

Table 27. Table Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Hastings area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwts.
Yield (cwts.)	200	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	346.50	
Fertilizer	173.22	
Fumigant	60.42	
Fungicide	108.89	
Herbicide	42.72	
Insecticide	26.99	
Labor	250.11	
Machinery	156.53	
Interest	86.38	
Miscellaneous		
Aerial spraying	8.25	
Cover crop seed	6.40	
Crop insurance	21.00	
Farm vehicles	25.71	
Total operating cost	1,446.09	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	100.00	
Machinery	85.26	
Overhead	386.24	
Total fixed cost	571.51	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,017.59	10.09
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Dig and haul	140.00	0.70
Grading	310.00	1.55
Sacks	152.00	0.76
Selling	140.00	0.70
Total harvest and marketing cost	742.00	3.71
TOTAL COST	2,759.59	13.80

Table 28. Table Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Hastings area, 1997-98.

Yield (cwts.)	<u>Dollars per cwt.</u>				
	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00
150	-1,674.00	-1,224.00	-774.00	-324.00	126.00
175	-1,617.00	-1,092.00	-567.00	-42.00	483.00
200	-1,560.00	-960.00	-360.00	240.00	840.00
225	-1,502.00	-827.00	-152.00	523.00	1,198.00
250	-1,445.00	-695.00	55.00	805.00	1,555.00