

Table 15. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,100	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	800.00	
Fertilizer and lime	275.00	
Fumigant	464.00	
Fungicide	193.27	
Herbicide	50.87	
Insecticide	424.51	
Labor	389.23	
Machinery	278.58	
Interest	117.04	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	100.00	
Level land	50.00	
Plastic mulch	378.33	
Place and drive stakes	61.71	
Plastic string	27.50	
Replacement stakes	72.00	
Tie plants	26.14	
Hand weed	24.68	
Remove string and stakes	126.32	
Plastic disposal	80.59	
Scouting	25.00	
Farm vehicles	24.16	
Total operating cost	3,988.92	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	119.12	
Management	878.20	
Overhead	1,097.75	
Total fixed cost	2,495.06	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,483.98	5.89
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest, pack and haul	1,760.00	1.60
Containers	1,045.00	0.95
Selling	550.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,355.00	3.05
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	9,838.98	8.94

<sup>a</sup> 7,260 linear bed feet

<sup>b</sup> cost reflects in-field packing.

Table 16. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-3,514.00	-2,614.00	-1,714.00	-814.00	86.00
800	-2,524.00	-1,324.00	-124.00	1,076.00	2,276.00
1,000	-1,534.00	-34.00	1,466.00	2,966.00	4,466.00
1,200	-544.00	1,256.00	3,056.00	4,856.00	6,656.00
1,400	446.00	2,546.00	4,646.00	6,746.00	8,846.00