

Fall Tomatoes: Estimated production costs in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 2002-2003.

CATEGORY	Average Per	
	Acres	Carton
<u>YIELD</u>	1,350	
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u>	- - - DOLLARS - - -	
Transplants	256.00	
Fertilizer	417.87	
Fumigant	670.50	
Fungicide	301.06	
Herbicide	39.34	
Insecticide	684.78	
General Farm Labor	181.61	
Machinery Operating Cost	529.65	
Tractor Driver Labor	365.94	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Tomato Scouting	35.00	
Stakes	32.00	
Plastic String	120.00	
Plastic Mulch	294.00	
Farm Vehicles	20.67	
String and Stake Disposal	123.42	
Plastic Mulch Disposal	75.00	
Tie Tomatoes	116.16	
Interest on Operating Capital	225.02	
Total Operating Cost	4,488.03	
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>		
Land Rent	300.00	
Machinery Fixed Cost	281.08	
Farm Management	968.82	
Overhead	1,211.02	
Total Fixed Cost	2,760.91	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	7,248.94	5.37
<u>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</u>		
Tomato Cartons	1,012.50	0.75
Sell Tomatoes	202.50	0.15
Pack Tomatoes	2,160.00	1.60
Harvest and Haul	1,039.50	0.77
Miscellaneous Organization Fees	121.50	0.09
TOTAL HARVEST AND MARKETING COST	4,536.00	3.36
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>11,784.94</u>	<u>8.73</u>

Fall Tomatoes: Estimated net returns for various price and yield
Combinations in the Manatee/Ruskin area, 2002-2003.

YIELD (cartons)	<u>Dollars per carton</u>				
	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00
1,000	-4,609.00	-3,109.00	-1,609.00	-109.00	1,391.00
1,150	-4,213.00	-2,488.00	-763.00	962.00	2,687.00
1,300	-3,817.00	-1,867.00	83.00	2,033.00	4,983.00
1,450	-3,421.00	-1,246.00	929.00	3,104.00	5,279.00
1,600	-2,025.00	-625.00	1,775.00	4,175.00	6,575.00
