

Table 41. Spring Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the north Florida area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,600	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	360.00	
Fertilizer and lime	320.01	
Fumigant	552.25	
Fungicide	399.05	
Herbicide	43.52	
Insecticide	391.84	
Labor	560.85	
Machinery	418.31	
Interest	224.86	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic mulch	296.94	
Plastic string	28.75	
Replacement stakes	112.50	
Remove string and stakes	123.42	
Remove and dispose of plastic	100.00	
Trickle tube	290.40	
Miscellaneous irrigation materials	100.00	
Scouting	44.00	
Tie plants	130.68	
Prune plants	32.67	
General farm labor	98.01	
Crop insurance	230.00	
Farm vehicles	19.33	
Total operating cost	4,877.39	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	350.00	
Machinery	132.89	
Management	1,283.85	
Overhead	1,283.85	
Total fixed cost	3,050.60	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,927.99	4.95
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	1,232.00	0.77
Packing	2,960.00	1.85
Containers	1,200.00	0.75
Selling	240.00	0.15
Assessments	80.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	5,712.00	3.57
TOTAL COST	13,639.99	8.52

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 42. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the north Florida area, 1998-99.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	4.50	6.25	8.00	9.75	11.50
1,400	-6,625.99	-4,175.99	-1,725.99	724.01	3,174.01
1,500	-6,532.99	-3,907.99	-1,282.99	1,342.01	3,967.01
1,600	-6,439.99	-3,639.99	-839.99	1,960.01	4,760.01
1,700	-6,346.99	-3,371.99	-396.99	2,578.01	5,553.01
1,800	-6,253.99	-3,103.99	46.01	3,196.01	6,346.01