

Table 19. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the southwest Florida area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,000	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	880.00	
Fertilizer and lime	403.50	
Fumigant	464.00	
Fungicide	199.85	
Herbicide	22.97	
Insecticide	460.41	
Labor	415.48	
Machinery	591.66	
Interest	211.17	
Miscellaneous		
Level land	145.00	
Plastic mulch	234.00	
Remove and dispose of plastic	156.82	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	22.56	
Total operating cost	4,242.41	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	252.23	
Management	946.69	
Overhead	1,183.37	
Total fixed cost	2,832.29	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,074.70	7.07
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest, pack and haul	1,900.00	1.90
Containers	950.00	0.95
Selling	500.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,430.00	4.43
TOTAL COST	11,504.70	11.50

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 20. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the southwest Florida area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-4,933.00	-4,033.00	-3,133.00	-2,233.00	-1,333.00
800	-4,219.00	-3,019.00	-1,819.00	-619.00	581.00
1,000	-3,505.00	-2,005.00	-505.00	995.00	2,495.00
1,200	-2,791.00	-991.00	809.00	2,609.00	4,409.00
1,400	-2,077.00	23.00	2,123.00	4,223.00	6,323.00