

NAAC CONTRACTING PRICES SURVEY 2022

The results of the survey are based on red diesel at £1/litre and are likely to vary as input costs change, so contractors should add a fuel surcharge to reflect any rise in fuel price beyond that mark. Any non-agricultural operations will require the use of white diesel.

The figures are intended as a guide only and are an average of the prices provided by 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.

Contractors may also have individual arrangements with customers regarding diesel (for example, separate fuel surcharge or fuel used on farm). The prices below do not reflect this market trend and such agreements may make a significant difference to contracting charges.

It is important that contractors calculate their own costs based on individual circumstances.

Soil preparation	£/ha	£/acre	
Ploughing - light land	71.34	28.89	
Ploughing - heavy land	79.13	32.02	
Extra for furrow press on plough	6.69	2.71	
Deep ploughing (over 30cm)	81.12	32.83	
Rotavating	87.98	35.61	
Subsoiling	76.99	31.16	
Mole ploughing - single leg	95.57	38.68	
Mole ploughing - twin leg	89.57	36.25	
Stubble raking	25.12	10.17	
Disc harrowing	61.43	24.86	
Power harrowing - shallow	64.82	26.23	
Power harrowing - deep	73.63	29.80	
Spring-tine harrowing	46.01	18.62	
Pressing (Rexius Twin/Cultipress or similar)	50.52	20.45	
One-pass tillage train	74.40	30.11	
Rolling - flat	33.71	13.64	
Rolling - ring	25.56	10.35	
Bed tilling	271.81	110	
Chain harrowing	33.07	13.38	
Muck and slurry	£/t		£/hour
FYM - tractor and rear-discharge spreader	3.24		67.05
FYM - tractor and side-discharge spreader			56
Self-propelled muckspreading	6		
Loading and spreading chicken litter	9.50		
Slurry - tanker trailing shoe or dribble bar			66.55
Slurry - umbilical			135.33
Slurry - extra pump			64
Slurry - injection			78.33
Loading shovel			60

Drilling	£/ha	£/acre	
Cereals - conventional	56.28	22.78	
Cereals - combi-drill	78.39	31.73	
Cereals - direct	71.37	28.88	
OSR - subsoiler	80.63	32.63	
Sugar beet	61.25	24.80	
Potato planting	197.68	80	
Carrot/parsnip/onion - precision	93.90	38	
Maize - precision	56.73	22.96	
Maize - under film	150.73	61	
Grass seed - broadcast	32.33	13.09	
Grass seed - harrow	47.86	19.37	
Grass seed - cross-drilling	63.80	25.82	
Application	£/ha	£/ac	£/hour
Fertiliser - granular	15.04	6.09	
Fertiliser - extra for variable rate	6.44	2.61	
Fertiliser - liquid	14.48	5.86	
Spraying - arable	16.30	6.60	
Spraying - grassland	24.09	9.75	
ATV spraying			46.82
Slug-pelleting	8	3.24	
Avadex	18.29	7.40	
Weed wiping			55
Lime spreading	£7.58/t		
Harvesting	£/ha	£/acre	£/hour
Combining - cereals	110.71	44.80	
Combining - extra for straw chopper	22.96	9.29	
Combining - OSR out of windrow	106.29	43.01	
Combining - OSR direct	106.14	42.95	
Swathing - OSR	58	23.47	
Combining - peas/beans	109.10	44.15	
Combining - grain maize	126.30	51.11	
Grain carting			52.10
Potatoes - harvesting	695	281.26	
Potatoes - harvesting and carting	1,055	426.95	
Potatoes - destoning	285	115.34	
Sugar beet - harvesting	248	100	
Sugar beet - harvesting and carting	290	117.36	
Topping/flail mowing	48.44	19.61	
Grass - topping	46.13	18.67	
Grass - mowing	36.60	14.81	
Grass - tedding	21.12	8.55	
Grass - raking	22.06	8.93	
Forage harvesting only	83.29	36.03	

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Forage harvesting - whole crop, three trailers and clamping	203.44	82.33		
Silage - complete service (mow, rake, harvest, cart and clamp; three trailers)	189.70	76.77		
Forage harvesting - maize (three trailers and clamping)	198.95	80.51		
Extra trailer for silage			51.91	
Forage wagon			131.20	
Baling*	£/bale			
Small conventional	0.88			
80x90cm	4.67			
120x70cm	5.84			
120x90cm	6.79			
120x130cm	8.06			
Round 1.2m	3.84			
Round 1.5m	4.69			
*These prices may vary with bale density				
Wrapping	£/bale			
Round 1.2m (four layers)	5.51			
Round 1.2cm (six layers)	6.72			
Square 120x70cm (four layers)	8.33			
Square 120x70cm (six layers)	8.63			
Bale chasing	3.06			
Mobile feed	£/t			
Milling/mixing	22			
Crimping	14.07			
Tractor hire (including driver)			£/hour	
100-150hp			47.36	
150-220hp			50.13	
220-300hp			64.60	
300hp+				79.89
Additional charge for trailer				11.14
Forklift/telehandler				49.17
Tractor and post knocker				52.77
Ditching - 180deg digger				42.14
Ditching - 360deg digger				50.10
Drain jetting				62.33
Sheep shearing and husbandry	£/head			
Shearing - ewes	1.65			
Shearing - rams	3.30			
Crutching	0.73			
Dipping	1.40			
Foot-trimming - sheep	14.75			
Foot-trimming - cattle	13.33			
Hedgecutting			£/hour	
Flail			47.84	
Saw blade			57.50	
Hedging and fencing (with materials)	£/m		£/hour	
Hedgelaying	17			
Verge bank mowing			51.83	
Fence erection - post and four barb	6.33			
Fence erection - post, stock net and two barb	10.90			
Fence erection - post and three rails	23.50			
Specialist			£/hour	
Snow clearing			67.26	
Labour only			19.38	
Chainsaw and operator			35	

