

Table A-51. Watermelons: Summary of preharvest labor costs in the north Florida area, 1997-98.

Operation	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre
CULTURAL LABOR		
General farm labor	8.60	51.60
Total cultural labor	8.60	51.60
Total tractor labor	9.73	58.35
TOTAL LABOR COST		109.95

Table A-52. Watermelons: Summary of machine use and costs in the north Florida area, 1997-98.

Description	Hours per acre	Dollars per acre		
		Fixed	Variable	Total
TRACTORS				
85 hp	5.83	22.80	37.02	59.82
125 hp	1.95	12.49	20.16	32.65
IMPLEMENTS				
16 ft. disc	0.95	3.19	0.89	4.08
Sub-soil shank	0.40	0.72	0.36	1.08
1 row bedder	0.20	0.40	0.11	0.52
1 row press/fumigator	0.90	1.25	1.07	2.31
1 row fert. distributor	0.17	1.09	1.33	2.42
1 row plastic machine	0.40	1.36	0.94	2.30
Boom sprayer	0.50	3.84	2.67	6.51
Bottom plow	0.40	1.43	1.01	2.44
Chisel plow	0.57	2.04	1.04	3.07
1 row planter	0.29	1.66	2.77	4.43
Hose reel/gun/trailer	3.00	19.04	33.45	52.50
MISCELLANEOUS				
150 hp diesel pump	3.00	5.46	27.29	32.75
TOTAL MACHINERY COST		76.76	130.11	206.87