

Table 29. Summer Squash: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield (42 lb. bushels)	300.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	155.50	
Fertilizer and lime	100.00	
Fungicide	208.33	
Insecticide	157.70	
Labor	226.66	
Machinery	271.91	
Interest	63.68	
Miscellaneous		
Well Maintenance	15.00	
Farm Vehicles	24.17	
Total operating cost	1,222.95	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	200.00	
Machinery	74.80	
Supervision	286.81	
Overhead	358.52	
Total fixed cost	920.13	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	2,143.07	7.14
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick and haul	615.00	2.05
Grade and Pack	570.00	1.90
Load squash	210.00	0.70
Containers	405.00	1.35
Selling	150.00	0.50
Total harvest and marketing cost	1,950.00	6.50
TOTAL COST	4,093.07	13.64

Table 30. Summer Squash: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1999-2000

Yield (bushels)	Dollars per bushel				
	9.50	10.75	12.00	13.25	14.50
250	-1,393.07	-1,080.57	-768.07	-455.57	-143.07
275	-1,318.07	-974.32	-630.57	-286.82	56.93
300	-1,243.07	-868.07	-493.07	-118.07	256.93
325	-1,168.07	-761.82	-355.57	50.68	456.93
350	-1,093.07	-655.57	-218.07	219.43	656.93