

Table 1. Bush Beans: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield (30 lb. bushels)	185	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	91.70	
Fertilizer and lime	124.00	
Fungicide	148.01	
Herbicide	2.82	
Insecticide	111.50	
Labor	280.09	
Machinery	239.82	
Interest	33.67	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	16.11	
Total operating cost	1,062.73	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	200.00	
Machinery	79.04	
Management	261.62	
Overhead	327.03	
Total fixed cost	867.69	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	1,930.42	10.43
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Mechanical harvest (incl. container)	786.25	4.25
Hydro-cool	120.25	0.65
Load	129.50	0.70
Selling	92.50	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,128.50	6.10
TOTAL COST	3,058.92	16.53

Table 2. Bush Beans: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	<u>Dollars per bushel</u>				
	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00
170	-1,267.00	-927.00	-587.00	-247.00	93.00
178	-1,238.00	-883.00	-528.00	-173.00	182.00
185	-1,208.00	-839.00	-469.00	-99.00	271.00
193	-1,180.00	795.00	-410.00	-25.00	360.00
200	-1,150.00	-750.00	-350.00	50.00	450.00