

Table A-25. Table Potatoes: Summary of preharvest labor costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Operation	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre
<b>CULTURAL LABOR</b>		
Seed cutting labor	1.50	9.00
Water control	2.00	12.00
Hoe	0.15	0.90
Planting labor	2.00	12.00
Total cultural labor	5.65	33.90
Total tractor labor	3.83	34.43
<b>TOTAL LABOR COST</b>		<b>68.33</b>

Table A-26. Table Potatoes: Summary of machine use and costs in the Dade County area, 1997-98.

Description	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre		
		Fixed	Variable	Total
<b>TRACTORS</b>				
85 hp	0.53	2.19	4.11	6.30
125 hp	0.67	4.06	7.63	11.69
160 hp	1.86	14.54	27.20	41.73
<b>IMPLEMENTS</b>				
10 ft. weed chopper	0.17	0.54	0.38	0.92
16 ft. disc	0.88	2.64	1.73	4.37
14 ft. bottom plow	0.31	1.04	1.73	2.77
4 row bedder w/hoppers	0.17	0.65	0.42	1.07
4 row herbicide sprayer	0.18	0.94	0.56	1.50
Boom Sprayer	0.90	6.32	4.88	11.21
4 row cultivator	0.67	1.39	1.50	2.89
4 row potato planter	0.50	5.76	11.43	17.19
Potato cutter	1.50	22.24	4.39	26.63
Elevator	0.33	1.83	0.47	2.31
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
117 hp mounted pump	3.00	4.48	24.44	28.92
<b>TOTAL MACHINERY COST</b>		<b>68.62</b>	<b>90.88</b>	<b>159.50</b>