

Table 5. Sweet Corn: Estimated production costs in the Dade County area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Crate
Yield (42 lb. crates)	300.00	
OPERATING COSTS	-----Dollars-----	
Seed	71.50	
Fertilizer	310.83	
Fungicide	32.60	
Herbicide	48.92	
Insecticide	307.17	
Labor	290.50	
Machinery	338.49	
Interest	90.59	
Miscellaneous		
Well maintenance	15.00	
Farm vehicles	16.11	
Scout corn	20.00	
Cover crop seed	12.50	
Aerial Fert Appl.	20.00	
Total operating cost	\$1,574.22	
FIXED COST		
Land rent	450.00	
Machinery	79.96	
Supervision	402.72	
Overhead	503.40	
Total fixed cost	1,436.07	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	3,010.30	10.03
HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS		
Pick, pack and haul	414.00	1.38
Containers	390.00	1.30
Sell Corn	60.00	0.20
Total harvest and marketing cost	864.00	2.88
TOTAL COST	3,874.30	12.91

Table 6. Sweet Corn: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in the Dade County area, 1999-2000.

Yield (crates)	Dollars per crate				
	5.50	7.00	8.50	10.00	11.50
250	-2,355.30	-1,980.20	-1,605.30	-1,230.30	-855.30
275	-2,289.80	-1,877.30	-1,464.80	-1,052.30	-639.80
300	-2,224.30	-1,774.30	-1,324.30	-874.30	-424.30
325	-2,158.80	-1,671.30	-1,183.80	-696.30	-208.80
350	-2,093.30	-1,568.30	-1,043.30	-518.30	6.70