

## 2011 Bell Peppers on Plastic Budget

Fumigant – 1,3-Dichloropropene plus Chloropicrin (Telone) Mulch – Traditional Low Density Black on Black Polyethylene Mulch (LDPE), 1.25 mil

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**Table 1.** Yields and prices of producing bell peppers with 1,3-dichloropropene plus chloropicrin on traditional low density black on black polyethylene mulch (LDPE) in Georgia.

	BEST	OPTIMISTIC	MEDIAN	PESSIMISTIC	WORST
Yield (cartons)	1619	1454	1288.79	1123.73	959
Price per carton	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00

**Table 2.** Pre-harvesting variable cost of producing bell peppers with 1,3-dichloropropene plus chloropicrin on traditional low density black on black polyethylene mulch (LDPE) in Georgia.

Item	Unit	Quantity	Price	Amt/acre	Yours
Plants	Thousand	7.50	\$29.50	\$221.25	
Lime, applied	Ton	1.00	\$28.50	\$28.50	
Base Fertilizer	lbs.	12.00	\$26.41	\$316.88	
Sidedress Fertilizer (soluble)	Gal.	60.00	\$2.82	\$169.37	
Insecticide	Acre	1.00	\$240.16	\$240.16	
Fungicide	Acre	1.00	\$349.02	\$349.02	
Nematicide	Acre	1.00	\$822.88	\$822.88	
Herbicide	Acre	1.00	\$111.68	\$111.68	
Plastic	Roll	2.80	\$68.50	\$191.80	
Plastic Removal	Acre	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Drip Tape	Ft	8700.00	\$0.02	\$174.00	
Fumigation and Mulching	Acre	1.00	\$948.68	\$948.68	
Machinery	Hr.	5.00	\$21.00	\$105.00	
Transplant Labor	Hr.	20.00	\$7.00	\$140.00	
Labor	Hr.	33.00	\$6.00	\$198.00	
Land rent	Acre	1.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Irrigation (Mach + Labor)	Acre	1.00	\$65.08	\$65.08	
Interest on Oper. Cap.	\$	4267.29	\$0.07	\$149.36	
Pre-Harvest Variable Costs				\$4,416.65	

	ltem		Unit	Quantity	Price	Amt/acre	Yours
Picking and hauling			Ctn.	1289	\$0.85	\$1,095.47	
Grading and packing		Ctn.	1289	\$1.10	\$1,417.67		
Container			Ctn.	1289	\$0.75	\$966.59	
Marketing	8.50	% GROSS	Ctn.	1289	\$1.02	\$1,314.57	
Total Harvest and Marketing				\$3.72	\$4,794.31		
Total Variable C	osts					\$9,210.96	

**Table 3.** Harvesting and marketing costs of producing bell peppers with 1,3-dichloropropene plus chloropicrin on traditional low density black on black polyethylene mulch (LDPE) in Georgia.

**Table 4.** Fixed costs of producing bell peppers with 1,3-dichloropropene plus chloropicrin on traditional low density black on black polyethylene mulch (LDPE) in Georgia.

Item	Unit	Quantity	Price	Amt/acre	Yours
Machinery	Acre	1.00	\$53.59	\$53.59	
Irrigation	Acre	1.00	\$220.65	\$220.65	
Land	Acre	1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Overhead and Management	\$	4416.65	\$0.15	\$662.50	
Total Fixed Costs				\$936.74	
Total budgeted cost per acre				\$10,147.70	

**Table 5.** Risk-rated returns over total costs of producing bell peppers with 1,3-dichloropropene plus chloropicrin on traditional low density black on black polyethylene mulch (LDPE) in Georgia.

Description		Optimistic		Expected			
Returns(\$)	9,694	8,235	6,777	5,318	3,859	2,400	942
Chances	7%	16%	31%	50%			
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CHANCES FOR PROFIT 97% BASE E			BASE B	UDGETED NE	T REVENU	E	5,318

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