

Table 17. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,100	
OPERATING COSTS	-----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	198.25	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	100.00	
Level land	50.00	
Plastic mulch	390.00	
Place and drive stakes	65.00	
Plastic string	31.25	
Replacement stakes	80.00	
Tie plants	30.00	
Hand weed	25.00	
Remove string and stakes	130.00	
Scouting	40.00	
Farm vehicles	25.82	
Total operating cost	4,226.87	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	118.90	
Management	1,136.88	
Overhead	1,591.64	
Total fixed cost	3,247.42	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,474.30	6.79
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest, pack and haul	1,870.00	
Containers	1,100.00	
Selling	550.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,520.00	3.20
TOTAL COST	10,994.30	9.99

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

^b cost reflects in-field packing.

Table 18. Green Peppers: 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)	<u>Dollars per bushel</u>				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-4,594.30	-3,694.30	2,794.30	-1,894.30	-994.30
800	-3,634.30	-2,434.30	-1,234.30	-34.30	1,165.70
1,000	-2,674.30	-1,174.30	325.70	1,825.70	5,485.70
1,200	-1,714.30	85.70	1,885.70	3,685.70	5,485.70
1,400	-754.30	1,345.70	3,445.70	5,545.70	7,645.7