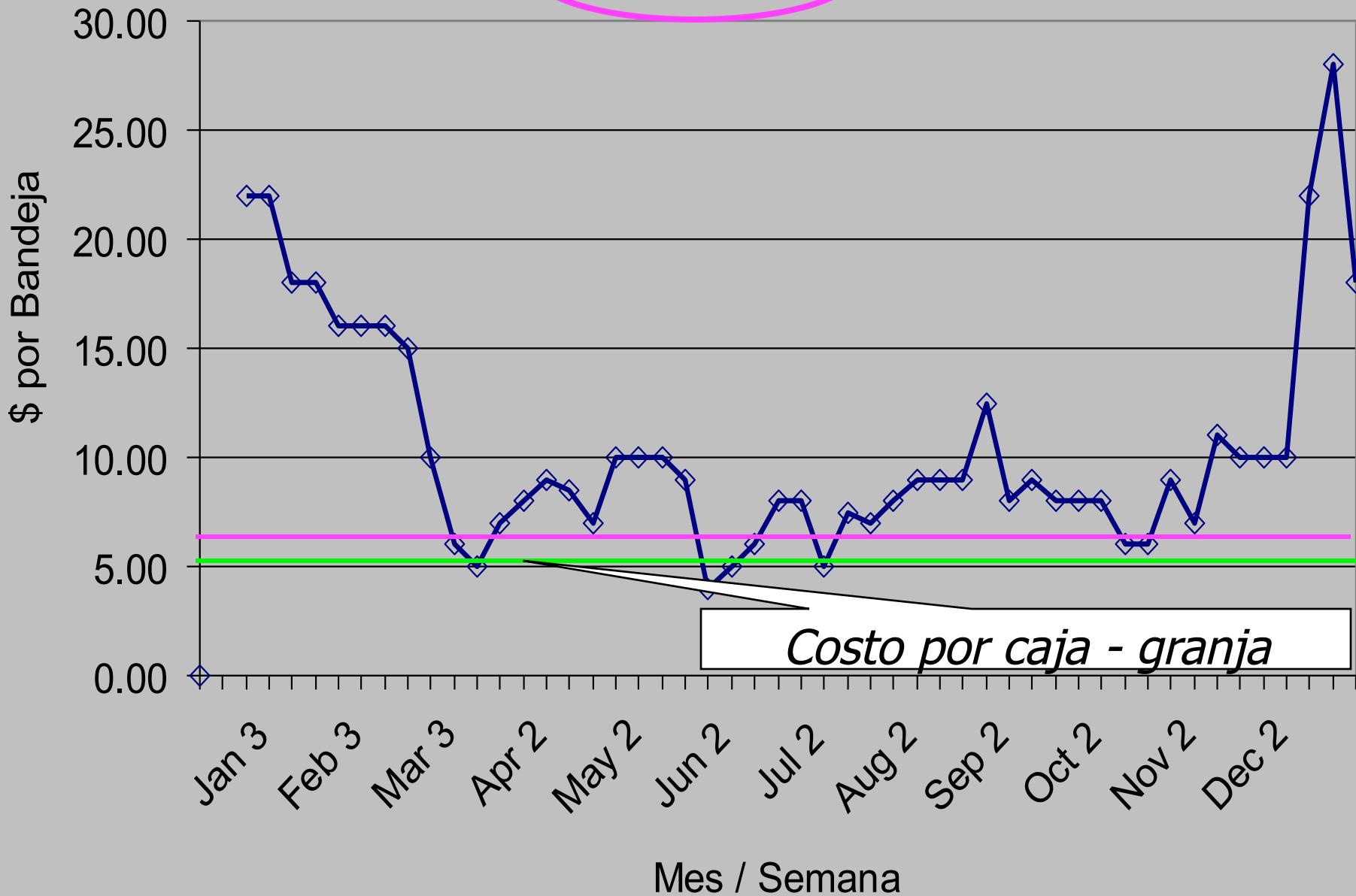


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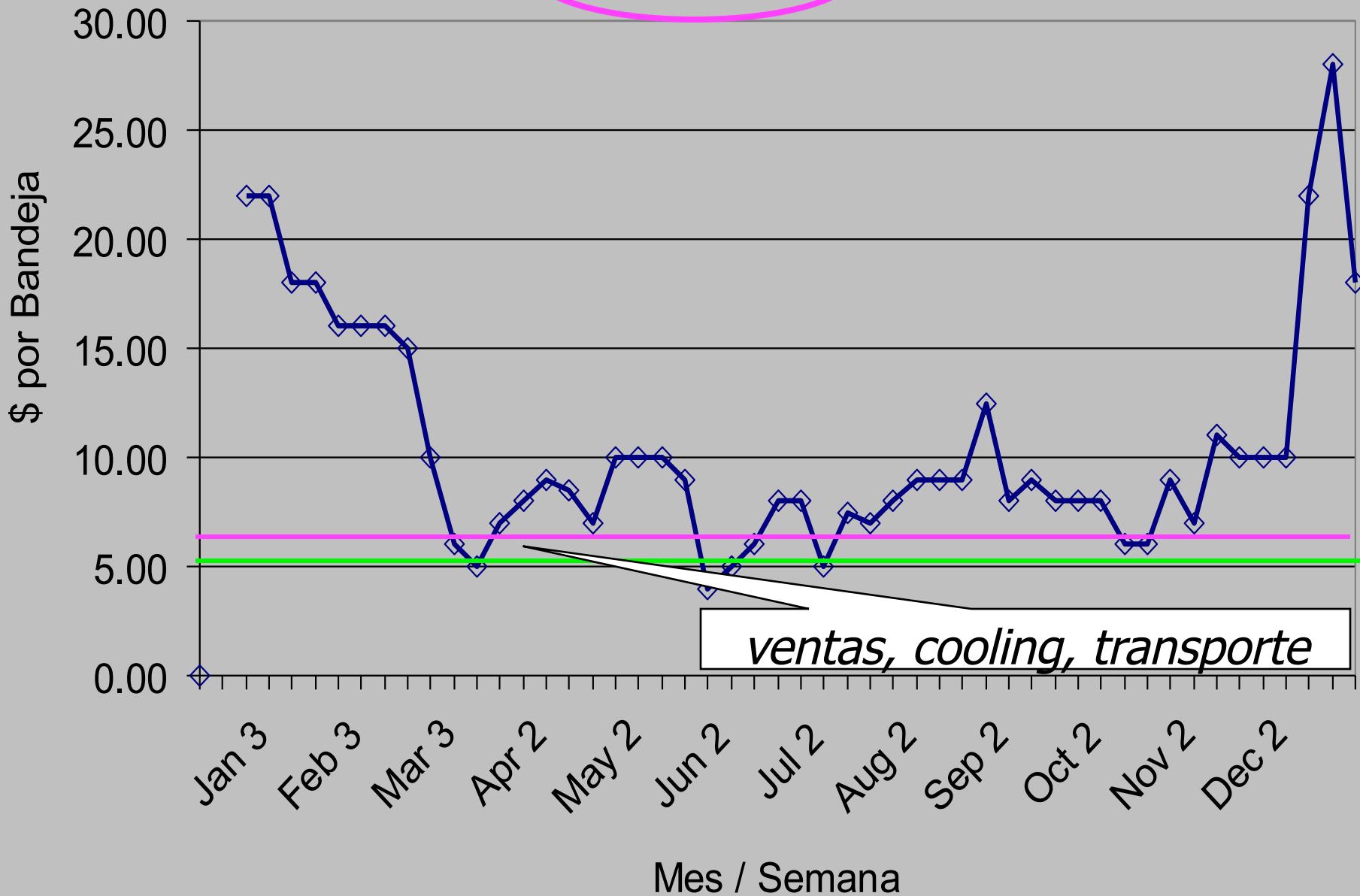


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## Mercado Terminal - Los Angeles - Temporada 2005



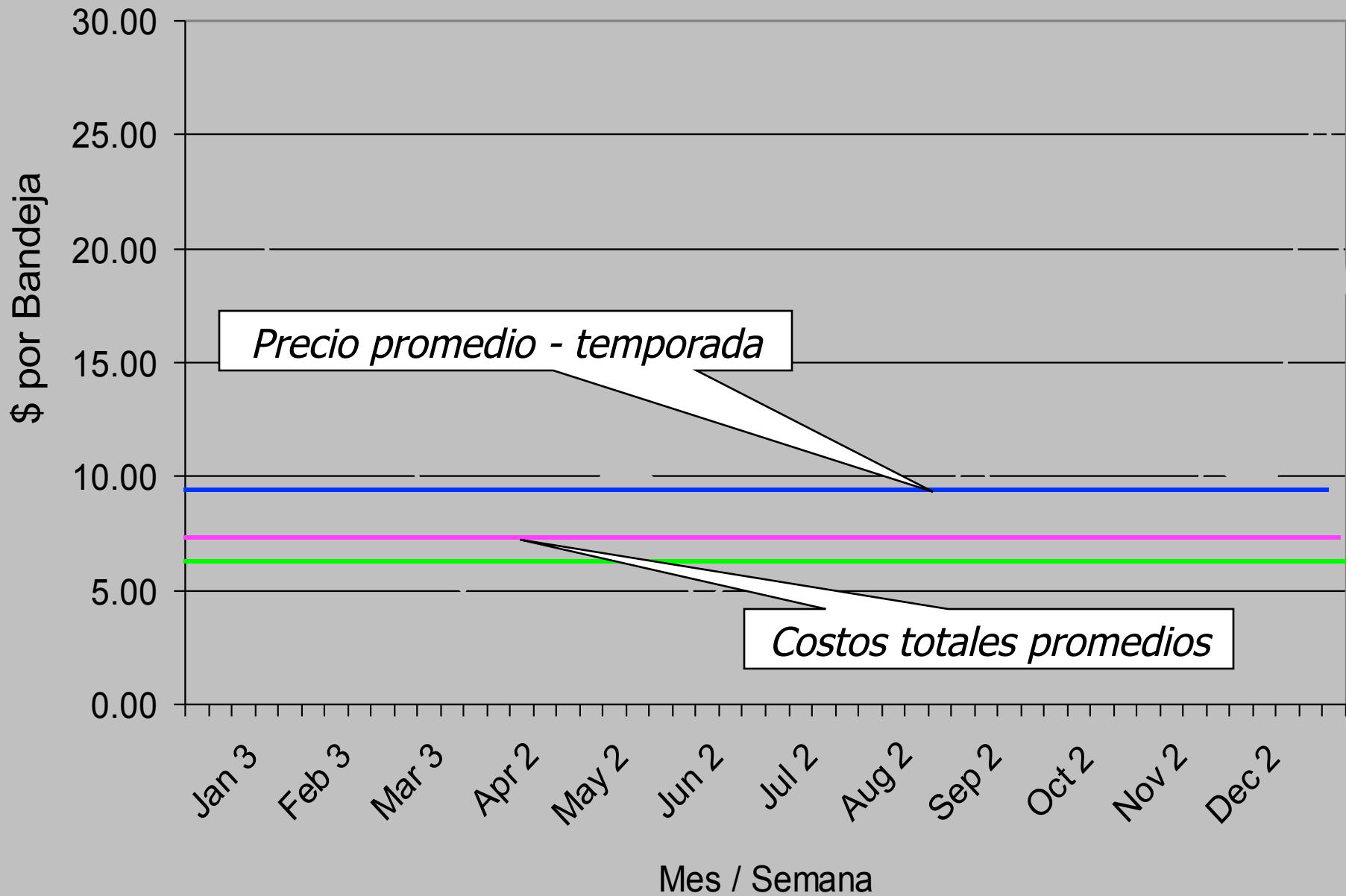
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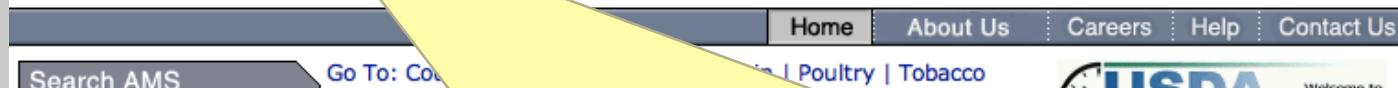
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- *Precios promedios – costos = ganancia*
- *Costos dependen en eficiencia en el manejo*
- *Hay que proyectar precios promedios históricos  
y determinar si le queda ganancia ?*

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- Apple Pears
- Apples
- Apricots
- Avocados
- Bananas
- Batatas
- Bitter Orange
- Black Currants
- Blackberries
- Blood Orange
- Blueberries
- Boysenberries
- Breadfruit

### C-D

- Cactus Pears
- Cantaloups
- Cape Gooseberries (*Physalis*)
- Carambola - Star Fruit
- Casaba
- Charantais Melon
- Cherimoya
- Cherries
- Citron
- Clementines
- Cocktail Grapefruit/Pummelo
- Coconuts
- Cranberries
- Crenshaw
- Dates
- Dragon Fruit (Red Pitaya)
- Durian

### E-G

- Edible Flowers
- Feijoa
- Figs
- Figs
- Fruits Other
- Galia Melon
- Gaya Melon
- Gooseberries
- Grapefruit
- Grapes
- Grapes-Black Juice
- Grapes-Mixed Juice
- Grapes-White Juice
- Guava

### H-L

- Hami Melon
- Homelyfruit
- Honeydews
- Jackfruit
- Juan Canary Melon
- Kiwano
- Kiwifruit
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- Kumquats
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- Loganberries
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- Loquat



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## Report

**Commodity:** STRAWBERRIES      **Report Type:** Terminal Market.

**Aggregate by:** Daily      **Date(s):** 09-Nov-2012

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## **LOS ANGELES : STRAWBERRIES**

### **Offerings: LIGHT,**

**Comments:** Wide range in quality and condition.

## **LOS ANGELES : STRAWBERRIES**

**Package: flats 12 1-pt baskets**

Date	Low-High Price	Mostly Low-High Price	Origin	Origin District	Item Size	Environment	Color	Unit of Sale	Quality	Condition	Storage	Appearance	Crop	Trans Mode
11/09/2012	12.00 - 16.00	14.00 - 14.00	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med									
11/09/2012	-	-	CALIFORNIA	SANTA MARIA CALIFORNIA	med									
11/09/2012	6.00 - 8.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	sml-med					FR COND				

#### **LOS ANGELES : STRAWBERRIES**

**Package:** flats 8 1-lb containers with lids



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### Step 1: Report Type

Type: Terminal Market by Location  
by All Commodities Update

### Step 2: Details

Location: ATLANTA

Aggregate: Daily

Commodity:

- ACACIA (MIMOSA)
- ACONITUM (MONKSHOOD)
- AGAPANTHUS
- AGERATUM
- AGROSTEMMA
- ALCHEMILLA
- ALFALFA SPROUTS
- ALLIUM
- ALMOND (FLOWERING)
- ALMONDS

Add Remove

ALL

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## Run a Custom Report

### Step 1: Report Type

Type: Terminal Market by Location  
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### Step 2: Details

Location: LOS ANGELES

Aggregate: Daily

Commodity:

- SPIRAEA
- SPRITE MELON
- SQUASH
- STAR OF BETHLEHEM
- STATICE (LIMONIUM)
- STEPHANOTIS
- STOCK
- STRAW BALES
- STRAWFLOWERS
- SUGARCANE

Add Remove

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**Commodity:**

- ALL
- ACACIA (MIMOSA)
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STRAWBERRIES

**Step 3: Time Period and Refinement****Dates:**01/03/2011  to 12/26/2011 

Date Format: mm/dd/yyyy

The End date must be greater than or equal to Start Date.

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**Type:****Environment:**

- All
- Field Grown
- Grnhse Incl Hydroponic
- Greenhouse Hydroponic
- Greenhouse



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## Report

**Location:** LOS ANGELES

**Commodity:** STRAWBERRIES

**Report Type:** Terminal Market.

**Aggregate by:** Daily

**Date(s):** 03-Jan-2011 to 26-Dec-2011

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**Location:** LOS ANGELES

### STRAWBERRIES Package: flats 12 1-pt baskets

Date	Low-High Price	Mostly Low-High Price	Origin	Origin District	Item Size	Environment	Color	Unit
01/04/2011	40.00 - 42.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/05/2011	30.00 - 30.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/06/2011	-	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/07/2011	30.00 - 30.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/13/2011	26.00 - 28.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/13/2011	18.00 - 18.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/14/2011	24.00 - 26.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/14/2011	18.00 - 18.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/18/2011	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 24.00	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/18/2011	22.00 - 22.00	-	CALIFORNIA	COACHELLA VALLEY CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/18/2011	22.00 - 24.00	22.00 - 22.00	MEXICO	BAJA DISTRICT	med-lge			
01/19/2011	22.00 - 22.00	-	CALIFORNIA	COACHELLA VALLEY CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/19/2011	22.00 - 24.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/19/2011	20.00 - 22.00	-	MEXICO	BAJA DISTRICT	med-lge			
01/20/2011	20.00 - 22.00	-	CALIFORNIA	COACHELLA VALLEY CALIFORNIA	med-lge			
01/20/2011	16.00 - 18.00	-	CALIFORNIA	OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA	med-lge			

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**2011**

**SAMPLE COSTS TO PRODUCE  
STRAWBERRIES**



**SOUTH COAST REGION**  
**Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties**  
**Santa Maria Valley**

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## ASSUMPTIONS

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

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

### Production Operating Costs

**Land Preparation and Bed-Up.** The grower does a series of operations: disc and ringroll 2X (X equals number of passes over the land), subsoil 2X, disc and ringroll 1X, plow 1X, disc and ringroll 2X, triplane 2X, and chisel 1X. The field is disced a total of 5 times and subsoiled or ripped 30 to 36 inches deep. The field is smoothed and leveled with a triplane. Three beds 64 inches wide and 14 inches high are listed and shaped in one operation, pre-plant fertilizer incorporated, drip tape buried in bed, and plastic mulch layed on bed. Farmers with this acreage will own a large tractor for land preparation. Smaller growers usually rent a large tractor for land preparation or will have the work done by a custom operator.

**Plant Establishment.** Several varieties are available for planting in the area, but no specific variety is assumed in this study. Plants in the area are planted on 60 to 68 inch beds. In this study, the grower plants on 64-inch beds, 12 to 14-inch bed height, 4 rows per bed and a 16-inch plant spacing for a total of 25,000 plants per acre. Five percent of the plants will be replanted and are included in the plant population. The beds are made the entire length of the field. After fumigation, roads, using a tracklayer tractor with blade, are made to divide the field into smaller blocks 200 to 300 feet long. Holes are punched in the plastic mulch that was laid on the beds, using a mechanical punch machine. Plants are delivered to the edge of the blocks where the planting crew gathers the plants in buckets or bags and places the strawberry plants in the punched holes.

**Fertilization.** A slow release NPK fertilizer, 17-17-17 or any other similar fertilizer, at 500 pounds per acre is drilled preplant in the bed using a fertilizer drill with bed shaper. Growers may also apply multiple liquid fertilizers during the season through the drip lines or as a foliar spray. Some fertilizers that may be applied are Thiocal for calcium and sulfur, CAN 17 (17-0-0-8Ca) and CN9 for nitrogen and calcium, potassium nitrate for potassium and nitrogen, and minor nutrient fertilizers such as iron, zinc, and boron. Thiocal and CAN 17 are used during the growing season in this study. Besides a slow release fertilizer application, potassium sulfate is broadcast preplant.

**Irrigation.** The grower rents sprinkler pipe for the preplant and establishment sprinkler irrigations. Prior to listing, the field is sprinkler irrigated for 12 hours. Two men plus the tractor driver lay and pickup the pipe. Two drip-lines per bed, using a tape layer machine are buried in the beds prior to fumigation. After the field is divided into blocks/small fields, the lateral lines are buried at the edge of the block and the drip lines connected and tested for leaks. The field is preirrigated using the drip system. Following planting, sprinkler pipe is laid out and the field is sprinkled two-hours per day for 15 days. Two irrigators manage the sprinkler

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**Table 1. COSTS PER ACRE TO PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES**  
 SANTA BARBARA and SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES 2011

Operation	Operation Time (Hrs/A)	Cash and Labor Costs per Acre						Total Cost	Your Cost
		Labor Cost	Fuel	Lube & Repairs	Material Cost	Custom/Rent			
<b>Cultural:</b>									
Land Prep: Disc/Roll 5X	0.30	8	26	9	0	0	44		
Land Prep: Subsoil 2X	0.90	15	47	13	0	0	76		
Land Prep: Plow 1X	0.27	4	14	5	0	0	23		
Land Prep: Level/Smooth Field 2X	0.50	8	20	5	0	0	33		
Fertilize: Custom (0-0-52)	0.00	0	0	0	184	15	199		
Land Prep: Chisel	0.30	5	16	4	0	0	25		
Irrigate: Sprinkle/Layout/Pickup	4.00	308	31	10	107	0	456		
List/Shape Beds	0.90	15	47	18	0	0	80		
Fertilize: Preplant (17-17-17)	0.25	4	4	1	290	0	300		
Irrigate: Install Drip Tape 2 lines/bed	0.14	2	2	1	327	0	332		
Weed: Bed Tops (Goal Tender)	0.00	0	0	0	26	23	49		
Land Prep: Lay Mulch	0.41	12	6	2	572	0	592		
Land Prep: Cut/Grade Roads	0.62	123	14	4	0	0	140		
Irrigate: Lay Laterals/Connect Drip	18.00	202	0	0	0	0	202		
Weed: Cultivate Furrows	0.69	11	12	3	0	0	26		
Weed: Furrows (Goal Tender)	0.00	0	0	0	9	23	32		
Irrigate: Drip	29.00	325	0	0	393	0	718		
Fumigate: Drip (custom)	0.00	0	0	0	0	1,200	1,200		
Plant: Punch Holes	0.69	11	5	1	0	0	18		
Plant: Transplant	42.00	471	0	0	2,925	0	3,396		
Weed: Hand	76.00	853	0	0	0	0	853		
Insect: Worms	0.58	10	6	2	42	0	60		
Fertilize: through drip (CAN17)	0.00	0	0	0	79	0	79		
Fertilize: through drip (Thiocal)	0.00	0	0	0	210	0	210		
Disease: Botrytis	1.17	19	12	4	157	0	192		
Insect: Mites (Persimilis)	2.40	27	0	0	120	0	147		
Disease: Botrytis/Mildew	1.17	19	12	4	265	0	300		
Disease/Insect: Mildew/Mites	0.58	10	6	2	152	0	169		
Disease: Mildew	0.58	10	6	2	10	0	27		
Disease/Insect: Botrytis/Mildew/Mites	0.58	10	6	2	157	0	175		
Disease/Insect: Botrytis/Lygus/Mites	0.58	10	6	2	138	0	156		
Disease/Insect: Mildew/Lygus/Mites	0.58	10	6	2	150	0	168		
Field Cleanup: (mow, remove mulch, disc)	1.94	245	30	10	0	23	308		
<b>TOTAL Cultural COSTS</b>	185.35	2,749	335	105	6,312	1,284	10,785		
<b>Harvest:</b>									
Harvest/Record, Fresh	699.98	7,854	0	0	7,514	0	15,368		
Haul/Load, Fresh	2.58	126	20	9	0	0	155		
Harvest/Record/Haul, Freezer	1.66	4,079	13	6	0	0	4,098		
<b>TOTAL Harvest COSTS</b>	704.22	12,039	33	15	7,514	0	19,621		
<b>Other*:</b>									
Strawberry Commission Assessment	0	0	0	0	98	0	98		
Cooler (Fresh)	0	0	0	0	0	2,210	2,210		
Selling Cost (Fresh)	0	0	0	0	0	2,917	2,917		
<b>TOTAL OTHER COSTS</b>	0	0	0	0	98	5,127	5,225		
Interest on Operating Capital @ 1.75%							634		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE</b>	889.57	14,808	368	121	13,924	6,411	36,264		

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Table 4. RANGING ANALYSIS  
SANTA BARBARA and SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES 2011

COST PER ACRE AT VARYING YIELDS TO PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES

	YIELD (trays/acre)						
	3,902	4,460	5,018	5,376	6,134	6,692	7,250
<b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>							
Cultural	10,785	10,785	10,785	10,785	10,785	10,785	10,785
Harvest	13,946	15,938	17,929	19,621	21,913	23,904	25,896
Assessment	5,195	5,205	5,215	5,225	5,235	5,244	5,254
Interest on operating capital (@ 5.75%)	562	588	613	634	663	689	714
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>30,489</b>	<b>32,516</b>	<b>34,542</b>	<b>36,264</b>	<b>38,596</b>	<b>40,623</b>	<b>42,650</b>
Total Operating Costs/tray	7.81	7.29	6.88	6.50	6.29	6.07	5.88
<b>CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>4,856</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>35,345</b>	<b>37,372</b>	<b>39,399</b>	<b>41,120</b>	<b>43,413</b>	<b>45,479</b>	<b>47,506</b>
Total Cash Costs/tray	9.06	8.38	7.85	7.37	7.08	6.80	6.55
<b>NON-CASH OVERHEAD COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS/ACRE</b>	<b>35,606</b>	<b>37,633</b>	<b>39,659</b>	<b>41,381</b>	<b>43,713</b>	<b>45,740</b>	<b>47,767</b>
Total Costs/tray	9.13	8.44	7.90	7.42	7.13	6.83	6.59

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE OPERATING COSTS

PRICE(\$/tray)	YIELD (tray/acre)							
	Fresh (10 lb)	3,094	3,536	3,978	4,420	4,862	5,304	5,746
Freezer (18 lb)	808	924	1,040	1,156	1,272	1,388	1,504	
6.75	5.40	-5,241	-3,639	-2,075	-187	1,091	2,675	4,257
7.25	5.40	-3,694	-1,891	-86	2,023	3,522	5,327	7,130
7.75	5.40	-2,147	-123	1,903	4,233	5,953	7,979	10,003
8.25	5.40	-600	1,645	3,892	6,443	8,384	10,631	12,876
8.75	5.40	947	3,413	5,881	8,653	10,815	13,283	15,749
9.25	5.40	2,494	5,181	7,870	10,863	13,246	15,935	18,622
9.75	5.40	4,041	6,949	9,859	13,073	15,677	18,587	21,495

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE CASH COSTS

PRICE(\$/tray)	YIELD (tray/acre)							
	Fresh (10 lb)	3,094	3,536	3,978	4,420	4,862	5,304	5,746
Freezer (18 lb)	808	924	1,040	1,156	1,272	1,388	1,504	
6.75	5.40	-10,098	-8,515	-6,931	-5,043	-3,765	-2,181	-599
7.25	5.40	-8,551	-6,747	-4,942	-2,833	-1,334	471	2,274
7.75	5.40	-7,004	-4,979	-2,953	-623	1,097	3,123	5,147
8.25	5.40	-5,457	-3,211	-964	1,587	3,528	5,775	8,020
8.75	5.40	-3,910	-1,443	1,025	3,797	5,959	8,427	10,893
9.25	5.40	-2,363	325	3,014	6,007	8,390	11,079	13,766
9.75	5.40	-816	2,093	5,003	8,217	10,821	13,731	16,639

NET RETURNS PER ACRE ABOVE TOTAL COSTS

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6.75	5.40	-10,358	-8,776	-7,192	-5,304	-4,026	-2,442	-860
7.25	5.40	-8,811	-7,008	-5,203	-3,094	-1,595	210	2,013
7.75	5.40	-7,264	-5,240	-3,214	-884	836	2,862	4,886
8.25	5.40	-5,717	-3,472	-1,225	1,326	3,267	5,514	7,739
8.75	5.40	-4,170	-1,704	764	3,336	5,698	8,166	10,632
9.25	5.40	-2,623	64	2,733	5,746	8,129	10,818	13,505
9.75	5.40	-1,076	1,832	4,742	7,956	10,560	13,470	16,378

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Detalles!

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