

Table 13. Eggplant: Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (33 lb. bushels)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	250.00	
Fertilizer and lime	405.15	
Fumigant	550.00	
Fungicide	129.90	
Herbicide	28.13	
Insecticide	510.42	
Labor	532.14	
Machinery	309.83	
Interest	190.64	
Miscellaneous		
Farm vehicles	43.09	
Scouting	25.00	
Remove string and stakes	130.00	
Ditch maintenance	100.00	
Tie plants	175.00	
Level land	50.00	
Drive Stakes	115.00	
Plastic string	40.00	
Plastic mulch	390.00	
Stakes	112.50	
Total operating cost	4,086.76	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	118.90	
Management	1,107.48	
Overhead	1,550.47	
Total fixed cost	3,191.74	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,278.50	5.20
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	1,750.00	
Containers	1,400.00	
Selling	700.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,850.00	2.75
TOTAL COST	11,128.50	7.95

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 14. Eggplant: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system 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	-4,029.00	-3,029.00	-2,029.00	-1,029.00	-29.00
1,200	-3,379.00	-2,179.00	-979.00	222.00	1,422.00
1,400	-2,729.00	-1,329.00	72.00	1,472.00	2,872.00
1,600	-2,079.00	-479.00	1,122.00	2,722.00	4,322.00
1,800	-1,429.00	372.00	2,172.00	3,972.00	5,772.00