

Table 19. Green Peppers: Estimated production costs in the southwest Florida area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Bushel
Yield (28 lb. bushels)	1,000	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	880.00	
Fertilizer and lime	422.50	
Fumigant	602.00	
Fungicide	239.82	
Herbicide	27.56	
Insecticide	537.07	
Labor	430.35	
Machinery	828.76	
Interest	295.19	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic Mulch	234.00	
Remove and Dispose of Plastic	156.82	
Scout Peppers	35.00	
Level Land	145.00	
Farm Vehicles	22.56	
Total operating cost	4,856.64	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	263.77	
Supervision	1,055.04	
Overhead	1,318.80	
Total fixed cost	3,087.62	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,944.26	7.94
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Sell peppers	500.00	0.50
Pepper carton	950.00	0.95
Pack peppers	1600.00	1.60
Haul peppers	300.00	0.30
Harvest peppers	1,080.00	1.08
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,430.00	4.43
TOTAL COST	12,374.26	12.37
^a 7,260 linear bed feet		

Table 20. Green Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the southwest Florida area, 1999-2000

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	8.00	9.50	11.00	12.50	14.00
600	-5,802.26	4,902.26	-4,002.26	-3,102.26	-2,202.26
800	-5,088.26	-3,888.26	-2,688.26	-1,488.26	-288.26
1,000	-4,374.26	-2,874.26	-1,374.26	125.74	1,625.74
1,200	-3,660.26	-1,860.26	-60.26	1,739.74	3,539.74
1,400	-2,946.26	-846.26	1,253.74	3,353.74	5,453.74