

Table 43. Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the southwest Florida area, 1999-2000

Category	Average per	
	Acre ^a	Carton
Yield (25 lb. cartons)	1,400	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	336.00	
Fertilizer and lime	349.25	
Fumigant	602.00	
Fungicide	392.60	
Herbicide	76.38	
Insecticide	521.76	
Labor	334.18	
Machinery	762.02	
Interest	269.35	
Miscellaneous		
Trickle tube	290.40	
Plastic mulch	234.00	
Stakes	112.50	
Plastic string	37.50	
Remove string and stakes	123.42	
Scouting	39.00	
Prune plants	78.41	
Plastic Disposal	156.82	
Level land	145.00	
Farm Vehicles	19.33	
Set and drive stakes	81.31	
Cross Ditch	27.20	
Tie plants	145.20	
Total operating cost	5,133.63	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	208.15	
Supervision	1,104.49	
Overhead	1,380.61	
Total fixed cost	3,143.25	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	8,276.88	5.91
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Harvest and haul	1,078.000	0.77
Packing	2,590.00	1.85
Containers	1,050.00	0.75
Selling	210.00	0.15
Assessments	70.00	0.05
Total harvest and marketing cost	4,998.00	3.57
TOTAL COST	13,274.88	9.48

^a 7,260 linear bed feet

Table 44. Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the southwest Florida area, 1999-2000.

Yield (cartons)	Dollars per carton				
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-5,846.88	-4,846.88	-3,846.88	-2,846.88	-1,846.88
1,200	-5,360.88	-4,160.88	-2,960.88	-1,760.88	-560.88
1,400	-4,874.88	-3,474.88	-2,074.88	-674.88	725.12
1,600	-4,388.88	-2,788.88	-1,188.88	411.12	2,011.12
1,800	-3,902.88	-2,102.88	-302.88	1,497.12	3,297.12