4.3. Approximate estimation of economic effectiveness of water saving irrigation methods, as compared with furrow irrigation

Expediency of capital-intensive/power-consuming methods for cotton irrigation improvement, such as sprinkler, drip and subsoil irrigation, is estimated through comparison of operation costs with costs of furrow irrigation.

Calculation (estimation) of annual operation costs of water saving irrigation methods in comparison with existing in given zone furrow irrigation is done by formula:

$$3 = (K/T) + \Im_3 + (C_B * M_{\delta p})$$

Initial data used in calculation are given in Appendix 4.6 ($M_{\delta p}$ values) and in table 4.9. Approximate comparative estimation (in prices of 1984) showed the following (fig. 4.22 and 4.23):

Annual operation costs of subsoil irrigation are 40-45% higher than those of furrow irrigation. Annual operation costs of sprinkler irrigation are 16% higher than those of furrow irrigation. Best results were obtained for drip irrigation. Annual operation costs of drip irrigation are 27% lower than those of furrow irrigation.

Pilot plot in-	Soil-	Index	Water	Machine type	Width of	Moisture re-	Irrigation	Number of	Irrigation	Irrigation	Discharge
dex	climatic	"gradient-	allow-		scope	gime	depth	irrigations	duration	interval	
	zone	perme-	ance								
		ability"	region		[M]	[part HB]	[м³/ha]	[irrigation]	[hour /ha]	[day]	[l/hour]
12.Узб(Дож)	Ц-І-В	Б-V	VI	Frontal machine							
				ДДА 100	110	0.7 HB	700-900	3	1.85-2.4	17-28	80
				ДДА-100 МА	120						130
11.Узб(Дож)	Ц-ІІ-В	Б-III	II	Frontal machine «Kuban»	778	0.755 HB	410-690	3-4	0.35-0.85	17-28	170
18.Узб(Дож)	Ц-ІІ-В	B-III	III	Long stream machine ДДФ	100-110	0.63-0.78 HB	550-1150	6-7	5-11	15-20	30

Comparative characteristics of cotton sprinkler irrigation systems











Рис.4.23.. Сопоставимые (приведенные затраты) при орошении хлопчатника совершенными способами полива в сопоставлении с поливом по бороздам

Estimation of comparable costs is based on ratio of annual operation costs to crop productivity achieved.

NN	Type of irrigation system	Specific capi- tal invest- ments	Operation costs	Standard operation period	Specific cost of irrigation water
		K [rouble/ha]	Ý [rouble/ha]	T [years]	C[roubles/m ³]
1	Furrow irrigation from tem- porary ditches, on-farm network laid in earthen channel	1060	960	25	0.210
2	Drip irrigation	6690	1000	25	0.20
3	Subsoil irrigation	6690	1370	10	0.20
4	Mobile sprinklers	3400	1180	8	0.20