

BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

OWN AN ORANGE ORCHARD

It has been proved that the soil in the Biggs Colonies is especially adapted to the successful and highly profitable growing of oranges. Orange groves scattered throughout Butte County pay their owners from \$200.00 to \$500.00 an acre net every year. In the East it has been erroneously inferred that orange growing was confined to Southern California, but a peculiarity of the State is that its climate is affected by elevation but not by latitude. Butte County possesses four distinct advantages over Southern California as an orange growing district: Oranges ripen six weeks earlier than in Southern California; the land costs only one-fifth as much; it is nearer to a big market—San Francisco; and transportation facilities are better and cheaper.

These great advantages have only recently been given the consideration they merit, but already they have stimulated orchardists to an extent that will result in making Butte County one



Drying Peaches in the Sun

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of the greatest, if not the greatest, orange growing districts in the State. Orange growing is one of the most profitable industries in the State and assures a good income every year. Orange groves in full bearing easily sell for \$1,000.00 an acre, while the value of the yield is from \$200.00 to \$500.00 an acre. So with a ten-acre orange grove the orchardist may sit back contentedly and enjoy life in this delightful climate.

Here is a table showing the cost of starting a ten-acre orange orchard in the Biggs Colonies and caring for it for **seven years**, when it reaches its full bearing age:

Ten acres of land with water right...	\$1,000.00
Orange trees	500.00
Planting	100.00
Plowing and preparing ground.....	50.00
Tree protectors and re-plants.....	25.00
Cost of water for seven years.....	70.00
Cost of cultivating for seven years...	1,200.00
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	\$2,945.00



A Biggs Residence — Summer Scene

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Net income fourth year	\$ 500.00
Net income fifth year	1,500.00
Net income sixth year	3,000.00
Net income seventh year	3,000.00 or more
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	\$8,000.00
Less expense	2,945.00
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Profit	\$5,055.00

Your orchard is now worth \$10,000.00, and while it has been reaching maturity you have reaped a profit which is more than five times the cost of the land and have attained an income which makes you independent. But don't forget that you have five years in which to pay for the land, and that while the orchard is growing, the vegetables raised between the rows of orange trees will pay all your expenses. These figures look alluring, but they are true and can be attested by hundreds of successful orchardists in the State.



A Biggs Residence — Winter Scene

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The profits from a twenty-acre grove are larger in proportion, as the expense of caring for the young trees is relatively less. An orange grove owned by H. S. Brink, of Biggs, produced a crop last year on which he realized at the rate of \$500.00 an acre net.



Cattle in an Alfalfa Field near Biggs

This is above our estimate and higher than the average, but proves conclusively that conditions of soil and climate in the Biggs Colonies are just right for profitable orange culture. Mr. Brink's oranges commanded a high price because they reached the San Francisco market nearly two months ahead of the Southern California crop. Other growers here reaped this advantage too. Failure is impossible for the orange grower in the Biggs Colonies.