

Table 13. Eggplant: Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (33 lb. bushels)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	250.00	
Fertilizer and lime	434.98	
Fumigant	464.00	
Fungicide	126.27	
Herbicide	27.35	
Insecticide	509.08	
Labor	496.13	
Machinery	264.78	
Interest	111.87	
Miscellaneous		
Replacement stakes	112.50	
Place and drive stakes	110.35	
String	35.20	
Tie plants	162.62	
Plastic mulch	378.33	
Ditch maintenance	75.00	
Scouting	20.00	
Laser level	50.00	
Remove string and stakes	126.32	
Farm vehicles	40.28	
Total operating cost	3,795.04	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	138.67	
Management	844.37	
Overhead	1,055.46	
Total fixed cost	2,438.51	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,233.55	4.45
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	1,638.00	1.17
Containers	1,190.00	0.85
Selling	700.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,528.00	2.52
TOTAL COST	9,761.55	6.97

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 14. Eggplant: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-2,754.00	-1,754.00	-754.00	246.00	1,246.00
1,200	-2,058.00	-858.00	342.00	1,542.00	2,742.00
1,400	-1,362.00	38.00	1,438.00	2,838.00	4,238.00
1,600	-666.00	934.00	2,534.00	4,134.00	5,734.00
1,800	30.00	1,830.00	3,630.00	5,430.00	7,230.00