



NAAC Contracting Prices 2020

These are average prices surveyed from NAAC members – the actual price may vary considerably between regions, soil types, distance travelled, size of contract undertaken, size and type of equipment used, and the amount of product applied. The NAAC is also aware that many contractors are now making individual arrangements with their customers regarding diesel (for example, separate fuel surcharge, fuel used on-farm, etc.) The prices do not reflect this market trend and such agreements may make a significant difference to contracting charges. Prices are based on red diesel at 60p/litre, are intended as a guide only and are per area unless otherwise stated.

Soil preparation	£/ha	£/ac	£/hour
Ploughing – light land	63.13	25.55	
Ploughing – heavy land	66.86	27.06	
Extra for furrow press on plough	5.30	2.14	
Deep ploughing (over 30cm)	71.11	28.78	
Rotavating	69.19	28.00	
Subsoiling	66.39	26.87	
Mole ploughing – single-leg	88.17	35.70	
Mole ploughing – twin-leg	89.19	36.03	
Stubble raking	22.24	9.00	
Disc harrowing	59.00	23.29	
Power-harrowing – shallow	53.46	21.64	
Power-harrowing – deep	57.72	23.36	
Spring-tine harrowing	40.40	16.35	
Pressing (Rexiustwin, Cultipress or similar)	34.89	14.12	
One-pass tillage train	60.21	24.37	
Rolling – flat	27.83	11.26	
Rolling – ring	18.03	7.30	
Bed tilling	259.55	105.04	
Chain harrowing	24.30	9.83	
Drilling	£/ha	£/ac	£/hour
Cereals – conventional	49.98	20.23	
Cereals – combi-drill	63.59	25.74	
Cereals – direct	58.72	23.77	
OSR – subsoiler	67.00	27.18	
Sugar beet	61.25	24.80	
Potato planting	185.33	75.00	
Carrot/parsnip/onion – precision	54.36	22.00	
Maize – precision	48.29	19.54	
Maize – under plastic	138.99	56.25	
Grass seed – broadcast	31.30	12.67	
Grass seed – harrow	34.14	13.82	
Grass seed – cross drilling	63.32	25.62	



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Application	£/ha	£/ac	£/hour
Fertiliser – granular	12.31	4.98	
Fertiliser – extra for variable rate	3.26	1.32	
Fertiliser – liquid	13.16	5.33	
Spraying – arable	13.37	5.41	
Spraying – grassland	19.43	7.86	
Spraying – over 200ac	12.73	5.15	
Spraying – under 50ac	34.44	13.94	
ATV spraying			41.57
Slug-pelleting	7.93	3.21	
Avadex application	18.29	7.40	
Weed wiping			55.00
Lime spreading	£8.89/t		
Muck and slurry			£/hour
FYM – tractor and rear-discharge spreader			53.90
FYM – tractor and side-discharge spreader			56.00
Slurry – tanker trailing shoe or dribble bar			53.54
Slurry – umbilical			89.00
Slurry – extra pump			46.50
Slurry injection			78.33
Harvesting	£/ha	£/ac	£/hour
Combining – cereals	92.96	37.62	
Combining – extra for straw chopper	45.33	18.34	
Combining – OSR out of windrow	94.12	38.09	
Combining – OSR direct	92.63	37.49	
Swathing – OSR	57.00	23.07	
Combining – peas/beans	94.89	38.42	
Combining – grain maize	112.06	45.37	
Grain carting			42.65
Potatoes – harvesting	690	279.24	
Potatoes – harvesting and carting	1,050	424.93	
Potatoes – de-stoning	265	107.24	
Sugar beet – harvesting	238	96.31	
Sugar beet – harvesting and carting	253	102.55	
Topping/flail mowing	39.46	15.97	
Grass – topping	38.00	15.45	44.36
Grass – mowing	30.30	12.26	



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Grass – tedding	17.55	7.10	
Grass – raking	17.98	7.28	
Forage harvesting only	64.69	26.18	
Forage harvesting – wholecrop, three trailers and clamping	179.54	72.66	
Silage – full service	166.63	67.43	
Forage harvesting – maize (three trailers and clamping)	173.59	70.25	
Extra trailer for silage			41.73
Forage wagon			117.00
Baling*	£/bale		
Small conventional	0.74		
80cm x 90cm	4.00		
120cm x 70cm	5.04		
120cm x 90cm	6.21		
120cm x 130cm	7.57		
Round 120cm	3.31		
Round 150cm	3.51		
<i>*note these prices may vary with bale density</i>			
Wrapping	£/bale		
Round 120cm (six layers)	6.25		
Round 120cm (four layers)	5.00		
Square 120cm x 70cm (six layers)	7.62		
Square 120cm x 70cm (four layers)	6.62		
Bale chasing	2.64		
Hedgecutting	£/hour		
Flail	38.97		
Saw blade	50.67		
Hedging and fencing (with materials)	£/m		
Hedge laying	15.00		
Fence erection – post and four-barb	5.80		
Fence erection – post, stock net & two-barb	7.50		
Fence erection – post and three rails	16.00		
Mobile Feed	£/t		
Mobile feed milling/mixing	19.75		
Crimping	11.25		
Tractor hire (including driver)			£/hour
100-150hp			38.12
150-220hp			42.32
220-300hp			55.76
300hp+			72.82



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Tractor and post knocker			46.00
Ditching – 180deg digger			35.00
Ditching – 360deg digger			43.89
Additional charge for trailer			8.13
Forklift/telehandler			43.52
Sheep shearing	£/head		
Ewes	1.65		
Rams	3.10		
Crutching	0.73		
Livestock husbandry	£/head		
Sheep dipping	1.20		
Foot trimming – sheep	14.75		
Foot trimming – cattle	13.33		
Specialist			£/hour
Snow clearing			57.00
Labour only			19.38