

Table 35. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,250	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	224.00	
Fertilizer and lime	326.22	
Fumigant	501.75	
Fungicide	311.80	
Herbicide	38.56	
Insecticide	519.86	
Labor	181.61	
Machinery	422.08	
Interest	157.16	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic mulch	294.00	
Plastic string	110.00	
Replacement stakes	48.00	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	19.33	
Tie plants	116.16	
Remove string and stakes	123.42	
Remove and dispose of plastic	15.00	
Total operating cost	3,840.62	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	300.00	
Machinery	266.68	
Management	850.03	
Overhead	1,062.54	
Total fixed cost	2,479.24	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,319.86	5.06
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	962.50	0.77
Packing	2,312.50	1.85
Containers	937.50	0.75
Selling	187.50	0.15
Organization fees	62.50	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,462.50	3.57
TOTAL COST	10,782.36	8.63

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 36. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1997-98.

Yield (cartons)	<u>Dollars per carton</u>				
	6.50	7.38	8.25	9.13	10.00
900	-3,683.00	-2,895.00	-2,108.00	-1,320.00	-533.00
1,075	-3,170.00	-2,229.00	-1,289.00	-348.00	592.00
1,250	-2,657.00	-1,564.00	-470.00	624.00	1,718.00
1,425	-2,145.00	-898.00	349.00	1,596.00	2,843.00
1,600	-1,632.00	-232.00	1,168.00	2,568.00	3,968.00