

Table 29. Summer Squash: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield (42 lb. bushels)	300	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	155.50	
Fertilizer and lime	92.00	
Fungicide	174.83	
Insecticide	131.42	
Labor	221.47	
Machinery	193.29	
Interest	45.26	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	24.17	
Total operating cost	1,052.93	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	200.00	
Machinery	69.67	
Management	255.47	
Overhead	319.33	
Total fixed cost	844.47	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	1,897.40	6.32
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick and haul	615.00	2.05
Grade and Pack	570.00	1.90
Load squash	210.00	0.70
Containers	405.00	1.35
Selling	150.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,950.00	6.50
TOTAL COST	3,847.40	12.82

Table 30. Summer Squash: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	9.50	10.75	12.00	13.25	14.50
250	-1,147.00	-835.00	-522.00	-210.00	103.00
275	-1,072.00	-729.00	-385.00	-41.00	303.00
300	-997.00	-622.00	-247.00	128.00	503.00
325	-922.00	-516.00	-110.00	296.00	703.00
350	-847.00	-410.00	28.00	465.00	903.00