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The Major Practice in Organically Grown and Off-season Tomato Production was conducted from July 2017 to November 2017 in an area of 300 m^2 at the Ramon Magsaysay Center for Agricultural Resources and Environmental Studies (RM CARES) in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija. It was done to develop the student skills regarding the Organic Tomato Production. The major practice student was exposed to actual activities of Organic Tomato Production such as seedling production, land preparation, transplanting, nutrient management, weeding, cultivation, irrigation, trellising, insect pest and harvesting.

The student was able to observed the different growth stage, yield and determined the cost and return analysis of organic tomato production.

The days to flowering was observed 33 days after transplanting (DAT) and 39 days for fruit set after transplanting. The days to first harvest was 72 DAT and the days to final

harvest was 27 days after first harvest. The average number of fruits per plant was 27 and the average weight of fruit per plant was 46 g.

The total yield produced in the whole production area was 152 kg marketable fruits and the price per kg was 50 pesos per kg. The total gross income was Php 7,600.00. The total operating expenses was Php 5,900.00 and net income of Php 1,700.00 with ROI of 28.81%.

In per hectare basis, the yield was equivalent to 5,006.16 kilograms. The estimated sales was Php 253,308.00. The total operating expenses was Php 203,340.00 and estimated net income was Php 49,968.00 with ROI of 24.57%. This was relatively low net income due to low production, higher inputs and occurrence of pests and diseases.

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