

Table 15. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the Palm Beach County area, 1999-2000.

| Category                           | Average per       |        |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
|                                    | Acre <sup>a</sup> | Bushel |
| Yield (28 lb. bushels)             | 1,100             |        |
| <b>OPERATING COSTS</b>             | -----Dollars----- |        |
| Transplants                        | 800.00            |        |
| Fertilizer and lime                | 295.00            |        |
| Fumigant                           | 602.00            |        |
| Fungicide                          | 231.25            |        |
| Herbicide                          | 60.18             |        |
| Insecticide                        | 497.63            |        |
| Labor                              | 426.01            |        |
| Machinery                          | 342.35            |        |
| Interest                           | 159.28            |        |
| Miscellaneous                      |                   |        |
| Scout Peppers                      | 25.00             |        |
| Cut/Pull/Bundle Mulch              | 126.32            |        |
| Clean Ditches                      | 100.00            |        |
| Tie Peppers                        | 26.14             |        |
| Plastic Mulch Disposal             | 80.59             |        |
| Level Land                         | 50.00             |        |
| Hand Weed                          | 24.68             |        |
| Set/Drive Stakes                   | 61.71             |        |
| Farm Vehicles                      | 24.16             |        |
| Plastic String                     | 27.50             |        |
| Plastic Mulch                      | 378.33            |        |
| Stakes                             | 72.00             |        |
| Total operating cost               | 4,410.13          |        |
| <b>FIXED COST</b>                  |                   |        |
| Land rent                          | 400.00            |        |
| Machinery                          | 125.41            |        |
| Supervision                        | 955.25            |        |
| Overhead                           | 1,194.06          |        |
| Total fixed cost                   | 2,674.72          |        |
| <b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>       | 7,084.85          | 6.44   |
| <b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b> |                   |        |
| Harvest, pack and haul             | 1,760.00          | 1.60   |
| Containers                         | 1,045.00          | 0.95   |
| Selling                            | 550.00            | 0.50   |
| Total harvest and marketing cost   | 3,355.00          | 3.05   |
| <b>TOTAL COST</b>                  | 10,439.85         | 9.49   |

<sup>a</sup> 7,260 linear bed feet

<sup>b</sup> cost reflects in-field packing.

Table 16. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Palm Beach County area, 1999-2000

| Yield (bushels) | <u>Dollars per bushel</u> |           |           |           |          |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                 | 8.00                      | 9.50      | 11.00     | 12.50     | 14.00    |
| 600             | -4,114.85                 | -3,214.85 | -2,314.85 | -1,414.85 | -514.85  |
| 800             | -3,124.85                 | -1,924.85 | -724.85   | 475.15    | 1,675.15 |
| 1,000           | -2,134.85                 | -634.85   | 865.15    | 2,365.15  | 3,865.15 |
| 1,200           | -1,144.85                 | 655.15    | 2,455.15  | 4,255.15  | 6,055.15 |
| 1,400           | -154.85                   | 1,945.15  | 4,045.15  | 6,145.15  | 8,245.15 |