

Table 35. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre <sup>a</sup>	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,250.00	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	224.00	
Fertilizer and lime	390.53	
Fumigant	501.75	
Fungicide	372.59	
Herbicide	46.28	
Insecticide	606.86	
Labor	547.55	
Machinery	554.76	
Interest	215.27	
Miscellaneous		
Plastic Mulch	294.00	
Plastic String	110.00	
Replacement Stakes	48.00	
Scout Tomatoes	35.00	
Farm Vehicles	19.33	
Tie Tomatoes	116.16	
Remove String/Stakes	123.42	
Plastic Mulch Disposal	75.00	
Total operating cost	4,280.50	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	300.00	
Machinery	281.08	
Supervision	929.26	
Overhead	1,161.58	
Total fixed cost	2,671.92	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,952.42	5.56
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Harvest and haul	962.50	0.77
Packing	2,312.50	1.85
Containers	937.50	0.75
Selling	187.50	0.15
Organization	62.50	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,462.50	3.57
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,414.92	9.13

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

Table 36. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1999-2000.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.50	7.38	8.25	9.13	10.00
900	-4,315.42	-3,527.92	-2,740.42	-1,952.92	-1,165.42
1,075	-3,802.67	-2,862.04	-1,921.42	-980.79	-40.17
1,250	-3,289.92	-2,196.17	-1,102.42	-8.67	1,085.08
1,425	-2,777.17	-1,530.29	-283.42	963.46	2,210.33
1,600	-2,264.42	-864.42	535.58	1,935.58	3,335.58