

Table 27. Table Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Hastings area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwts.
Yield (cwts.)	200	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	373.90	
Fertilizer	199.85	
Fumigant	64.62	
Fungicide	113.22	
Herbicide	44.00	
Insecticide	25.98	
Labor	203.79	
Nematicide	136.60	
Machinery	206.27	
Interest	105.52	
Miscellaneous		
Aerial spraying	9.00	
Crop insurance	21.00	
Farm vehicles	27.49	
Total operating cost	1,531.24	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	100.00	
Machinery	85.13	
Overhead	402.71	
Total fixed cost	587.84	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	2,119.08	10.60
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Dig and haul	140.00	0.70
Grading	310.00	1.55
Sacks	160.00	
Selling	140.00	0.70
Total harvest and marketing cost	750.00	3.75
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	2,869.08	14.35

Table 28. Table Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Hastings area, 1998-99.

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per cwt.				
	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00
150	-1,781.58	-1,331.58	-881.58	-431.58	18.42
175	-1,725.33	-1,200.33	-675.22	-150.33	374.67
200	-1,669.08	-1,069.08	-469.08	130.92	730.92
225	-1,612.83	-937.83	-262.83	412.17	1,087.17
250	-1,556.58	-806.58	-56.58	693.42	1,443.42