

Table 33. Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	202.40	
Fertilizer	377.30	
Fumigant	569.25	
Fungicide	264.73	
Herbicide	95.30	
Insecticide	402.26	
Labor	540.17	
Machinery	298.26	
Interest	187.46	
Miscellaneous		
Frost protection	100.00	
Plastic mulch	294.00	
Plastic string	112.50	
Stake depreciation and maintenance	128.00	
Plastic disposal	75.00	
Tie plants	145.20	
Well maintenance	15.00	
Scouting	35.00	
Farm vehicles	24.17	
Total operating cost	3,865.98	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	97.35	
Management	1,051.42	
Overhead	1,051.42	
Total fixed cost	2,650.20	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,516.18	4.65
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest and haul	1,190.00	
Packing	2,590.00	
Containers	1,120.00	
Selling	210.00	
Organization fees	70.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	5,180.00	3.70
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,696.18	8.35

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

Table 34. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,200	-3,736.00	+2,536.00	-1,336.00	-136.00	1,064.00
1,300	-3,506.00	-2,206.00	-906.00	394.00	1,694.00
1,400	-3,276.00	-1,876.00	-476.00	924.00	2,324.00
1,500	-3,046.00	-1,546.00	-46.00	1,454.00	2,954.00
1,600	-2,816.00	-1,216.00	384.00	1,984.00	3,584.00