

Table 17. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the initial crop of a double-crop system 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	156.03	
Miscellaneous		
Level land	50.00	
Hand Weed	24.68	
Place and drive stakes	61.71	
Clean Ditches	100.00	
Tie plants	26.14	
Pepper cut/pull/bundle	126.32	
Scouting	25.00	
Total operating cost	4,311.99	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	400.00	
Machinery	125.41	
Supervision	936.27	
Overhead	1,170.34	
Total fixed cost	2,632.03	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,944.02	6.31
<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>	10,299.02	9.36

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

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

Table 18. Green Peppers: 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)	<u>Dollars per bushel</u>				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-3,974.02	-3,074.02	2,174.02	-1,274.02	-374.02
800	-2,984.02	-1,784.02	-584.02	615.98	1,815.98
1,000	-1,994.02	-494.02	1,005.98	2,505.98	4,005.98
1,200	-1,004.02	795.98	2,595.98	4,395.98	6,195.98
1,400	-14.02	2,085.98	4,185.98	6,285.98	8,385.98