

Table 7. Sweet Corn: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (42 lb. crate)	250	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	63.00	
Fertilizer	281.98	
Fungicide	28.77	
Herbicide	22.39	
Insecticide	212.64	
Labor	207.72	
Machinery	298.80	
Interest	34.30	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	17.50	
Scouting	20.00	
Aerial spraying	50.05	
Contract fertilizer application	3.25	
Crop insurance	25.00	
Farm vehicles	16.12	
Total operating cost	1,281.53	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	105.66	
Management	350.58	
Overhead	438.22	
Total fixed cost	1,294.45	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,575.98	10.30
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	312.50	1.25
Crates	325.00	1.30
Sell	50.00	0.20
Total harvest and marketing cost	687.50	2.75
TOTAL COST	3,263.48	13.05

Table 8. Sweet Corn: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	7.00	8.25	9.50	10.75	12.00
200	-1,726.00	-1,476.00	-1,226.00	-976.00	-726.00
225	-1,620.00	-1,338.00	-1,057.00	-776.00	-495.00
250	-1,513.00	-1,201.00	-888.00	-576.00	-263.00
275	-1,407.00	-1,063.00	-720.00	-376.00	-32.00
300	-1,301.00	-926.00	-551.00	-176.00	199.00