

Table 15. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,100	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	800.00	
Fertilizer and lime	297.50	
Fumigant	550.00	
Fungicide	195.43	
Herbicide	52.37	
Insecticide	425.40	
Labor	419.36	
Machinery	321.49	
Interest	202.06	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	100.00	
Level land	50.00	
Plastic mulch	390.00	
Place and drive stakes	65.00	
Plastic string	31.25	
Pepper stakes	80.00	
Tie plants	30.00	
Hand weed	25.00	
Pepper cut/pull/bundle	130.00	
Plastic disposal	85.00	
Scouting	40.00	
Farm vehicles	25.82	
Total operating cost	4,315.69	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	118.90	
Management	1,158.13	
Overhead	1,621.39	
Total fixed cost	3,298.42	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	7,614.11	6.92
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest, pack and haul	1,870.00	
Containers	1,100.00	
Selling	550.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,520.00	3.20
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,134.11	10.12

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

<sup>b</sup> cost reflects in-field packing.

Table 16. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Yield (bushels)	<u>Dollars per bushel</u>				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-4,734.11	-3,834.11	-2,934.11	-2,034.11	-1,134.11
800	-3,774.11	-2,574.11	-1,374.11	-174.11	1,025.89
1,000	-2,814.11	-1,314.11	185.89	1,685.89	3,185.89
1,200	-1,854.11	-54.11	1,745.89	3,545.89	5,345.89
1,400	-894.11	1,205.89	3,305.89	5,405.89	7,505.89