

Bell Peppers: Estimated production costs in a single-crop system for the Palm Beach County area, 2002-2003.

Category	Average Per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield	1,100	
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u> - - - DOLLARS - - -		
Transplants	800.00	
Fertilizer	280.00	
Fumigant	596.00	
Fungicide	196.88	
Herbicide	58.49	
Insecticide	462.41	
General Farm Labor	242.10	
Machinery Variable Cost	330.36	
Tractor Driver Labor	183.91	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Level Land	50.00	
Drive Stakes	65.34	
Cut String, Pull and Bundle Stakes	130.68	
Plastic Disposal	80.00	
Clean Ditches	100.00	
Tie Peppers	29.04	
Scouting	25.00	
Hand Weed	25.41	
Plastic String	27.50	
Plastic Mulch	378.33	
Stakes	64.00	
Farm Vehicles	25.83	
Interest on Operating Capital	155.89	
Total Operating Cost	4,307.16	
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>		
Land Rent	400.00	
Machinery Fixed Cost	125.41	
Farm Management	935.45	
Overhead	1,169.32	
Total Fixed Cost	2,630.18	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,937.34	6.31
<u>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</u>		
Sell Peppers	550.00	0.50
Pick, Pack and Haul	1,760.00	1.60
Pepper Container	1,045.00	0.95
TOTAL HARVEST and MARKETING COST	3,355.00	3.05
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>10,292.34</u>	<u>9.36</u>

Bell Peppers: Estimated net returns for various price and yield combinations in a single-crop system for the Palm Beach County area, 2002-2003.

YIELD (bushels)	<u>Dollars per acre</u>				
	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
800	-2,978.00	-2,178.00	-1,378.00	-578.00	222.00
950	-2,235.00	-1,285.00	-335.00	615.00	1,565.00
1,100	-1,493.00	-393.00	707.00	1,807.00	2,907.00
1,250	-750.00	500.00	1,750.00	3,000.00	4,250.00
1,400	-8.00	1,392.00	2,792.00	4,192.00	5,592.00