

Table 11. Eggplant: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Bushel
Yield (33 lb. bushels)	1,400	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	250.00	
Fertilizer and lime	405.14	
Fumigant	550.00	
Fungicide	129.90	
Herbicide	28.13	
Insecticide	510.42	
Labor	532.14	
Machinery	309.83	
Interest	194.45	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic string	40.00	
Egg stakes	112.50	
Tie eggplant	175.00	
Egg Plastic mulch	390.00	
Drive Stakes	115.00	
Pep/cut/pull/bu	130.00	
Clean ditch egg	100.00	
Plastic disposal	85.00	
Egg Scouting	25.00	
Level land	50.00	
Farm trucks	43.09	
Total operating cost	4,175.58	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	133.79	
Management	1,128.73	
Overhead	1,580.22	
Total fixed cost	3,242.74	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	7,418.32	5.30
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Pick, pack and haul	1,750.00	
Containers	1,400.00	
Selling	700.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,850.00	2.75
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,268.32	8.05

<sup>a</sup> 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 12. Eggplant: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-4,168.32	-3,168.32	-2,168.32	-1,168.32	-168.32
1,200	-3,518.32	-2,318.32	-1,118.32	81.68	1,281.68
1,400	-2,868.32	-1,468.32	-68.32	1,331.68	2,731.68
1,600	-2,218.32	-618.32	981.68	2,581.68	4,181.68
1,800	-1,568.32	231.68	2,031.68	3,831.68	5,631.68