

Table 5. Sweet Corn: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (42 lb. crates)	300	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	71.50	
Fertilizer	281.83	
Fungicide	29.64	
Herbicide	40.77	
Insecticide	259.91	
Labor	285.89	
Machinery	237.27	
Interest	65.23	
Miscellaneous		
Scouting	20.00	
Custom fertilizer application	20.00	
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	16.11	
Cover crop seed	12.50	
Total operating cost	1,355.65	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	74.51	
Management	362.99	
Overhead	453.73	
Total fixed cost	1,341.23	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,696.88	8.99
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	414.00	1.38
Containers	390.00	1.30
Sell Corn	60.00	0.20
Total harvest and marketing cost	864.00	2.88
TOTAL COST	3,560.88	11.87

Table 6. Sweet Corn: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	5.50	7.00	8.50	10.00	11.50
250	-2,042.00	-1,667.00	-1,292.00	-917.00	-542.00
275	-1,976.00	-1,564.00	-1,151.00	-739.00	-326.00
300	-1,911.00	-1,461.00	-1,011.00	-561.00	-111.00
325	-1,845.00	-1,358.00	-870.00	-383.00	105.00
350	1,780.00	-1,255.00	-730.00	-205.00	320.00