

Bell Peppers: Estimated production costs for the Palm Beach area, 2008-2009.

Category	Average Per	
	Acre	Bushel
Yield	1,100	
Transplants	2,000.00	
Fertilizer	1,045.00	
Fumigant	1,120.00	
Fungicide	233.87	
Herbicide	76.68	
Insecticide	503.27	
General Farm Labor (includes tractor driver wages)	470.14	
Machinery Variable Cost	674.12	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Plastic String	25.00	
Plastic Mulch	330.00	
Stakes	120.00	
Farm Vehicles	41.65	
Scouting	35.00	
Cut, Pull and Bundle Plastic Mulch	217.80	
Clean Ditches	100.00	
Tie Plants	36.30	
Plastic Disposal	181.50	
Level Land	100.00	
Hand Weed	61.71	
Drive Stakes	83.49	
Interest on Operating Capital	269.02	
Total Operating Cost	7,724.55	
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>		
Land Rent	400.00	
Machinery Fixed Cost	125.41	
Farm Management and Overhead	3,591.42	
Total Fixed Cost	4,116.83	
TOTAL PREHARVEST COST	11,841.38	10.76
<u>HARVEST AND MARKETING COSTS</u>		
Sell	550.00	0.50
Pick, Pack and Haul	3,300.00	3.00
Pepper Containers	1,045.00	0.95
Total Harvest and Marketing Cost	4,895.00	4.45
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>16,736.38</u>	<u>15.21</u>