

Table 39. Spring Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	224.00	
Fertilizer and lime	390.53	
Fumigant	501.75	
Fungicide	248.04	
Herbicide	46.28	
Insecticide	458.30	
Labor	487.08	
Machinery	489.94	
Interest	173.79	
Miscellaneous		
Stakes	48.00	
Plastic String	110.00	
Tomato Scouting	35.00	
Tie Tomatoes	116.16	
Plastic Mulch	195.00	
String/Stake Disposal	123.42	
Pull/bundle/dispose Mulch	75.00	
Farm Vehicles	19.33	
Total operating cost	3,741.62	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	300.00	
Machinery	235.94	
Supervision	820.75	
Overhead	1,025.94	
Total fixed cost	2,382.63	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,124.25	4.37
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	980.00	0.70
Packing	2,590.00	1.85
Containers	1,050.00	0.75
Selling	210.00	0.15
Organization fees	70.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,900.00	3.50
TOTAL COST	11,024.25	7.87

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 40. Spring 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	-3,424.25	-2,636.75	-1,849.25	-1,061.75	-274.25
1,075	-2,899.25	-1,958.62	-1,018.00	-77.37	863.25
1,250	-2,374.25	-1,280.50	-186.75	907.00	2,000.75
1,425	-1,849.25	-602.37	644.50	1,891.38	3,138.25
1,600	-1,324.25	75.75	1,475.75	2,875.75	4,275.75