

Table 13.A Estimated costs and returns per acre  
Honeydew; Plastic Mulch, Drip Irr.  
Projected for 2010, Rio Grande Valley, For Planning Purpose

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	YOUR FARM
		dollars		dollars	
INCOME					
Honeydews	crtn	8.50	800.0000	6800.00	_____
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TOTAL INCOME				6800.00	_____
DIRECT EXPENSES					
FERTILIZER					
Phosphorus(46% P2O5)	cwt	20.19	1.5000	30.28	_____
UAN (32% N)	cwt	16.00	3.7400	59.84	_____
FUNGICIDE					
Bravo Ultrex	qt	16.00	1.0000	16.00	_____
Quadris	oz	2.93	32.0000	93.76	_____
HERBICIDE					
Prefar 4E	qt	13.44	2.7500	36.96	_____
INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE					
Admire	gal	704.00	0.1250	88.00	_____
Thiodan 3 EC	qt	12.22	1.0000	12.22	_____
IRRIGATION SUPPLIES					
DripTape (2 seasons)	feet	0.00	6550.0000	52.40	_____
Irrigation Water	ac-ft	20.00	1.1760	23.52	_____
sulfuric acid	oz	0.01	27.0000	0.40	_____
SEED/PLANTS					
Cantaloupe Seeds	lb	130.00	0.8300	107.90	_____
Cantaloupe Seedlings	thou	33.50	13.0000	435.50	_____
HORT. SUPPLIES					
Plastic Mulch, 3x4K'	roll	60.00	0.6100	36.60	_____
Bee Rental	hive	75.00	1.0000	75.00	_____
HIRED LABOR CREW					
Transplant melons	hour	7.50	8.0000	60.00	_____
Pickup plastic	hour	7.50	8.0000	60.00	_____
CUSTOM HORT. HARVEST					
Harvest Honeydews	crtn	1.10	800.0000	880.00	_____
Pack & Count Honeyd.	crtn	2.20	800.0000	1760.00	_____
Sales Consign. Hnydw	crtn	0.44	800.0000	352.00	_____
OPERATOR LABOR					
Tractors	hour	7.50	1.1240	8.43	_____
HAND LABOR					
Implements	hour	7.50	0.5010	3.75	_____
IRRIGATION LABOR					
Drip Trailer System	hour	7.50	0.1960	1.47	_____
UNALLOCATED LABOR					
	hour	7.50	0.8992	6.74	_____
DIESEL FUEL					
Tractors	gal	2.10	8.4445	17.73	_____
Drip Trailer System	gal	2.10	117.6000	246.96	_____
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE					
Implements	acre	4.61	1.0000	4.61	_____
Tractors	acre	6.69	1.0000	6.69	_____
Drip Trailer System	hour	0.05	98.0000	4.90	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	acre	105.27	1.0000	105.27	_____
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				4586.96	_____
RETURNS ABOVE DIRECT EXPENSES				2213.03	_____
FIXED EXPENSES					
Implements	acre	9.50	1.0000	9.50	_____
Tractors	acre	19.71	1.0000	19.71	_____
Drip Trailer System	hour	1.21	98.0000	118.58	_____
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				147.80	_____
TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				4734.77	_____
RETURNS ABOVE TOTAL SPECIFIED EXPENSES				2065.23	_____
ALLOCATED COST ITEMS					
Cash Rent, Irr. Veg	acre	100.00	1.0000	100.00	_____
RESIDUAL RETURNS				1965.23	_____

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OPERATION/ OPERATING INPUT	SIZE/ UNIT	TRACTOR SIZE	PERF RATE	TIMES OVER	MTH	TRACTOR COST		EQUIP COST		ALLOC LABOR		OPERATING INPUT			TOTAL COST
						DIRECT	FIXED	DIRECT	FIXED	HOURS	COST	AMOUNT	PRICE	COST	
						-----dollars-----				dollars		-----dollars-----			
Heavy Disk	14'	150 hp	0.167	1.00	Oct	3.59	2.65	0.98	1.91	0.167	1.25				10.40
Chisel Plow	16'	130 hp	0.117	1.00	Oct	2.64	2.80	0.27	0.66	0.117	0.87				7.27
Heavy Disk	14'	150 hp	0.167	1.00	Oct	3.59	2.65	0.98	1.91	0.167	1.25				10.40
80" Row Disk	3R-80	150 hp	0.094	1.00	Oct	2.02	1.49	0.55	1.00	0.094	0.70				5.78
Order seedlings	order			1.00	Dec							1.0000			
Cantaloupe Seeds	lb											0.8300	130.00	107.90	107.90
Fert Appl (Liquid)	3R-80	150 hp	0.098	1.00	Dec	2.10	1.55	0.44	1.27	0.147	1.10				6.48
Phosphorus(46% P2O5)	cwt											1.5000	20.19	30.28	30.28
Pmlch/Driptape Layer	3R-80	130 hp	0.110	1.00	Dec	2.48	2.64	0.44	1.14	0.440	3.30				10.01
DripTape (2 seasons)	feet											6550.0000	0.00	52.40	52.40
Plastic Mulch, 3x4K'	roll											0.6100	60.00	36.60	36.60
Spray (Band)	27'	150 hp	0.061	1.00	Dec	1.31	0.97	0.13	0.20	0.091	0.68				3.30
Prefar 4E	qt											2.7500	13.44	36.96	36.96
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Jan			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000			13.28
Cantaloupe Seedlings	thou											13.0000	33.50	435.50	435.50
Transplant melons	hour											8.0000	7.50	60.00	60.00
Irrigation Water	ac-ft											0.0420	20.00	0.84	0.84
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000			13.28
Irrigation Water	ac-ft											0.0420	20.00	0.84	0.84
UAN (32% N)	cwt											0.3400	16.00	5.44	5.44
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01
Admire	gal											0.1250	704.00	88.00	88.00
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Feb			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000			13.28

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UAN (32% N)	cwt											0.3400	16.00	5.44	5.44
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cultivate (Early)	3R-80	150 hp	0.127	1.00	Mar	2.73	2.01	0.37	0.77	0.127	0.95				6.85
Bravo Ultrex	qt											0.5000	16.00	8.00	8.00
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Mar			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000			13.28
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01
Spray (Band)	27'	150 hp	0.061	1.00	Mar	1.31	0.97	0.13	0.20	0.091	0.68				3.30
Bravo Ultrex	qt											0.5000	16.00	8.00	8.00
Bee Rental	hive			1.00	Mar							1.0000	75.00	75.00	75.00
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Mar			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000			13.28
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01	0.01

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Irrigation Water	ac-ft											0.0420	20.00	0.84		0.84
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01		0.01
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Apr			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.28
Irrigation Water	ac-ft											0.0420	20.00	0.84		0.84
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01		0.01
Spray (Band)	27'	150 hp	0.061	1.00	Apr	1.31	0.97	0.13	0.20	0.091	0.68					3.30
Quadris	oz											16.0000	2.93	46.88		46.88
Ambush 2E	oz											8.0000				
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Apr			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.28
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sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01		0.01
Harvest Honeydews	crtn			1.00	Apr							100.0000	1.10	110.00		110.00
Pack & Count Honeyd.	crtn											100.0000	2.20	220.00		220.00
Sales Consign. Hnydw	crtn											100.0000	0.44	44.00		44.00
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	Apr			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.28
Irrigation Water	ac-ft											0.0420	20.00	0.84		0.84
sulfuric acid	oz											1.0000	0.01	0.01		0.01
Harvest Honeydews	crtn			1.00	May							200.0000	1.10	220.00		220.00
Pack & Count Honeyd.	crtn											200.0000	2.20	440.00		440.00
Sales Consign. Hnydw	crtn											200.0000	0.44	88.00		88.00
Drip Trailer System	hour			1.00	May			8.99	4.23	0.007	0.05	3.5000				13.28

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Sales Consign. Hnydw	crtn											100.0000	0.44	44.00	44.00	
Pickup plastic	hour		1.00	Jun								8.0000	7.50	60.00	60.00	
TOTALS							24.42	19.71	256.47	128.08	1.821	13.65			4180.39	4622.75
INTEREST ON OPERATING CAPITAL																105.27
UNALLOCATED LABOR																6.74
TOTAL SPECIFIED COST																4734.77

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