

Table 53. Watermelons: Estimated production costs for the following crop in a double-crop system for the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.^a

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwt.
Yield (cwts.)	340	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	120.00	
Fertilizer and lime	135.00	
Fungicide	204.47	
Herbicide	19.14	
Insecticide	151.08	
Labor	420.75	
Machinery	288.91	
Interest	44.03	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	17.00	
Plastic removal and disposal	156.82	
Bees	20.00	
Farm vehicles	16.12	
Total operating cost	1,593.33	
FIXED COST		
Machinery	93.01	
Management	410.58	
Overhead	410.58	
Total fixed cost	914.16	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,507.49	7.37
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and pack	680.00	
Marketing and Promotion Assessment	6.80	
Selling	340.00	
Packing Material	10.20	
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,037.00	3.05
TOTAL COST	3,544.49	10.42

^a Cost attributed to second crop as a result of double-crop production practices following Tomatoes.

^b Costs exclude field and bed preparation, plastic mulch and fumigant.

Table 54. Watermelons: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for a following crop in a double-crop system for the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per cwt.				
	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
300	-1,022.49	-722.49	-422.49	-122.49	177.51
320	-923.49	-603.49	-283.49	36.51	356.51
340	-824.49	-484.49	-144.59	195.51	535.51
360	-725.49	-365.49	-5.49	354.51	714.51
380	-626.49	-246.49	133.51	513.51	893.51