

Table 21. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,000	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	880.00	
Fertilizer and lime	429.50	
Fumigant	506.00	
Fungicide	206.14	
Herbicide	25.11	
Insecticide	471.69	
Labor	384.59	
Machinery	542.95	
Interest	216.52	
Miscellaneous		
Level land	145.00	
Plastic mulch	234.00	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	22.56	
Total operating cost	4,073.87	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	144.05	
Management	1,164.56	
Overhead	1,164.56	
Total fixed cost	2,923.17	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,997.04	6.99
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest, haul and pack	2,980.00	
Containers	950.00	
Selling	500.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,430.00	4.43
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,427.04	11.43

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

Table 22. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the southwest Florida area, 1997-98.

Yield (bushels)	<u>Dollars per bushel</u>				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-4,536.00	-3,636.00	-2,736.00	-1,836.00	-936.00
800	-3,656.00	-2,456.00	-1,256.00	-56.00	1,144.00
1,000	-2,776.00	-1,276.00	224.00	1,724.00	3,224.00
1,200	-1,896.00	-96.00	1,704.00	3,504.00	5,304.00
1,400	-1,016.00	1,084.00	3,184.00	5,284.00	7,384.00