

Table 43. Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	384.00	
Fertilizer and lime	309.93	
Fumigant	506.00	
Fungicide	247.65	
Insecticide	149.50	
Labor	285.79	
Machinery	592.52	
Interest	195.49	
Miscellaneous		
Level land	145.00	
Plastic mulch	234.00	
Cross ditch	27.20	
Trickle tube	290.40	
Plastic string	37.50	
Replacement stakes	112.50	
Remove string and stakes	123.42	
Remove and dispose of plastic	156.82	
Tie plants	145.20	
Prune plants	78.41	
Set and drive stakes	81.31	
Scouting	39.00	
Farm Vehicles	19.33	
Total operating cost	4,160.97	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	399.60	
Management	1,203.77	
Overhead	1,203.77	
Total fixed cost	3,257.14	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,418.11	5.30
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	1,120.00	
Packing	2,590.00	
Containers	1,050.00	
Selling	210.00	
Assessments	70.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	5,040.00	3.60
TOTAL COST	12,458.11	8.90

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 44. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-5,018.00	-4,018.00	-3,018.00	-2,018.00	-1,018.00
1,200	-4,538.00	-3,338.00	-2,138.00	-938.00	262.00
1,400	-4,058.00	-2,658.00	-1,258.00	142.00	1,542.00
1,600	-3,578.00	-1,978.00	-378.00	1,222.00	2,822.00
1,800	-3,098.00	-1,298.00	502.00	2,302.00	4,102.00