

Table 39. Spring Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	224.00	
Fertilizer and lime	326.22	
Fumigant	501.75	
Fungicide	207.35	
Herbicide	38.56	
Insecticide	395.52	
Labor	462.64	
Machinery	368.17	
Interest	127.47	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic mulch	195.00	
Plastic string	110.00	
Replacement stakes	48.00	
Tie plants	116.16	
Remove string and stakes	123.42	
Remove and dispose of plastic	15.00	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	19.33	
Total operating cost	3,373.59	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	300.00	
Machinery	224.01	
Management	754.03	
Overhead	942.54	
Total fixed cost	2,220.58	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	5,594.17	4.00
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	980.00	0.70
Packing	2,590.00	1.85
Containers	1,050.00	0.75
Selling	210.00	0.15
Organization fees	70.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,900.00	3.50
TOTAL COST	10,494.17	7.50

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 40. Spring 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	-2,894.00	-2,107.00	-1,319.00	-532.00	256.00
1,075	-2,369.00	-1,429.00	-488.00	453.00	1,393.00
1,250	-1,844.00	-750.00	343.00	1,437.00	2,531.00
1,425	-1,319.00	-72.00	1,175.00	2,421.00	3,668.00
1,600	-794.00	606.00	2,006.00	3,406.00	4,806.00