

Table 25. Table Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwts.
Yield (cwts.)	200	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	556.50	
Fertilizer and lime	229.60	
Fungicide	178.79	
Herbicide	29.84	
Insecticide	125.55	
Labor	92.57	
Machinery	130.15	
Interest	83.82	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Contract seed hauling	24.15	
Farm vehicles	40.28	
Total operating cost	1,506.25	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	57.83	
Management	477.88	
Overhead	477.88	
Total fixed cost	1,463.58	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,969.84	14.84
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Dig and haul	140.00	0.70
Grade	310.00	1.55
Selling	140.00	0.70
Sacks	152.00	0.76
Total harvest and marketing cost	742.00	3.71
TOTAL COST	3,711.84	18.56

Table 26. Table Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per sack				
	8.00	10.50	13.00	15.50	18.00
150	-2,307.59	-1,932.59	-1,557.59	-1,182.59	-807.59
175	-2,200.34	-1,762.84	-1,325.34	-887.84	-450.34
200	-2,093.09	-1,593.09	-1,093.09	-593.09	-93.09
225	-1,985.84	-1,423.34	-860.84	-298.34	264.16
250	-1,878.59	-1,253.59	-628.59	-3.59	621.41