

Table A-49. Watermelons: Summary of preharvest labor costs for the following crop in a double-crop system in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1997-98.

Operation	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre
<b>CULTURAL LABOR</b>		
Planting labor	8.00	48.00
Turn vines	30.00	180.00
Water control	2.33	13.00
	13.98	
Total cultural labor	40.33	241.98
Total tractor labor	3.24	23.80
<b>TOTAL LABOR COST</b>		<b>265.78</b>

Table A-50. Watermelons: Summary of machine use and costs for the following crop in a double-crop system in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1997-98.

Description	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre		
		Fixed	Variable	Total
<b>TRACTORS</b>				
85 hp	2.59	10.71	19.53	30.24
<b>IMPLEMENTS</b>				
Liquid fertilizer rig	0.33	3.10	1.60	4.70
Boom sprayer	2.26	17.34	12.08	29.42
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
100 hp diesel pump	14.29	16.41	94.25	110.66
<b>TOTAL MACHINERY COST</b>		<b>47.62</b>	<b>127.46</b>	<b>175.08</b>