

Table 5. Sweet Corn: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (42 lb. crates)	300	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	84.00	
Fertilizer	295.55	
Fungicide	29.64	
Herbicide	40.77	
Insecticide	264.40	
Labor	354.77	
Machinery	320.75	
Interest	81.48	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	16.11	
Scouting	20.00	
Apply fertilizer	20.00	
Total operating cost	\$1,542.47	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	74.48	
Management	496.37	
Overhead	546.01	
Total fixed cost	1,566.86	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	3,109.33	10.36
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	414.00	1.38
Containers	390.00	1.30
Sell Corn	60.00	0.20
Total harvest and marketing cost	864.00	2.88
TOTAL COST	3,973.33	13.24

Table 6. Sweet Corn: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1998-99.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	5.50	7.00	8.50	10.00	11.50
250	-2,454.33	-2,079.33	-1,704.33	-1,329.33	-954.33
275	-2,388.83	-7,976.33	-1,563.83	-1,151.33	-738.83
300	-2,323.33	-1,873.33	-1,423.33	-973.33	-523.33
325	-2,257.83	-1,770.33	-1,282.83	-795.33	-307.83
350	-2,192.33	-1,667.33	-1,142.33	-617.33	-92.33