

Table 27. Table Potatoes: Estimated production costs in the Hastings area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwts.
Yield (cwts.)	200.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	346.50	
Fertilizer	178.62	
Fumigant	72.48	
Fungicide	124.17	
Herbicide	51.26	
Insecticide	32.39	
Labor	268.95	
Nematicide	159.47	
Machinery	185.08	
Interest	105.21	
Miscellaneous		
Crop Insurance	21.00	
Cover crop	6.40	
Aerial Spray	8.25	
Farm Vehicle	25.71	
Total operating cost	1,585.49	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	100.00	
Machinery	87.18	
Overhead	416.87	
Total fixed cost	604.05	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,189.54	10.95
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Sell	140.00	0.70
Grading	310.00	1.55
Sacks	152.00	0.76
Dig/haul	140.00	0.70
Total harvest and marketing cost	742.00	3.71
TOTAL COST	2,931.54	14.66

Table 28. Table Potatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Hastings area, 1999-2000

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per cwt.				
	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00
150	-1,846.04	-1,396.04	-946.04	-496.04	-46.04
175	-1,788.79	-1,263.79	-738.79	-213.79	311.21
200	-1,731.54	-1,131.54	-531.54	68.46	668.46
225	-1,674.29	-999.29	-324.29	350.71	1,025.71
250	-1,617.04	-867.04	-117.04	632.96	1,382.96