ABSTRACT

In recent times, the farmers in Trinidad and Tobago have been trying to find ways and means of producing tomatoes that would give them a better yield as well as higher profits. Many farmers have recommended the protected agricultural technology. The aim of this study is to determine the feasibility of producing tomatoes using the protected agricultural technology as compared to other methods of production.

The study gathered information from two different farmers about the production costs they incur using different technologies. However, the study has proven that using the protected agricultural technology is not feasible. This is due to the fact that the cost of production for the protected agricultural technology tomato is $5.31 per kg as compared to the field grown tomatoes, which cost $3.84 per kg to produce.

In addition, the selling price of tomatoes produced using the protected agricultural technology is the same as the selling price of the field grown tomatoes.