

# CLEMSON EXTENSION

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## SPRING CUCUMBER - FOR FRESH MARKET - IRRIGATED

ESTIMATED COSTS AND RETURNS PER ACRE, 2008/2009  
BASED ON 1.1 BUSHEL CONTAINER

	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE OR COST/UNIT	TOTAL PER ACRE	YOUR FARM
<b>1. GROSS RECEIPTS</b>					
SUPER SELECT CUKES	CONT	225.00	\$14.00	\$3,150.00	_____
SELECT CUKES	CONT	30.00	\$10.00	\$300.00	_____
SMALL CUKES	CONT	24.00	\$8.00	\$192.00	_____
LARGE CUKES	CONT	21.00	\$7.00	\$147.00	_____
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND AVERAGE PRICE:		300.00	\$12.63	<b>\$3,789.00</b>	_____
<b>2. VARIABLE COSTS</b>					
SEED	LBS	2.00	\$67.50	\$135.00	_____
FERTILIZER					
5-10-10 (SPREAD)	CWT	10.00	\$12.63	\$126.30	_____
SIDE DRESSING 30% N	CWT	1.00	\$33.33	\$33.33	_____
LIME (PRORATED)	TON	0.33	\$52.50	\$17.33	_____
HERBICIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$5.09	\$5.09	_____
INSECTICIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$7.43	\$7.43	_____
NEMATOCIDES	ACRE	1.00	\$33.75	\$33.75	_____
IRRIGATION, MACHINERY & LABOR	ACRE	1.00	\$186.81	\$186.81	_____
HARVEST & HAULING	CONT	300.00	\$1.25	\$375.00	_____
GRADING & PACKING	CONT	300.00	\$1.00	\$300.00	_____
1.1 BU PAPER CONTAINER	EACH	300.00	\$1.75	\$525.00	_____
BULK BINS (3 YR. PRORATED)	EACH	3.00	\$2.00	\$6.00	_____
TRACTOR/MACHINERY	ACRE	1.00	\$33.55	\$33.55	_____
LABOR	HRS	11.77	\$6.50	\$76.51	_____
INTEREST ON OP. CAP.	DOL.	\$289.30	9.0%	\$26.04	_____
TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS:				<b>\$1,887.14</b>	_____
<b>3. INCOME ABOVE VARIABLE COSTS:</b>				<b>\$1,901.86</b>	_____
<b>4. FIXED COSTS</b>					
TRACTOR/MACHINERY	ACRE	1.00	\$46.94	\$46.94	_____
IRRIGATION	ACRE	1.00	\$84.93	\$84.93	_____
TOTAL FIXED COSTS:				<b>\$131.87</b>	_____
<b>5. OTHER COSTS</b>					
LAND RENT	ACRE	1.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	_____
GENERAL OVERHEAD	DOL.	\$1,887.14	9.0%	\$169.84	_____
TOTAL OTHER COSTS:				<b>\$194.84</b>	_____
<b>6. TOTAL COSTS:</b>				<b>\$2,213.85</b>	_____
<b>7. NET RETURNS TO RISK AND MANAGEMENT:</b>				<b>\$1,575.15</b>	_____

### BREAK-EVEN YIELD

			BREAK-EVEN PRICE PER 1.1 BUSHEL	
VARIABLE COSTS	80	1.1 BU.	VARIABLE COSTS	\$6.29
TOTAL COSTS	110	1.1 BU.	TOTAL COSTS	\$7.38

\* PLEASE NOTE: THIS BUDGET IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.

\*\* BASED ON IMPROVED PRODUCTION PRACTICES FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS.

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PER ACRE MACHINERY AND LABOR REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING CUCUMBERS						
MONTH	OPERATION	TIMES OVER	LABOR HOURS	MACHINE HOURS	VARIABLE COSTS	FIXED COSTS
2	HEAVY DISK 14'	1.00	0.17	0.15	\$2.67	\$3.92
2	SUBSOILER-BEDDER 4-ROW	1.00	0.21	0.19	\$3.05	\$2.87
3	PLANTER 2-ROW	1.00	0.98	0.89	\$5.08	\$7.79
3	TRACTOR MTD SPRAYER	1.00	0.18	0.16	\$1.14	\$1.64
4	CULTIVATOR 2-ROW	2.00	1.23	1.12	\$6.50	\$8.76
4	PULL TYPE SPRAYER	1.00	0.20	0.18	\$1.29	\$2.71
4	SIDEDRESSER 2-ROW	1.00	0.62	0.56	\$4.52	\$4.95
3	NURSE TANK ON PICK-UP	2.00	0.37	0.34	\$2.10	\$3.20
4,5&6	TRUCK 1.5 TON	5.00	1.27	1.15	\$7.20	\$11.10
PER ACRE TOTALS FOR SELECTED OPERATIONS			5.23	4.74	\$33.55	\$46.94
UNALLOCATED LABOR(HRS./AC.)			6.54			

Note: Seventeen inches of water is applied using a 10 acre drip irrigation system. The variable cost includes provisions for the annual replacement of 62,228 feet of 0.38 gpm drip tape at \$0.02 per foot and other items that are replaced annually. The fixed cost includes the well, a 36 gpm pump and other items do not have to be replaced annually.

INCOME ABOVE VARIABLE COSTS AT DIFFERING YIELDS AND PRICES					
YIELD	AVERAGE PRICE (\$/1.1 bu.)				
1.1 BU.	\$10.10	\$11.37	\$12.63	\$13.89	\$15.16
240	\$776.86	\$1,081.66	\$1,384.06	\$1,686.46	\$1,991.26
270	\$959.86	\$1,302.76	\$1,642.96	\$1,983.16	\$2,326.06
300	\$1,142.86	\$1,523.86	\$1,901.86	\$2,279.86	\$2,660.86
330	\$1,325.86	\$1,744.96	\$2,160.76	\$2,576.56	\$2,995.66
360	\$1,508.86	\$1,966.06	\$2,419.66	\$2,873.26	\$3,330.46

CHEMICAL USE ASSUMPTIONS FOR SPRING CUCUMBERS					
	UNIT	QUANTITY	PRICE OR COST/UNIT	TOTAL PER ACRE	MONTH
HERBICIDES					
ethalfuralin (Curbit)	PT	1.00	\$5.09	\$5.09	1X MAR
INSECTICIDES					
endosulfan (Phaser)	QT	1.00	\$7.43	\$7.43	1X APR
NEMATOCIDES					
dichloropropene (Telone II)	GAL	3.00	\$11.25	\$33.75	1X MAR
TOTAL:				\$46.27	

The above listed chemicals are examples and do not imply exclusive recommendations by Clemson University. The "Vegetable Crop Guidelines for the Southeastern US" must be consulted. Production assumptions provided by Richard Hassel, (843) 402-5394, rhassel@clemson.edu.

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