

Table 33. Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	201.70	
Fertilizer	347.00	
Fumigant	522.00	
Fungicide	249.45	
Herbicide	94.39	
Insecticide	382.39	
Labor	362.88	
Machinery	318.40	
Interest	159.92	
Miscellaneous		
Frost protection	100.00	
Plastic mulch	294.00	
Plastic string	82.50	
Stake depreciation and maintenance	128.00	
Plastic disposal	75.00	
Tie plants	145.00	
Well maintenance	15.00	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	24.17	
Total operating cost	3,654.00	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	129.57	
Management	814.73	
Overhead	1,018.41	
Total fixed cost	2,412.71	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,066.71	4.33
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	1,190.00	0.85
Packing	2,240.00	1.60
Containers	1,120.00	0.80
Selling	210.00	0.15
Organization fees	70.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,830.00	3.45
TOTAL COST	10,896.71	7.78

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 34. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,200	-3,007.00	-1,807.00	-607.00	593.00	1,793.00
1,300	-2,752.00	-1,452.00	-152.00	1,148.00	2,448.00
1,400	-2,497.00	-1,097.00	303.00	1,703.00	3,103.00
1,500	-2,242.00	-742.00	758.00	2,258.00	3,758.00
1,600	-1,987.00	-387.00	1,213.00	2,813.00	4,413.00