

Table 41. Spring Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the north Florida area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,600.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	315.00	
Fertilizer and lime	335.00	
Fumigant	653.30	
Fungicide	459.74	
Herbicide	51.88	
Insecticide	459.42	
Labor	557.14	
Machinery	453.59	
Interest	231.61	
Miscellaneous		
Trickle tube	290.40	
Stakes	112.50	
Tomatoes Plastic	296.94	
Plastic String	27.50	
String/stake Disposal	123.42	
Farm Vehicle(s)	19.33	
Plastic Disposal	100.00	
Misc. Irrigation Material	100.00	
Trickle Tube Cleaning/Maintenance	7.00	
Scout Tomatoes	44.00	
Tie Tomatoes	130.68	
Prune Tomatoes	32.67	
Set/Drive Stakes	98.01	
Crop Insurance	230.00	
Total operating cost	5,129.13	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	350.00	
Machinery	153.35	
Management	1,080.17	
Overhead	1,350.22	
Total fixed cost	2,933.74	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	8,062.87	5.04
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	1,232.00	0.77
Packing	2,960.00	1.85
Containers	1,200.00	0.75
Selling	240.00	0.15
Assessments	80.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	5,712.00	3.57
TOTAL COST	13,774.87	8.61

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 42. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the north Florida area, 1999-2000.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	4.50	6.25	8.00	9.75	11.50
1,400	-6,760.87	-4,310.87	-1,860.87	589.13	3,039.13
1,500	-6,667.87	-4,042.87	-1,417.87	1,207.13-	3,832.13
1,600	-6,574.87	-3,774.87	-974.87	1,825.13	4,625.13
1,700	-6,481.87	-3,506.87	-531.87	2,443.13	5,418.13

1,800

-6,388.87

-3,238.87

-88.87

3,061.13

6,211.13
