

Table 37. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the preceding crop in a double-crop system for the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1998-99.

| Category | Average per | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | Acre ^a | Carton |
| Yield (25 lb. cartons) | 1,250 | |
| OPERATING COSTS | -----Dollars----- | |
| Transplants | 256.00 | |
| Fertilizer and lime | 389.38 | |
| Fumigant | 569.25 | |
| Fungicide | 316.87 | |
| Herbicide | 40.20 | |
| Insecticide | 537.45 | |
| Labor | 483.06 | |
| Machinery | 395.46 | |
| Interest | 166.93 | |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Plastic mulch | 294.00 | |
| Plastic string | 110.00 | |
| Replacement stakes | 48.00 | |
| Scouting | 35.00 | |
| Farm vehicles | 19.33 | |
| Tie plants | 116.16 | |
| Total operating cost | 3,777.09 | |
| FIXED COST | | |
| Land rent | 300.00 | |
| Machinery | 200.17 | |
| Management | 982.97 | |
| Overhead | 982.97 | |
| Total fixed cost | 2,466.11 | |
| TOTAL PREHARVEST COST | 6,243.20 | 4.99 |
| HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS | | |
| Harvest and haul | 962.50 | |
| Packing | 2,312.50 | |
| Containers | 937.50 | |
| Selling | 187.50 | |
| Tomato assessments | 62.50 | |
| Total harvest and marketing cost | 4,462.50 | 3.57 |
| TOTAL COST | 10,705.70 | 8.56 |

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 38. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the preceding crop in a double-crop system for the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1998-99.

| Yield (cartons) | Dollars per carton | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | 6.50 | 7.38 | 8.25 | 9.13 | 10.00 |
| 900 | -3,428.00 | -2,640.00 | -1,853.00 | -1,065.00 | -278.00 |
| 1,075 | -2,915.00 | -1,974.00 | -1,034.00 | -93.00 | 847.00 |
| 1,250 | -2,402.00 | -1,309.00 | -215.00 | 879.00 | 1,973.00 |
| 1,425 | -1,890.00 | -643.00 | 604.00 | 1,851.00 | 3,098.00 |
| 1,600 | -1,377.00 | 23.00 | 1,423.00 | 2,823.00 | 4,223.00 |