

Table 53. Watermelons: Estimated production costs for the following crop in a double-crop system for the southwest Florida area, 1999-2000.

Category	Average per	
	Acre	Cwt.
Yield (cwts.)	340	
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	-----Dollars-----	
Transplants	120.00	
Fertilizer and lime	177.00	
Fungicide	240.87	
Herbicide	21.88	
Insecticide	177.27	
Labor	446.05	
Machinery	342.15	
Interest	57.38	
Miscellaneous		
Ditch Maintenance	17.00	
Plastic Disposal	156.82	
Bee Hive Rental	30.00	
Farm Vehicles	16.12	
Total operating cost	1,802.53	
<b>FIXED COST</b>		
Machinery	112.46	
Management	371.52	
Overhead	464.41	
Total fixed cost	948.39	
<b>TOTAL PREHARVEST COST</b>	2,750.92	8.09
<b>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</b>		
Sell Watermelon	340.00	1.00
Research Assessment	6.80	0.02
Pack Material	10.20	0.03
Harvest/Haul/Pack	646.00	1.90
Ttal Harvest and Marketing Cost	1,003.00	2.95
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	3,753.92	11.04

<sup>a</sup> Cost attributed to second crop as a result of double-crop production practices following Tomatoes.

<sup>b</sup> Costs exclude field and bed preparation, plastic mulch and fumigant.

Table 54. Watermelons: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations for a following crop in a double-crop system for the southwest Florida area, 1998-99.

Yield (cwts.)	Dollars per cwt.				
	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
300	-1,235.92	-935.92	-635.92	-335.92	-35.92
320	-1,134.92	-814.92	-494.92	-174.92	145.08
340	-1,033.92	-693.92	-353.92	-13.92	326.08
360	-932.92	-572.92	-212.92	147.08	507.08
380	-831.92	-451.92	-71.92	308.08	688.08