

Table 29. Summer Squash: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield (42 lb. bushels)	300	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	160.00	
Fertilizer and lime	100.00	
Fungicide	179.72	
Insecticide	137.81	
Labor	288.11	
Machinery	205.45	
Interest	69.22	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	24.17	
Total operating cost	1,217.85	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	64.93	
Management	399.10	
Overhead	439.01	
Total fixed cost	1,353.04	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,570.89	8.57
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick and haul	615.00	
Grade and Pack	570.00	
Load squash	210.00	
Containers	405.00	
Selling	150.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,950.00	6.50
TOTAL COST	4,520.89	15.07

Table 30. Summer Squash: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	9.50	10.75	12.00	13.25	14.50
250	-1,753.73	-1,441.23	-1,128.73	-816.23	-503.73
275	-1,678.73	-1,334.98	-991.23	-647.48	-303.73
300	-1,603.73	-1,228.73	-853.73	-478.73	-103.73
325	-1,528.73	-1,122.48	-716.23	-309.98	96.27
350	-1,453.73	-1,016.23	-578.73	-141.23	296.27