

Table A-31. Strawberries: Summary of preharvest labor costs in the Plant City area, 1997-98.

Operation	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre
CULTURAL LABOR		
Lay plastic	7.20	39.60
Total cultural labor	7.20	39.60
Total tractor labor	22.69	170.16
TOTAL LABOR COST		209.76

Table A-32. Strawberries: Summary of machine use and costs in the Plant City area, 1997-98.

Description	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre		
		Fixed	Variable	Total
TRACTORS				
35 hp	10.37	16.98	31.74	48.72
75 hp	4.78	17.49	31.84	49.34
110 hp	3.00	16.30	29.44	45.74
IMPLEMENTS				
12 ft. disc	2.00	5.04	1.54	6.58
Roterra	0.66	7.76	2.58	10.34
Broadcast spreader	0.31	0.52	0.47	0.99
Row marker	0.14	0.19	0.05	0.24
Boom sprayer	9.40	68.67	50.69	119.36
2 row bed presser	1.00	0.79	0.19	0.97
2 row herb sprayer	1.32	2.63	1.94	4.57
1 row fumigator	1.00	1.89	2.03	3.92
1 row hole puncher	0.66	0.40	0.28	0.68
Band fertilizer distributor	0.66	3.99	5.21	9.20
1 row plastic layer	1.00	3.10	2.44	5.54
MISCELLANEOUS				
10 hp electric pump	9.38	1.22	10.09	11.31
100 hp diesel pump	8.55	9.82	56.39	66.21
TOTAL MACHINERY COST		156.86	226.91	383.77