

Table A-17. Green Peppers: Summary of preharvest labor costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Operation	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre
CULTURAL LABOR		
Fertilize	3.20	19.20
Bed and fumigate	1.60	9.60
Lay plastic	1.60	9.60
Cross ditch	10.00	60.00
Plant	11.50	69.00
Water control	3.50	21.00
Total cultural labor	31.40	188.40
Total tractor labor	14.71	115.49
TOTAL LABOR COST		303.89

Table A-18. Green Peppers: Summary of machine use and costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1997-98.

Description	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre		
		Fixed	Variable	Total
TRACTORS				
40 hp	0.80	1.90	3.16	5.06
70 hp	3.77	13.50	24.53	38.04
100 hp	7.20	38.41	68.00	106.42
IMPLEMENTS				
1 row mower	0.40	0.67	0.52	1.19
12 ft. disc	1.65	4.16	1.27	5.43
1 row bedder	0.80	1.51	0.46	1.97
1 row bed presser	0.80	0.50	0.11	0.61
1 row plastic machine	0.80	2.60	1.92	4.52
1 row cross ditcher	0.50	1.43	0.23	1.66
2 row transplanter	2.00	2.02	3.71	5.73
1 row fumigator	0.80	1.59	1.61	3.20
Boom Sprayer	2.75	20.09	14.83	34.92
2 row herbicide sprayer	0.60	1.20	0.88	2.08
Stake wagon	0.80	0.85	0.22	1.07
Broadcast spreader	0.67	1.13	1.01	2.14
2 row fertilizer distributor	0.80	5.58	7.28	12.86
MISCELLANEOUS				
30 hp electric pump	21.13	8.24	68.25	76.49
100 hp diesel pump	9.10	10.45	62.32	72.77
TOTAL MACHINERY COST		115.83	260.33	376.16