

Eggplant: Estimated production costs for a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 2002-2003.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Average Per</u>	
	<u>Acre</u>	<u>Bushel</u>
<u>Yield</u>	<u>1,400</u>	
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u>	- - - DOLLARS - - -	
Transplants	350.00	
Fertilizer	506.92	
Fumigant	596.00	
Fungicide	165.56	
Herbicide	29.49	
Insecticide	564.47	
General Farm Labor	329.25	
Machinery Variable Cost	330.57	
Tractor Driver Labor	208.59	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Plastic String	35.20	
Plastic Mulch	378.33	
Stakes	37.50	
Tie Plants	174.24	
Drive Stakes	116.16	
Cut String, Pull and Bundle Stakes	130.68	
Clean Ditches	85.00	
Scouting	20.00	
Level Land	50.00	
Farm Vehicles	43.06	
Interest on Operating Capital	155.86	
Total Operating Cost	4,306.87	
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>		
Land Rent	400.00	
Machinery Fixed Cost	144.56	
Farm Management	939.11	
Overhead	1,173.89	
Total Fixed Cost	2,657.57	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,964.44	4.97
<u>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</u>		
Sell	700.00	0.50
Pick, Pack and Haul	1,638.00	1.17
Eggplant Cartons	1,260.00	0.90
Total Harvest and Marketing Cost	3,598.00	2.57
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>10,562.44</u>	<u>7.54</u>

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for a double-crop system in the Palm Beach County area, 2002-2003.

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YIELD (bushels)	<u>Dollars per acre</u>				
	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00
800	-4,220.00	-3,020.00	-1,820.00	-620.00	580.00
1,000	-3,534.00	-2,034.00	-534.00	966.00	2,466.00
1,200	-2,848.00	-1,048.00	752.00	2,552.00	4,352.00
1,400	-2,162.00	-62.00	2,038.00	4,138.00	6,238.00
1,600	-1,476.00	924.00	3,324.00	5,724.00	8,124.00