

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

CATEGORY	Average Per	
	Acre	Carton
<u>YIELD</u>	1,550	
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u>	- - - DOLLARS - - -	
Transplants	256.00	
Fertilizer	417.87	
Fumigant	670.50	
Fungicide	193.99	
Herbicide	39.34	
Insecticide	528.19	
General Farm Labor	181.61	
Machinery Operating Cost	466.98	
Tractor Driver Labor	305.47	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Farm Vehicles	20.67	
Stakes	32.00	
Plastic String	120.00	
Tomato Scouting	35.00	
Tie Tomatoes	116.16	
Plastic Mulch	195.00	
String and Stake Disposal	123.42	
Plastic Mulch Disposal	75.00	
Interest on Operating Capital	183.20	
Total Operating Cost	3,960.40	
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>		
Land Rent	300.00	
Machinery Fixed Cost	235.94	
Farm Management	862.63	
Overhead	1,078.29	
Total Fixed Cost	2,476.85	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	6,437.25	4.15
<u>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</u>		
Tomato Cartons	1,162.50	0.75
Sell Tomatoes	232.50	0.15
Pack Tomatoes	2,480.00	1.60
Harvest and Haul	1,085.00	0.70
Miscellaneous Organization Fees	139.50	0.09
TOTAL HARVEST AND MARKETING COST	5,099.50	3.29
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	11,536.75	7.44

Spring 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	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
1,000	-3,727.00	-2,727.00	-1,727.00	-727.00	273.00
1,200	-3,185.00	-1,985.00	-785.00	415.00	1,615.00
1,400	-2,643.00	-1,243.00	157.00	1,557.00	2,957.00
1,600	-2,101.00	-501.00	1,099.00	2,699.00	4,299.00
1,800	-1,559.00	241.00	2,041.00	3,841.00	5,641.00