

Table 23. Chip Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Hastings area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwt.
Yield (cwts.)	225.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	308.62	
Fertilizer	178.62	
Fungicide	131.97	
Herbicide	25.58	
Insecticide	32.39	
Labor	268.95	
Nematicide	77.20	
Machinery	185.07	
Interest	91.19	
Miscellaneous		
Aerial Spray	8.25	
Cover Crop Seed	6.40	
Crop Insurance	21.00	
Farm Vehicles	25.71	
Total operating cost	1,360.95	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	100.00	
Machinery	86.80	
Overhead	364.14	
Total fixed cost	550.93	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	1,911.88	8.50
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Dig and haul	157.50	0.70
Grading	67.50	0.30
Total harvest and marketing cost	225.00	1.00
TOTAL COST	2,136.88	9.50

Table 24. Chip Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Hastings area. 1999-2000

Yield (cwts.)	<u>Dollars per cwt</u>				
	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	14.00
175	-1,036.88	-686.88	-336.88	13.12	363.12
200	-911.88	-511.88	-111.88	288.12	688.12
225	-786.88	-336.88	113.12	563.12	1,013.12
250	-661.88	-161.88	338.12	838.12	1,338.12
275	-536.88	13.12	563.12	1,113.12	1,663.12