

Table 37. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the preceding crop in a double-crop system for 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	211.57	
Miscellaneous		
Tomato scouting	35.00	
Stakes	48.00	
Plastic String	110.00	
Plastic Mulch	294.00	
Farm Vehicles	19.33	
Tie Tomatoes	116.16	
Remove String/Stakes	123.42	
Total operating cost	4,201.80	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Land rent	300.00	
Machinery	281.08	
Supervision	914.26	
Overhead	1,142.83	
Total fixed cost	2,638.17	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	6,839.97	5.47
<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 Fee	62.50	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,462.50	3.57
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	11,302.47	9.04

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

Table 38. Fall Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for the preceding crop in a double-crop system for the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1999-2000.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.50	7.38	8.25	9.13	10.00
900	-4,202.97	-3,415.47	-2,627.97	-1,840.47	-1,052.97
1,075	-3,690.22	-2,749.59	-1,808.97	-868.34	72.28
1,250	-3,177.47	-2,083.72	-989.97	103.78	1,197.53
1,425	-2,664.72	-1,417.84	-170.97	1,075.91	2,322.78
1,600	-2,151.97	-751.97	648.03	2,048.03	3,448.03