

Table 7. Sweet Corn: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (42 lb. crate)	250	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	66.50	
Fertilizer	302.17	
Fungicide	31.17	
Herbicide	23.32	
Insecticide	215.74	
Labor	220.01	
Machinery	333.39	
Interest	64.38	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch maintenance	17.50	
Scouting	20.00	
Aerial spraying	52.00	
Contract fertilizer application	3.25	
Crop insurance	25.00	
Farm vehicles	17.24	
Total operating cost	1,391.67	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	102.98	
Management	457.57	
Overhead	640.59	
Total fixed cost	1,601.14	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,575.98	11.97
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	325.00	
Crates	362.50	
Sell	50.00	
Total harvest and marketing cost	737.50	2.95
TOTAL COST	3,730.31	14.92

Table 8. Sweet Corn: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1998-99.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	7.00	8.25	9.50	10.75	12.00
200	-2,182.81	-1,932.81	-1,682.81	-1,432.81	-1,182.81
225	-2,081.56	-1,800.31	-1,519.06	-1,237.81	-956.56
250	-1,980.31	-1,667.81	-1,355.31	-1,042.81	-730.31
275	-1,879.06	-1,535.31	-1,191.56	-847.81	-504.06
300	-1,777.81	-1,402.81	-1,027.81	-652.81	-277.81