

Table 13. Eggplant: Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (33 lb. bushels)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	250.00	
Fertilizer and lime	469.58	
Fumigant	602.00	
Fungicide	151.48	
Herbicide	32.81	
Insecticide	592.33	
Labor	537.84	
Machinery	330.57	
Interest	153.33	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic string	35.20	
Plastic Mulch	378.33	
Eggplant Stakes	112.50	
Farm vehicle (s)	40.28	
Cut/Pull/Bundle Stakes	126.32	
Ditch maintenance	75.00	
Tie Plants	162.62	
Level land	50.00	
Scouting	20.00	
Set/Drive Stakes	110.35	
Total operating cost	4,230.55	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	144.56	
Management	924.36	
Overhead	1,155.45	
Total fixed cost	2,624.36	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,854.91	4.90
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	1,638.00	1.17
Containers	1,190.00	0.85
Selling	700.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	3,528.00	2.52
TOTAL COST	10,382.91	7.42

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 14. Eggplant: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the initial crop of a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 1999-2000.

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-3,374.91	-2,374.91	-1,374.91	-374.91	625.09
1,200	-2,678.91	-1,478.910	-278.91	921.09	2,121.09
1,400	-1,982.91	-582.91	817.09	2,217.09	3,617.09
1,600	-1,286.91	313.09	1,913.09	3,513.09	5,113.09
1,800	-590.91	1,209.092	3,009.09	4,809.09	6,609.09