

Table 25. Table Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwts.
Yield (cwts.)	200	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	528.00	
Fertilizer and lime	210.60	
Fungicide	175.63	
Herbicide	29.38	
Insecticide	124.25	
Labor	82.93	
Machinery	107.19	
Interest	72.98	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Cover crop seed	12.50	
Contract seed hauling	24.15	
Farm vehicles	40.28	
Total operating cost	1,422.89	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	71.61	
Management	374.30	
Overhead	467.88	
Total fixed cost	1,363.79	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	2,786.68	13.93
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Dig and haul	140.00	0.70
Grade	310.00	1.55
Selling	140.00	0.70
Sacks	152.00	0.76
Total harvest and marketing cost	742.00	3.71
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	3,528.68	17.64

Table 26. Table Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per sack				
	8.00	10.50	13.00	15.50	18.00
150	-2,143.00	-1,768.00	-1,393.00	-1,018.00	-643.00
175	-2,036.00	-1,598.00	-1,161.00	-723.00	-286.00
200	-1,929.00	-1,429.00	-929.00	-429.00	71.00
225	-1,821.00	-1,259.00	-696.00	-134.00	429.00
250	-1,714.00	-1,089.00	-464.00	161.00	786.00