

Table 3. Cabbage: Estimated production costs in the Hastings area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (50 lb. crates)	425	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	240.00	
Fertilizer and lime	148.00	
Fungicide	35.34	
Herbicide	28.35	
Insecticide	124.55	
Nematicide	35.29	
Labor	215.57	
Machinery	126.43	
Interest	47.53	
Miscellaneous		
Set transplants	102.00	
Cover crop seed	6.40	
Farm Vehicles	10.35	
Total operating cost	1,119.80	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	100.00	
Machinery	58.78	
Overhead	307.76	
Total fixed cost	466.54	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	1,586.34	3.73
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Cut and pack	403.75	0.95
Haul	42.50	0.10
Containers	425.00	1.00
Selling	212.50	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,083.75	2.55
TOTAL COST	2,670.09	6.28

Table 4. Cabbage: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Hastings area, 1997-98.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	5.00	5.75	6.50	7.25	8.00
375	-668.00	-386.00	-105.00	176.00	457.00
400	-606.00	-306.00	-6.00	294.00	594.00
425	-545.00	-226.00	92.00	411.00	730.00
450	-484.00	-146.00	191.00	529.00	866.00
475	-423.00	-66.00	290.00	646.00	1,002.00