ONTARGET SPRAY SYSTEMS

STRAWBERRIES 1,000 ACRES CASE STUDY

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Background

In California, managing pest control for 35,000 acres of strawberries poses significant operational and environmental challenges.

Growing pains currently facing air-blast sprayers.

Labor shortages
Fuel prices
Increased regulation
Tank refill time
Water use efficiency

This leads to higher costs and time-intensive applications.

In contrast, OnTarget sprayers offer a modernized approach designed to **optimize resources, improve efficiency**, and **enhance environmental stewardship**.

1,000 Acres- One Season Comparison		Air Blast	OnTarget Sprayer
Sprayer Tank Size	(Gallons)	300	300
Ground Speed While Spraying	(Miles Per Hour)	2.75	3.25
Water Used Per Acre	(Gallons)	150	20
Row Width	(Feet)	30	30
Boom Configuration	(# of Rows)	8	8
Fuel Consumption	(Gallons Per Hour)	2.75	2.75
Percentage of Label Rate Actually Used	(% Per Acre)	100%	100%

Trial Operation

Average Spray Applications Per Season		24
Cost of Fuel	(\$ Per Gallon)	\$4.25
Cost of Material	(\$ Per Acre)	\$75
Cost of Labor	(\$ Per Hour)	\$20
Field Size	(Acres)	1,000
Percentage of Label Rate Actually Used	(Acres)	100%

Total savings with OnTarget Sprayers:

\$279,696

Time		
Air Blast	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $) 14,400 Hrs
OnTarget	\bigcirc	3,684 Hrs
	10,	,716 Hours Saved
Water		
Air Blast		3,600,000 Gallons
OnTarget	(480,000 Gallons
	3,120,0	00 Gallons Saved
Fuel		
Air Blast		\$98,424
OnTarget		\$33,048
		\$65,376 Saved
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Air Blast		\$1,800,000
OnTarget		\$1,800,000
		\$0 Saved
Labor		
Air Blast	0** 0** 0** 0*	\$288,000
OnTarget	000	\$73,680
		\$214,320 Saved



C	Time Savings Details	Air Blast Sprayer	OnTarget Sprayer
	Time Per Row	5.5 Minutes	4.6 Minutes
	Time Required to Spray Field Once	100.8 Hours	84.3 Hours
	Tank Fills Required to Spray Field Once	500	67
	Time Required to Fill Tank Once	30 Minutes	30 Minutes
	Total Fill Time	250 Hours	33.5 Hours
	Acres Sprayed Per Hour	2.9 Acres/Hr	8.5 Acres/Hr
	Acres Sprayed Per Tank	2 Acres/Tank	15 Acres/Tank
	Total Acres Sprayed Per Season	24,000 acres	24,000 acres
	Total Time Spent Filling Per Season	6,000 hours	804 hours
	Total Time Spraying Per Season	8,400 hours	2,880 hours



Water Savings Details	Air Blast Sprayer	OnTarget Sprayer
Sprayer Tank Fills Required	500	67
Water Required for One Field Pass	150,000 Gallons	20,000 Gallons

965 Gallons	324 Gallons
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\$4.10	\$1.38
\$4,101	\$1,377
24,000 Acres	24,000 Acres
\$98,424	\$33,048
2	4,000 Acres

Material Savings Details	Air Blast Sprayer	OnTarget Sprayer
Total Acres Sprayed Per Season	24,000 Acres	24,000 Acres
Average Material Cost Per Season	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000



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Make the Switch

Unlock Massive Savings for the California Strawberry Industry!



Water Savings

109.2 M Gallons Saved Per Season





Fuel Efficiency

\$2.2 M in Fuel Costs

This reduction minimizes emissions and operational expenses, directly benefiting both the environment and the bottom line.

Cost Per Acre





375,192 Hours Saved Per Season





Overall Cost Savings

\$9.7 M Per Season

These savings demonstrate the financial viability and operational benefits of transitioning to OnTarget technology.



Conclusion: The OnTarget Transformation

By switching to OnTarget sprayers, California strawberry growers can significantly cut resource consumption, lower costs, and achieve sustainability goals. Outperforming traditional sprayers, OnTarget technology enhances scalability, maximizes financial savings, and establishes itself as an essential tool for modern strawberry farming.

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