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Starting a Hop Yard with Buck Creek Hops LLC.

Financial & Labor Considerations:

- Equipment Costs
 - Trellis Supplies (poles and cable)
 - Hops plant/rhizomes purchase
 - Coir Twine
 - Irrigation set up
 - Sprayer
 - General farming equipment
 - Transporting harvest
 - Chemicals & Fertilizers
- Labor- MAJOR COMMITMENT!
 - Trellis Installation
 - Planting hops
 - Application of Chemicals & Fertilizers
 - Training of each hop plant
 - Weed control
 - General everyday oversight to watch for pests and disease

Estimation of Start Up Cost per Acre:

- \$5,000.00 for poles and cable
- \$500.00 for fittings and anchor posts
- \$3,000.00 for plants
- \$1,500.00 for irrigation
- \$2,000.00 for labor

GENERAL TOTAL PER ACRE: \$12,000 - \$15,000

Expected Yields & ROI:

(Please keep in mind these numbers are variety, weather, and growing practice dependent)

- Year One
 - 0-400 lbs./acre
- Year Two
 - 400-800 lbs./acre
- Year Three:
 - 800-1500 lbs./acre
- ROI: 3-5 YEARS

Becoming a Contract Grower & Selling Your Hops:

Becoming a contract grower with Buck Creek Hops gives you many advantages including assistance during the growing season as well as knowing you have a purchaser for your hops. Contracts run for ten year periods to help us forecast workloads, however, price paid per pelleted pound to the grower is reviewed and revised each year based on commodity fluctuations. We value transparency, and know that if you succeed, we succeed- which is why we assist you throughout your new venture from start up, to growing, to harvesting, to selling.