

Table 33. Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400.00	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Fertilizer	350.50	
Fumigant	625.50	
Fungicide	299.27	
Herbicide	109.46	
Insecticide	438.40	
Labor	362.88	
Seed	201.70	
Surfactants	14.30	
Machinery	434.33	
Machinery Labor	130.00	
Interest	218.72	
Miscellaneous		
Farm Vehicles	24.17	
Well Maintenance	15.00	
Stake Dep + Main	128.00	
Plastic String	82.50	
Plastic Mulch	294.00	
Frost protection	100.00	
Tie tomatoes	145.20	
Scout tomatoes	35.00	
Plastic Disposal	75.00	
Total operating cost	4,083.91	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	138.87	
Supervision	890.81	
Overhead	1,113.52	
Total fixed cost	2,593.20	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,677.12	4.77
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest and haul	1,190.00	0.85
Packing	2,240.00	1.60
Containers	1,120.00	0.80
Selling	210.00	0.15
Organization fees	70.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,830.00	3.45
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,507.12	8.22

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

Table 34. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1999-2000

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,200	-3,617.12	-2,417.12	-1,217.12	-17.12	1,182.88
1,300	-3,362.12	-2,062.12	-762.12	537.88	1,837.88
1,400	-3,107.12	-1,707.12	-307.12	1,092.88	2,492.88
1,500	-2,852.12	-1,352.12	147.88	1,647.88	3,147.88
1,600	-2,597.12	-997.12	602.88	2,202.88	3,802.88